

2024 District Update

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Monte Bello Open Space Preserve (Strether Smith)



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Midpen's Mission(s)



Midpen's mission: to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

On the Coast, Midpen has an expanded mission to acquire and preserve agricultural land of regional significance, preserve rural character and encourage viable agricultural uses of land resources.



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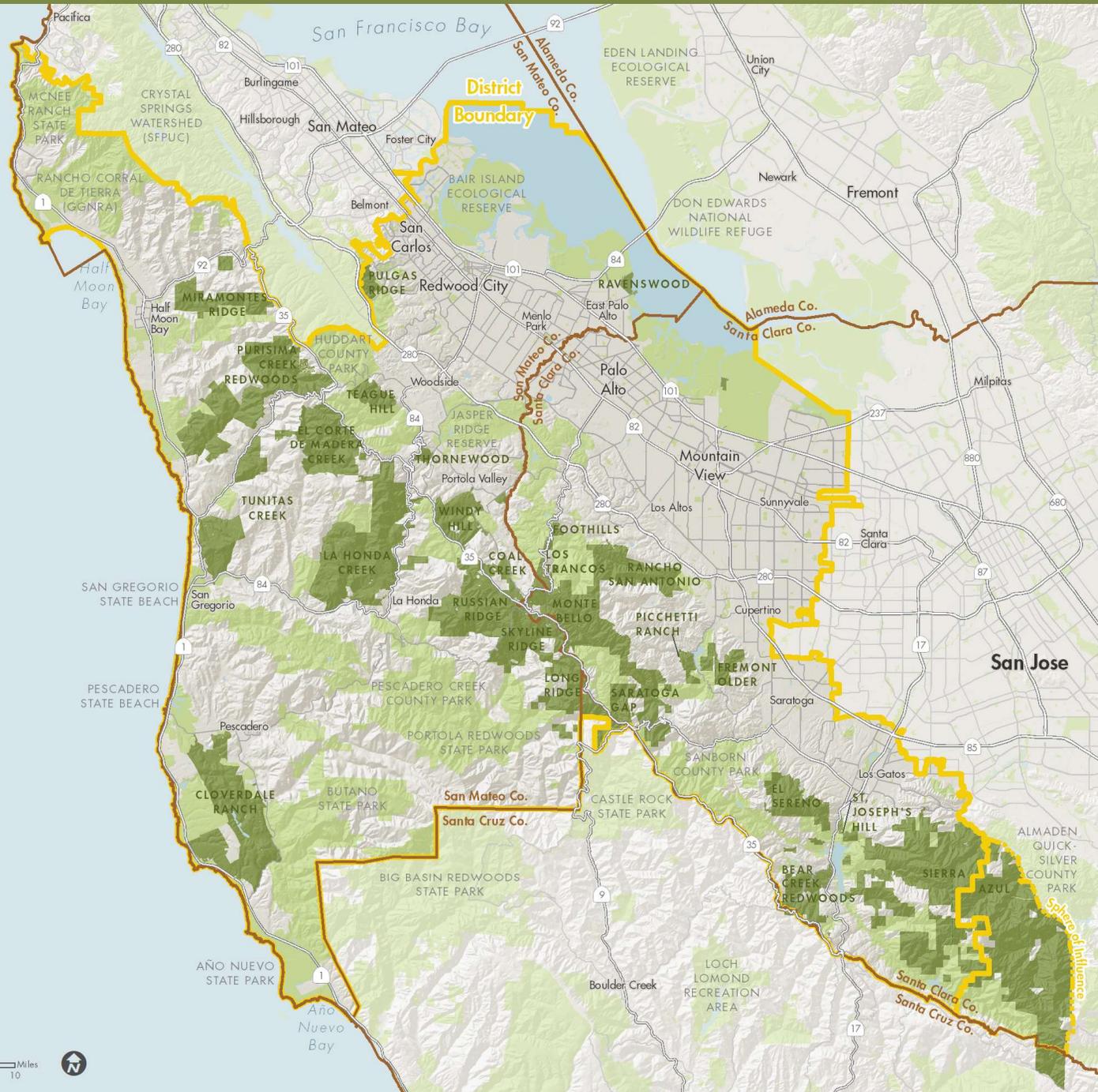
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Midpen's Lands



- Midpen preserve
- District boundary
- Sphere of influence
- Other protected land
- County boundary



