

Fairfax Open Space Committee

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Land Stewardship for Future Generations

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MISSION STATEMENT

Fairfax Open Space Committee exists to preserve the visual and environmental values of our community through the purchase of undeveloped land in and around Fairfax. Our goal is to provide sanctuary for indigenous flora and fauna for future generations.

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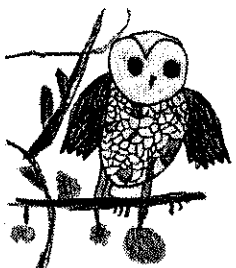
While some folks in town have not known much about the Fairfax Open Space Committee (FOSC), we are alive and well, working hard to accomplish our mission. We continue as a dedicated group to work to preserve lands for all of us to enjoy, walking alone, with friends or family or strolling with our dogs. Most of us who live in Fairfax feel a deep connection to nature, be it physical, emotional or spiritual. We love the open ridgelines, the easy access to woods and meadows and the abundant hiking, bicycling and other outdoor activities. Many of us move here in order to raise our children in a small, friendly town close to nature. We are often not aware which of the landscapes we enjoy are public open space and which could be developed. Unfortunately, not all the lands we enjoy are protected. FOSC hopes with the help of the community to identify and find the means to acquire and protect Fairfax's natural heritage. Our mutual efforts will impact the community for generations to come.

In this mailer we would like to introduce you to the work we've done and our plans for the future. The first acquisition the FOSC has been involved in was the 9-acre Melvin Property in Cascade Canyon. Preservation by purchasing this beautiful wooded area was made possible through the efforts of Supervisor Hal Brown, the Town of Fairfax, Marin County Open Space District, fundraising activities of FOSC and by donations from the Fairfax business community and neighbors like you. So far, FOSC has raised approximately \$5,500 from two benefit extravaganzas plus \$13,000 in private donations. We need to raise an additional \$13,762 to cover the Melvin land purchase.

Maintaining wild life corridors surrounding Fairfax, linking these areas with existing or proposed Marin open space are guiding principles for FOSC. With this in mind, one of our next major efforts in acquiring open space will focus on the 100-acre Wall property, ridge line open space on the real estate market, zoned for development.

Why We Are Here

"I fell in love with Fairfax the first time I saw it over twenty years ago," writes Denny, a committee member. "To me it was ideal, a small town nestled in the beautiful California hills. I was finally able to move here, and when I found out there was a committee to protect our precious open spaces surrounding Fairfax, I wanted to join and work to promote its vision." Ryan, another committee member and a new father, says, "I value our undeveloped landscape and natural flora and fauna over almost everything else in the world. It is the reason I choose to make Fairfax my home and future for my children...I envision a sustainable natural ecosystem in Fairfax that is used for exploring and learning." These sentiments are representative of how we feel and of what makes us enthusiastic about helping preserve forever the natural environments in and surrounding Fairfax.



