

Want to learn about watersheds and pollution prevention? Earn community service hours? Or just go out and enjoy nature? Browse this list of local organizations to find an activity that fits your needs.

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Acterra	Opportunities for individuals and groups to learn about ecology, clean energy, food, and participate in volunteer work.	3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-962-9876	✓		✓	✓	
Adopt-a-Creek Program	Preserve the health and beauty of Santa Clara County Creeks by conducting clean up events	5750 Almaden Expressway San José, CA 95118, 408-630-2233	✓				
Adopt-a-Park/ Adopt-a-Trail Program	Protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces	200 East Santa Clara Street, Tower Floor 9 San José, CA 95113, 408-793-4190	✓				
Adopt-a-Spot	Beautify neighborhoods and open spaces by removing litter and debris in the City of Santa Clara	1500 Warburton Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95050, 408-615-3080 Environment@SantaClaraCA.gov	✓				
Anti-Graffiti Program	Remove graffiti in the City of San José	1661 Senter Rd., Building G San José, CA 95112 408-535-3500	✓		✓		
Bay Model Visitor Center	See a working model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta System	2100 Bridgeway Sausalito, CA 94965 415-289-3007			✓		✓
California Native Plant Society: Santa Clara Valley	Help at local parks around the county to restore native habitat through planting California natives, trail maintenance, and removing invasive plants	3921 E. Bayshore Road, Suite 205 Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-260-3450 info@cnps-scv.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canopy	Help survey the health of Palo Alto and East Palo Alto trees	3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-964-6110 info@canopy.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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City of Palo Alto Open Space	Explore Palo Alto parks and volunteer to restore and preserve native habitat	3201 E. Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-496-6962 open.space@cityofpaloalto.org				✓	
County of Santa Clara Home Composting Educational Program	Learn how to compost	1553 Berger Drive, Building 1 San José, CA 95112 408-918-4640	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Creek Connections Action Group	Participate in National River Clean up Day (3 rd Saturday in May)	5750 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118 408-630-2239 volunteer@valleywater.org	✓		✓		
Deer Hollow Farm	Observe and participate in a historic working farm	22500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino, CA deerhollowfarm@mountainview.gov 650-903-6430	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Visit the Refuge and see the place where "San Jose meets the Bay". Lots of volunteer opportunities and programs for adults and kids	1751 Grand Blvd, San Jose, CA 95002 510-792-0222 sfbaynwrc@fws.gov	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environmental Volunteers	Promote understanding of, and responsibility for, the environment through hands-on science education	EcoCenter 2560 Embarcadero Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-493-8000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Friends of Stevens Creek Trail	Help restore and preserve Stevens Creek Trail	22221 McClellan Rd. Cupertino, CA 95014 408-255-5780	✓		✓	✓	✓
Going Native Garden Tour	Help conduct native garden tours or visit the gardens featured. Tour conducted each April	info@gngt.org	✓		✓		✓

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Grassroots Ecology	Help with habitat restoration projects, monitor ecological health of rivers, join urban ecology projects, or engage in naturalist programs.	3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303 info@grassrootsecology.org, 650-419-9880	✓		✓	✓	✓
Green Foothills	Protect open space, farmland, and natural resources in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties	Peninsula Conservation Center 3921 East Bayshore Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-968-7243 info@GreenFoothills.org				✓	
Greenbelt Alliance	Opportunities to educate, advocate, and collaborate to ensure the Bay Area's lands and communities are resilient to a changing climate.	827 Broadway Ste 310 Oakland, CA 94607 415-543-6771 jebrahemi@greenbelt.org	✓		✓	✓	
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy	Join this community group to promote active use of the park through education, advocacy and stewardship	438 Coleman Ave San Jose, CA 95110 408-298-7657 info@grpg.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lake Cunningham Volunteers	Help with invasive plant removal, mulching, planting, and watering at Lake Cunningham	2305 S. White Rd. San José, CA 95148	✓		✓	✓	
Marine Science Institute	Learn about the creatures and habitats of the San Francisco Bay	500 Discovery Parkway Redwood City, CA 94063 650-364-2760 info@sfbaymsi.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Master Gardener Program of Santa Clara County	Help educate the community about sustainable gardening	1553 Berger Drive, Building 1 San Jose, CA 408-282-3130 mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu	✓	✓	✓		✓
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	Help educate the community about the environment, construct and maintain trails, and remove invasive species	5050 El Camino Real Los Altos, CA 94022-1530 650-691-1200 info@openspace.org	✓		✓	✓	✓