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Some Midpen Facts

- Public agency, created in 1972 by a grassroots voter initiative
- 763,000 constituents (2020)
- Elected board: seven directors
- Funded primarily through property tax
- 27 Preserves in Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties
- Preserved over 70,000 acres, 250+ miles of trails
- Preserves are free and open to the public
- Main office in Los Altos + field offices
- 200+ employees, ~1000 volunteers
- \$300 million voter-approved general obligation bond passed in 2014 to support public priorities



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Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve



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Ravenswood Open Space Preserve



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Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve



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Windy Hill Open Space Preserve



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Project Updates



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Wildland Fire Resiliency Program Implementation



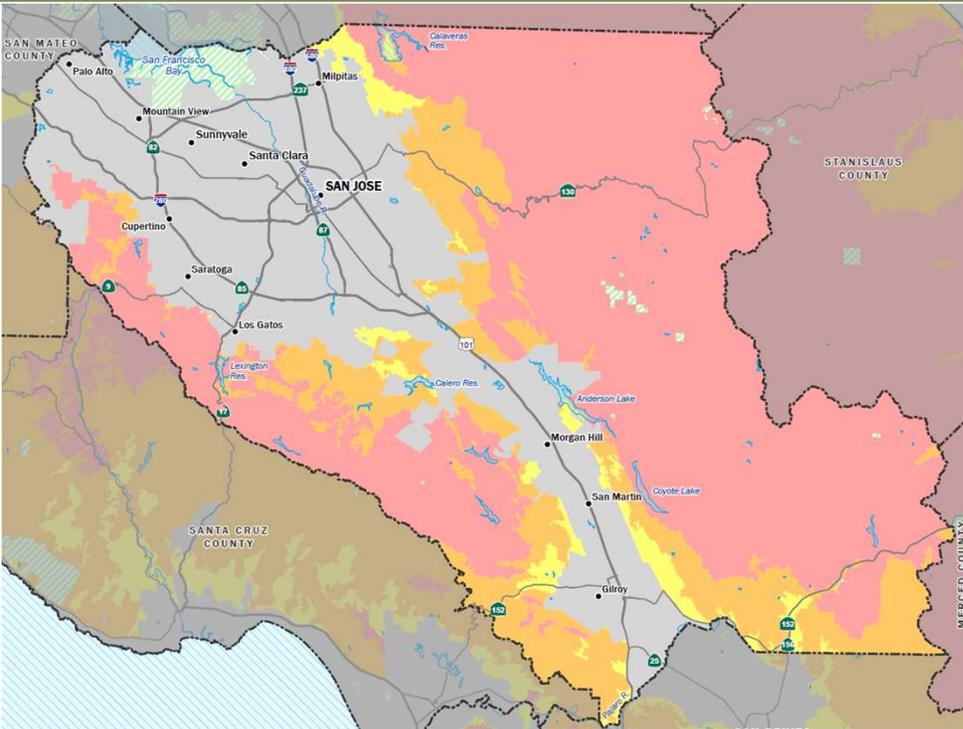
CZU Lightning Complex Fire, 2020
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Wildland Fire Resiliency Program

