

# LAGUNA UPLANDS PROJECT

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is the Laguna Uplands (a.k.a. Palm Terrace) worth saving?

- This upland area is an integral part of the Laguna's ecosystem. The Laguna de Santa Rosa is the second largest freshwater wetland in California and a site of exceptional biological significance. The site overlooks publicly protected land, totaling 1500+ acres (see map on reverse side).

- It is the only upland area within Sebastopol city limits where terrestrial wildlife from the Laguna can seek refuge during annual floods.

- This site contains native American artifacts. It is believed this uplands was part of a 5,000 year old Pomo village.

- Business and environmental leaders in Sebastopol are hoping to establish ecotourism as a cornerstone of Sebastopol's economy. Retaining Laguna Uplands in open space honors its history and showcases the Laguna's natural resources. The land, visible and accessible from city streets (Palm Avenue and Walker Road), is an essential link in Sebastopol's planned Laguna Trail.

### What happens after it is purchased?

- LandWrights, a local land conservancy, will hold the land in trust for the community.

- A conservation easement, removing all threat of future subdivision will be conveyed by LandWrights to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District immediately upon close of escrow.

- The Laguna Uplands Project will continue to work with the local community to establish a site-based nonprofit organization. LandWrights will ultimately convey title, restricted by the District's conservation easement, to that entity.

### How will the land be used?

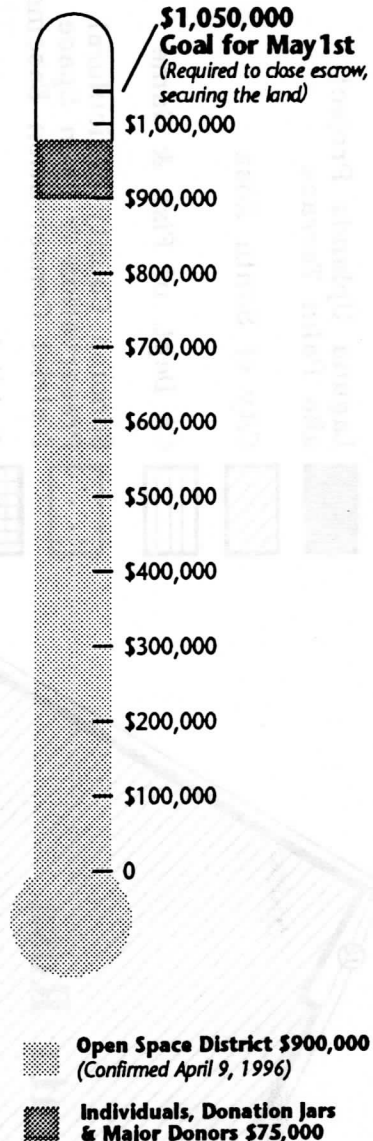
- Habitat Restoration:** LandWrights will work with biologists and native Americans on restoration to re-establish native vegetation (grasses, flowers, shrubs and trees).

- Public Access:** In accordance with Sebastopol's *Laguna Plan*, the Laguna Trail, when completed, will cross the property.

- Cultural Activities:** The site will become a gathering place for blending natural and cultural values with an emphasis on the inter-connection of people and nature.

### How will site management be funded?

- The Laguna Uplands Project will reserve a \$100,000 endowment from funds raised. The principal will be held in trust by LandWrights and the interest will support site management and restoration activities. The endowment will go with the land when LandWrights conveys title to a site-based nonprofit entity.



**NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL!**

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**Yes! I want to contribute so this effort can succeed:**  
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