



Portola Valley's Open Spaces

Spring Down Open Space

Preserving Our Legacy

Portola Valley: A History Of Open Space Preservation

When our Town was incorporated in 1964, the founders had a clear vision of the need for open space and environmental protection to maintain Portola Valley's rural character. In 1970, the Town made its first significant purchase, the Dorothy Ford Park. Over the years, the Town worked with developers to plan developments with integral open space. A shining example is the 347 acres of open space at Portola Valley Ranch. The Town contributed to the acquisition of the Windy Hill Open Space (1981); completed the purchase of Spring Down Open Space (2005); accepted the gift of the Dengler Open Space (2007); and acquired the Shady Trail parcel (2008). In this decade alone, the Town has preserved 19 acres of open space.

How You Made It Possible

When the Portola Valley Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee was formed in 1994, the Town's Open Space Fund balance was zero. Leadership gifts from **Tom Ford** and **Bill and Jean Lane** jump-started the fund raising. Our Town residents have always cared about preserving our open space.

In 1997, voters passed the Utility Users Tax to provide a revenue stream for the Open Space Fund, and followed with generous contributions to the 2000 Millennium Challenge for Open Space. Town residents have generously supported the fund directly with monetary gifts, fund-raisers such as the annual Blues and BBQ event, and revenue provided by the voter-approved Utility Users Tax.

Thanks go to all residents who have contributed at every level, and especially our major benefactors: **the Kersten Family** for the outright gift of the Dengler Open Space,



Shady Trail Open Space

Beverly and Peter Lipman for the Shady Trail Open Space acquisition, **Mary and Rodney Smith** for their Millennium Challenge gift leading to the Spring Down Open Space acquisition, and of course, **Bill and Jean Lane** who support the Open Space Fund at every turn.

How You Can Help

Keep the legacy growing. Please join us by sending your tax-deductible donation and help preserve our rural beauty. Send your check payable to "Portola Valley Open Space Fund" to:

Town of Portola Valley
765 Portola Road
Portola Valley, CA 94028

For more information on how to contribute, call us at (650) 851-1700 ext. 210 or visit us online at www.portolavalley.net/openspace.

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