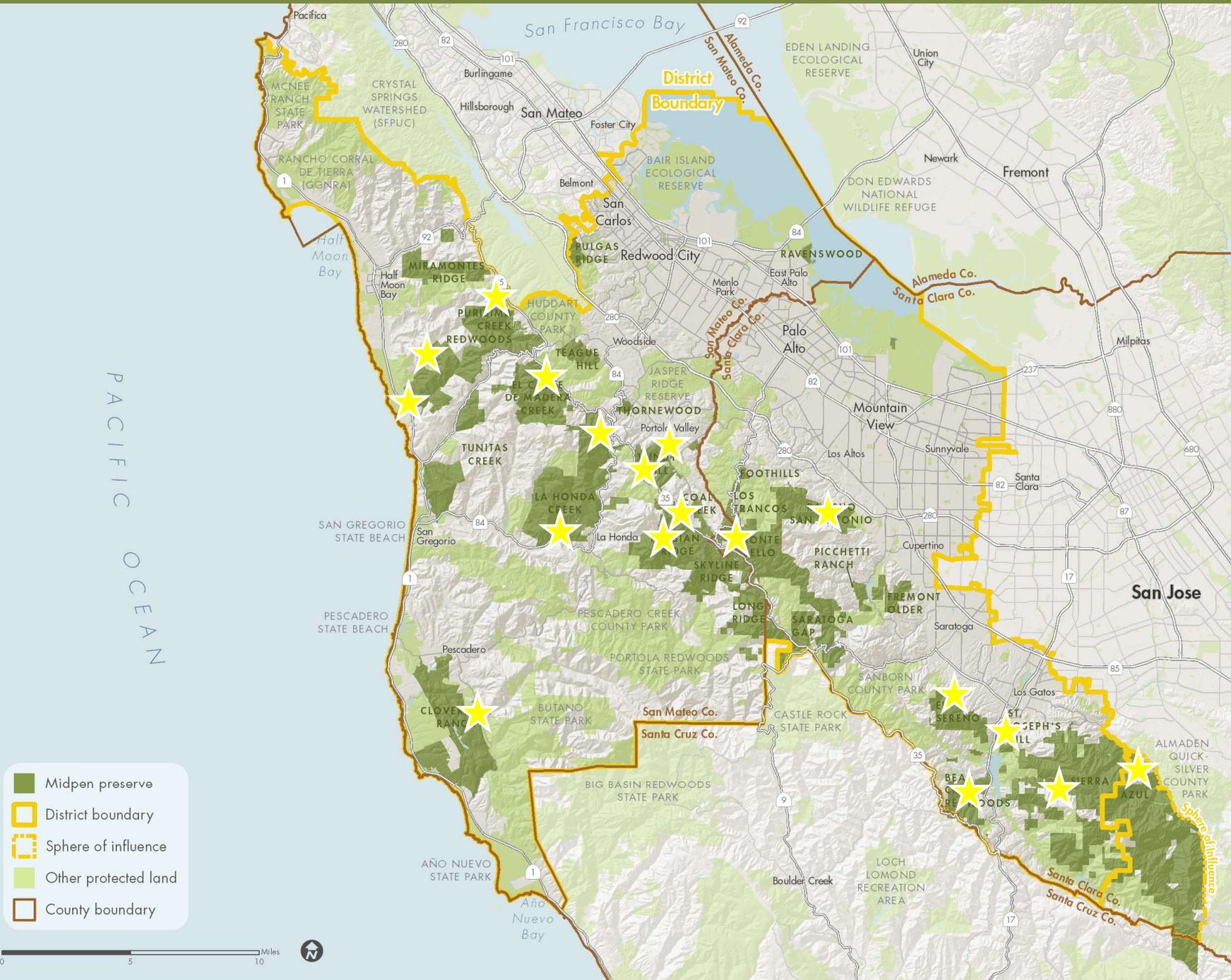


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For more information visit openspace.org/what-we-do/projects/wildland-fire-resiliency

Wildland Fire Resiliency Program: Project Areas



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Hawthorns Area Plan

Purpose of Hawthorns Area Plan:

- Comprehensive **use and management plan** for the Hawthorns Area of Windy Hill Open Space Preserve
- Prescribe **future uses** and **management**
- Identify **resource** and **land management activities**
- Establish **public access** opportunities



Public Access Working Group (PAWG):

The purpose of the PAWG is to establish an interactive forum of local and regional perspectives to collaborate with Midpen on a plan for introducing ecologically sensitive public access at the Hawthorns Area in a manner consistent with the Board-adopted vision and goals.

