



Open Spaces in Portola Valley

Spring Down Open Space

Building Our Legacy

Portola Valley: A History of Open Space Preservation

Portola Valley has benefited from an enduring partnership with its residents to preserve open space, protect the environment, and retain the area’s rural character. In the early 1970’s, the Town supported the preservation of 347 acres of open space as part of the founding of the Portola Valley Ranch development and acquired Dorothy Ford Park. In 1981 the Town helped establish the Windy Hill Open Space with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. In recent years, the Town has acquired, or helped acquire, the Spring Down Open Space (2000), the Dengler Open Space (2007) and the Shady Trail parcel (2008).

How You Made It Possible

The residents of Portola Valley treasure our open spaces and invest to preserve them. Recently, the John and “J” Boice Trust made a generous donation to the Town’s Open Space Fund in their memory. Other major benefactors include the Kersten family gift of the Dengler Open Space, the Lipman family support of the Shady Trail Open Space, the Smith family support of the Spring Down Open Space, and the Lane family’s ardent support for open space throughout their lives from the very founding of Portola Valley. Funding for open space is also provided by the Town’s Open Space Fund stewarded by the Town Council and the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee. These funds come in part from community events like the 2000 Millennium Challenge for Open Space and in part from the Utility Users Tax first approved by voters in 1997 to provide ongoing annual support.

How You Can Help

To preserve the Portola Valley we know and love, we must continue to maintain our existing open spaces and invest in the future. Please join us in protecting, preserving, and enhancing



Shady Trail Open Space

our open spaces by considering a tax-deductible donation today or through a planned giving legacy gift for your family and your town. 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:

<https://www.portolavalley.net/about-portola-valley/open-space-in-portola-valley>

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