

Ongoing Projects

Creek Clean-Ups: Every Spring and Fall, we organize creek clean-ups. Volunteers spend a Saturday morning hauling all kinds of trash and junk out of our creeks.

Tree Planting: Every November, with the first rain, we plant trees throughout the watershed to improve soil and water retention, and provide wildlife habitat. We are concerned about preserving biodiversity on wild and cultivated lands.

Creek Area Encampments: We are working with the Centro Laboral de Graton to provide environmental education to migrant workers with the goal of moving the creekside encampments to less sensitive upland areas.

Surface and Groundwater Monitoring: Many residents are interested in monitoring our surface and groundwater. We want to protect the recharge areas where the region's aquifer is replenished.

Educational Programs: We initiated a storm water education program at Oak Grove School in Graton and are looking for other opportunities to work with schools in our watershed.

Outreach: Our council organizes community workshops on a variety of subjects connected to watershed health and regulations. Volunteers for our watershed also distribute information at community events.

*Let's plant more native trees in
our watershed to provide habitat
for birds and other wildlife,
to shade our creeks and houses,
and to keep our soil from running
off to the sea.*



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*To grow takes a lifetime,
to destroy only one sad afternoon.*



What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land in which all the water drains into a common body of water like a stream, creek, reservoir or bay. Small watersheds are nested in larger watersheds.

The watershed includes all of the earth and water there, all of the plants that grow there, and all of the animals – human and non-human – which eat, sleep, or work there.

We are all part of a watershed, and everything we do affects the health of the water, soil and living things that coexist in this system.

*Water is the source of life.
Let us use it thoughtfully and
guide it back into the soil
where it becomes pure
once more.*

*When we think like a
watershed, we start working
together for the health
of our water and soil, for
now and for our
children's children.*

Where is our Watershed?

The Atascadero Creek and Green Valley Creek watershed extends from the Russian River through Forestville, Graton, West Sebastopol, and up as far as southern Burnside Road.

How Can I Get Involved?

Our watershed can be helped in countless ways, both large and small. Our council is young and growing. We need help with growing native seedlings, learning about wildlife habitat, organizing events, making flyers, looking into grant opportunities, picking up trash, writing letters, you name it! Just give us a call and we'll be happy to involve you!

Atascadero Creek and Green Valley Creek Watershed Council

Formed in September of 2000, the Atascadero Creek and Green Valley Creek Watershed Council builds upon the long-standing commitment to watershed protection by numerous groups and individuals all over the watershed.

The council serves as a hub of ecological information for our community. In addition to meeting on the first Saturday of each month, it provides an email group for ongoing communication between its members.

Our mission is to bring together the people who live and work in our watershed to help each other in taking responsibility for our impact on the watershed through protection, restoration and education.