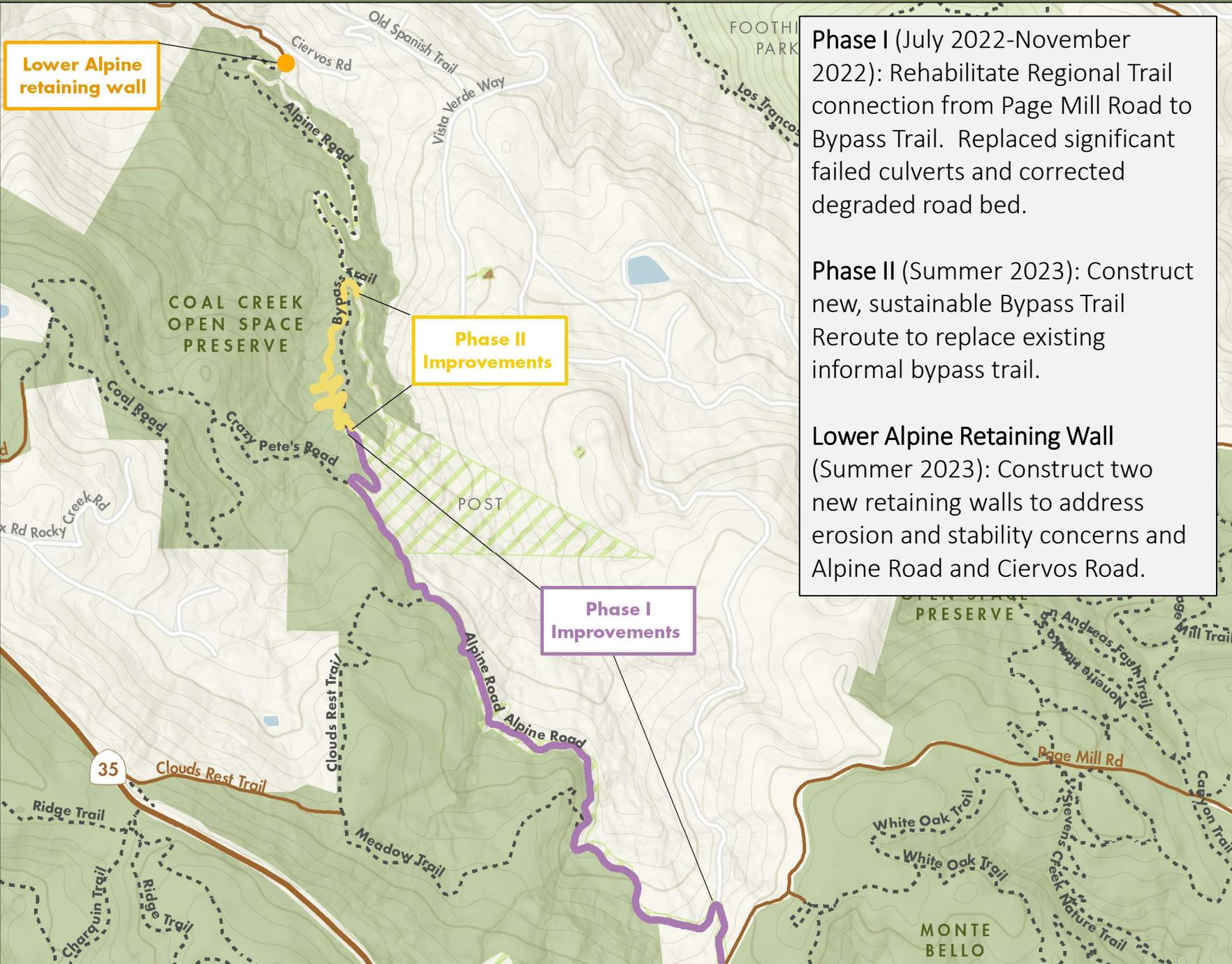


For more information, please visit: <https://www.openspace.org/hawthorns>



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Alpine Road Regional Trail Improvement Project



Phase I (July 2022-November 2022): Rehabilitate Regional Trail connection from Page Mill Road to Bypass Trail. Replaced significant failed culverts and corrected degraded road bed.

Phase II (Summer 2023): Construct new, sustainable Bypass Trail Reroute to replace existing informal bypass trail.

Lower Alpine Retaining Wall (Summer 2023): Construct two new retaining walls to address erosion and stability concerns and Alpine Road and Ciervos Road.