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Our City Forest	Help plant trees	1195 Clark St. San Jose, CA 95125 408-998-7337 info@ourcityforest.org	✓	✓			
Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant	Tour the Plant, request pollution prevention presentations at schools, businesses, or community organization.	2501 Embarcadero Way Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-329-2122 cleanbay@cityofpaloalto.org.			✓		✓
Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA Family	Learn about wildlife and habitats in Silicon Valley	3027 Penitencia Creek Rd San José, CA 95132 408-929-WILD info@wcsv.org	✓				✓
Project WET	Water education workshops for teachers	866-337-5486 San Francisco, CA info@projectwet.org		✓			✓
San Francisco Bay Trail Project	Explore bicycling and hiking trails around the Bay	375 Beale St., Suite 700 San Francisco, CA 94105 415-778-6700			✓	✓	
Santa Clara County Open Space Authority	Join hikes, rides and special events that offer a chance to enjoy trails and preserves and learn about nature.	33 Las Colinas Ln., San José, CA 95119 408-224-7476	✓		✓	✓	✓
Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department	Help maintain park trails	298 Garden Hill Drive Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-355-2200 parkinfo@prk.sccgov.org	✓		✓	✓	✓
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society	Learn about birds and participate in many fun and educational activities	22221 McClellan Rd Cupertino, CA 95014 408-252-3747 programs@scvas.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Save the Bay	Help educate the community about protecting the Bay	560 14th Street #400 Oakland, CA 94612 510-463-6850 info@saveSFbay.org	✓		✓	✓	

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Sempervirens Fund	Donate time & skills in the forest & in the office to help preserve the coastal redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains.	P.O. Box 1417 Los Altos, CA 94023-1417 650-949-1453 redwoods@sempervirens.org	✓		✓	✓	✓
Shoreline at Mountain View	Explore the bike and walking trails on the north edge of Shoreline	3070 N Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View, CA 94043 650-903-6392	✓		✓	✓	
Sierra Club - Loma Prieta Chapter	Explore hiking trails in the Santa Clara County area	3921 East Bayshore Road, Suite 204 Palo Alto, CA 94303 650-390-8411 loma.prieta.chapter@sierraclub.org	✓		✓	✓	
South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition (SBCCC)/Friends of Coyote Creek	Help restore habitat, preserve and clean-up local creeks in the Santa Clara Basin watershed	info@sbccleancreeks.com	✓		✓	✓	✓
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration	Learn about the South Bay Salt Ponds and help with restoration by pulling weeds and planting native species.	sbrfeedback@sfei.org	✓		✓	✓	
Sunnyvale Baylands Park	Explore the pathways and picnic areas of the baylands	999 E. Caribbean Dr. Sunnyvale, CA 94089 408-730-7506				✓	
Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT) Station	Learn about local waste disposal and recycling efforts to protect our watershed by touring the Sunnyvale SMaRT Station	301 Carl Rd. Sunnyvale, CA 94089 408-752-8530			✓		✓
Ulistac Natural Area	Explore the walking and biking trails of Ulistac and enjoy the natural habitats	4901 Lick Mill Blvd Santa Clara, CA 95054 ulistac@gmail.com	✓		✓	✓	

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Veggielution	Learn about urban gardening	Emma Prusch Farm Park 647 South King Road San José, CA 95116 info@veggielution.org	✓		✓		✓
Village Harvest	Learn about urban gardening	P.O. Box 9231 San José, CA 95157 888-FRUIT-411 info@villageharvest.org	✓		✓		✓
Youth Science Institute Science and Nature Center: Alum Rock Park, Sanborn Park and Vasona Park	Nature and wildlife based science education	333 Blossom Hill Road Los Gatos, CA 95032 408-356-4945	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