Drawing: Sodie Ural, 7 years old

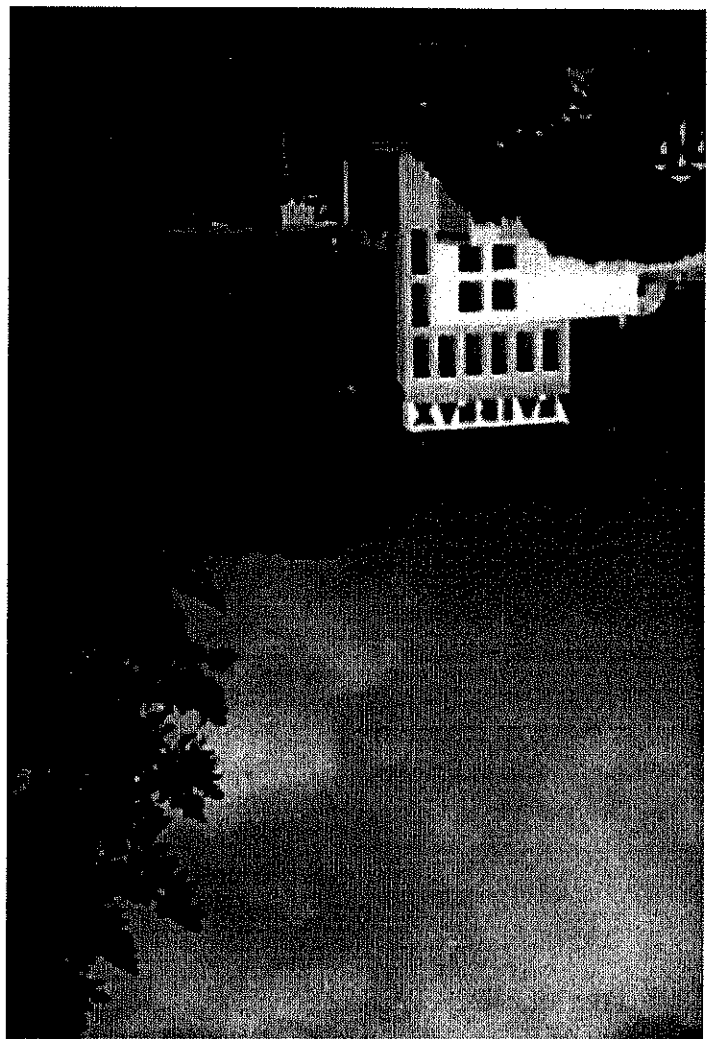


We ask you to join us in the important work of preserving the environmental values of Fairfax. Today, more than ever, your generous tax-deductible contribution is essential to these projects.



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Protect Fairfax Open Space!*

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REDWOOD GROVES: the Melvin Property

Home to nesting spotted owls and steelhead trout, the acquisition of nine acres of pristine land called the Melvin Property was a great beginning for FOOSC. To see this beautiful site, enter from the end of Meadow Way in the Cascade neighborhood near the southwest border of Fairfax. Walk along Cascade Creek past several houses and you enter a peaceful grove of redwood trees nestled on a hillside, lush with flora. You are experiencing our town's newest open space.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA: 100 acres of Skyline...

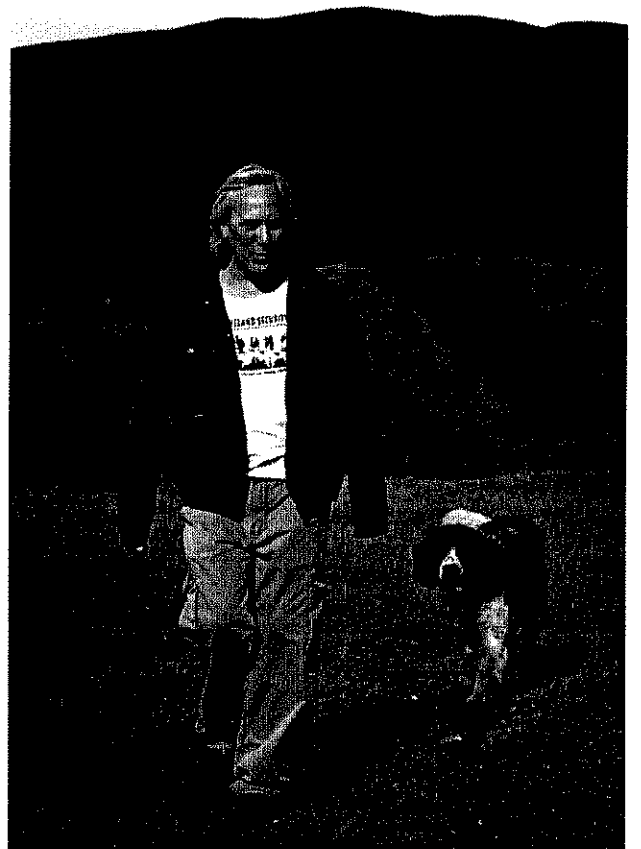
The Wall Property, totaling about 100 acres, borders the northern edge of Fairfax and overlooks Good Earth Store as well as unobstructed views of Ross Valley, Mt. Tam and the San Francisco skyline. As the realtor's flyer says, "This property remains in its original state and contains many wooded areas." This property is contiguous with the 60-acre Cappe Property, abuts other Marin County open space and would expand the wildlife corridor by linking several existing large tracts of open space. The aim of FOOSC is to acquire this property for the Town, and we are exploring creative means to do so.

Do You Want To Do More?

FAIRFAX is surrounded by beautiful undeveloped hills, woods and open space. HELP us to preserve the natural beauty and the ecosystems of our town and of Marin.

Please Join Us.

The FOOSC meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30 at the Community/Youth Center at 16 Park St.
We welcome your ideas. There is also a vacancy on our committee.



A hiker & friend looking over the Wall property.

Your Tax-deductible Gift

Your gift will help preserve our precious open space for future generations.

*Please make your contribution payable to
Fairfax Open Space Committee.*