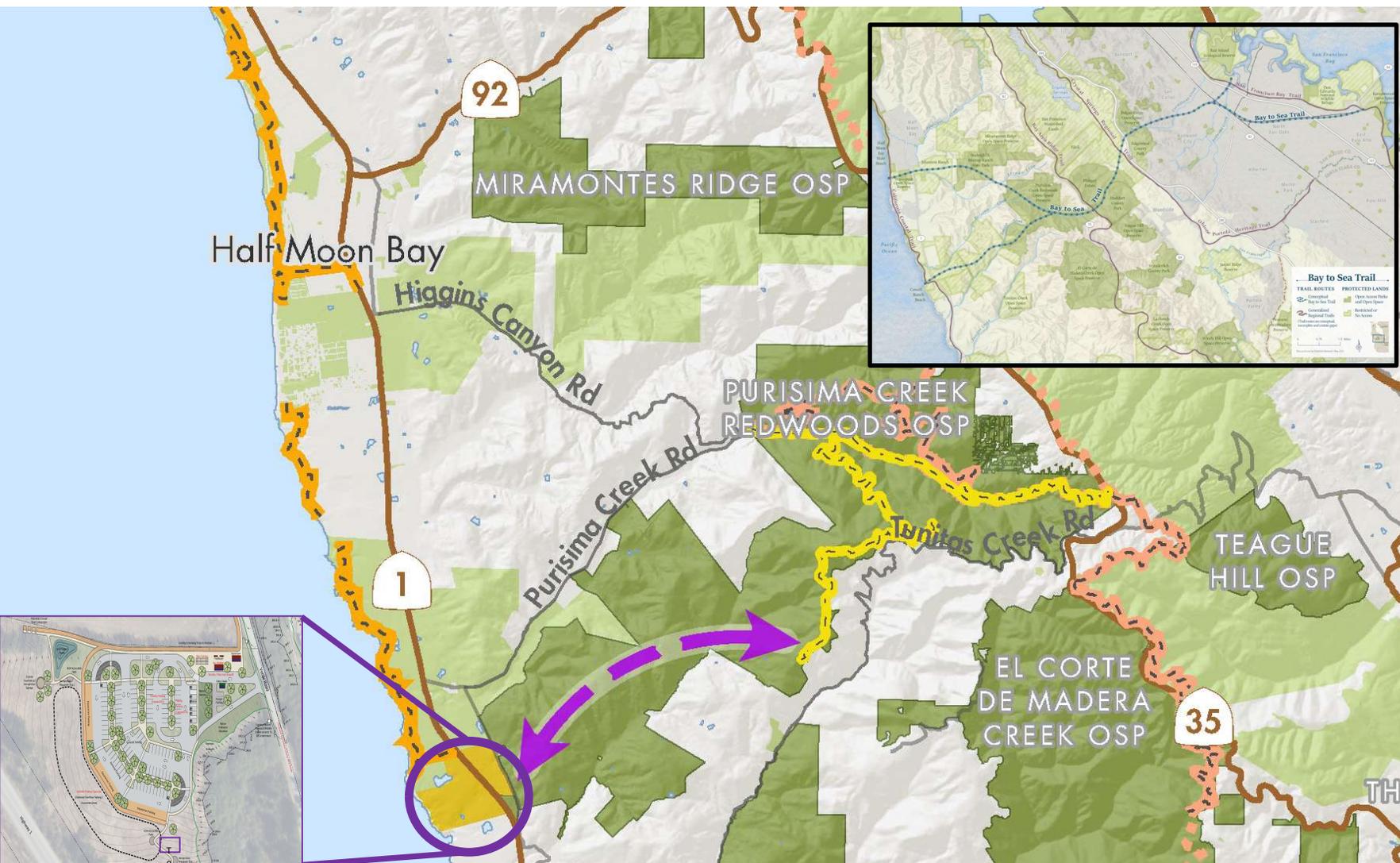


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Purisima-to-the-Sea Trail

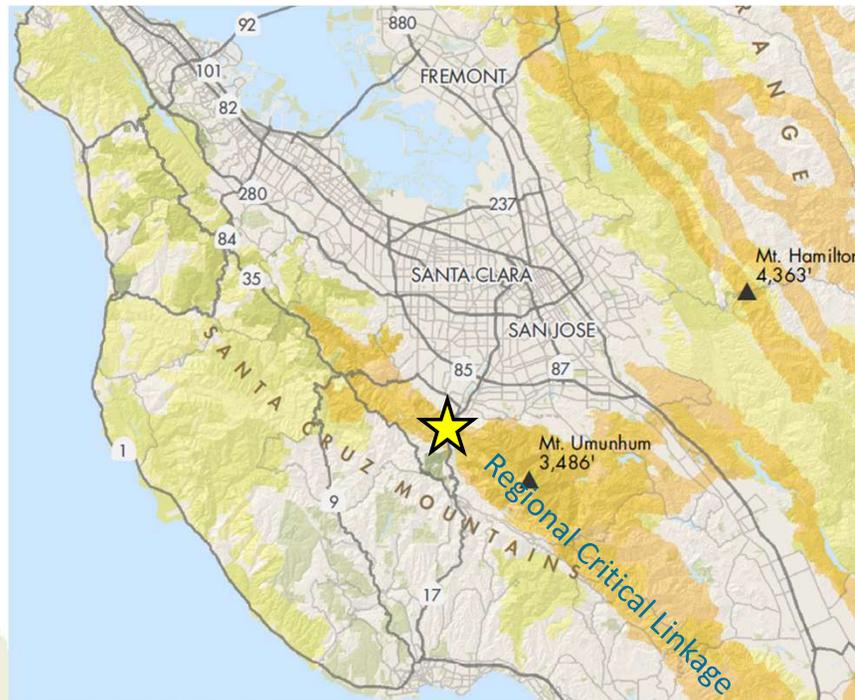
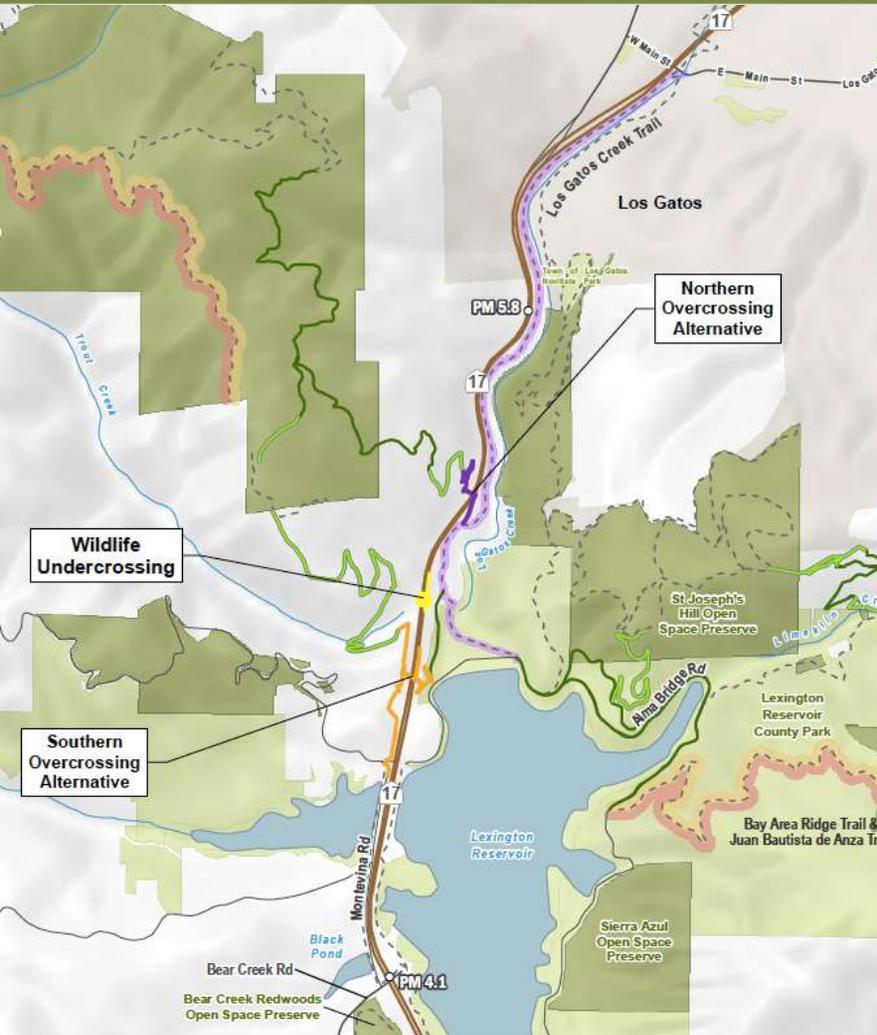
Project Description

New parking area and trails connecting the Coastal Trail on Highway 1 to the Bay Area Ridge Trail on Highway 35.



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Highway 17 Crossings



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Measure AA 10th Anniversary - 2024

Progress since 2014

- ✓ Preserved over 9,600 acres of open space
- ✓ 4,200 acres opened to the public at five preserves/preserve areas
- ✓ Opened 31.4 miles of trails to public access, with 10+ miles in construction, and 19+ miles of new trails in the planning stages
- ✓ Opened 3 new parking areas, creating a total of 126 new parking spaces



***Thank you for your
trust in us!***

(Karl Gohl)



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