



# Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway



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## August 2015 eNews

**Save the Dates!**  
**Greenway Walk**  
 Thursday, September 24  
 5:15 - 7:30 pm



**Santa Rosa City Council Meeting**  
 Tuesday, October 6  
 4:00 pm



**Greenway Walk**  
 Saturday, October 17  
 9:15 - 11:30 am



## Caltrans Signs MOU With Greenway Community Partners!

In early August, Caltrans signed a Memorandum of



(Photo by Alan Proulx)

Understanding (MOU) with Sonoma Land Trust and the Greenway Partners--the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Water Agency, Regional Parks, LandPaths, and the Southeast Greenway Campaign. This is a very important step forward

towards acquiring the Greenway! The MOU represents a major milestone because it:

- Provides a process for how the agencies will work together to establish a fair value for the property
- Makes sure that organizations involved will be given an opportunity to purchase the property, rather than it being divided into several parcels or sold to private parties
- Allows time for the community to conduct planning, perform required environmental studies, and raise funds
- Gives us the opportunity to create a great public space for bike and pedestrian paths, restored open space and natural habitat, parks, and community gardens

The Community Partners will meet with Caltrans later this month to outline next steps. Stay tuned as the process unfolds. In the meantime, the officials at Caltrans have asked us to remind the community that the property still belongs to the State and remains off limits to the public at this time.

## Sonoma Land Trust Becomes Campaign's New Fiscal Sponsor

In addition to becoming a Greenway Community Partner,

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Sonoma Land Trust is now the fiscal sponsor for the Southeast Greenway Campaign. On July 16th, the Campaign and Sonoma Land Trust entered into an agreement which transfers fiscal sponsorship responsibilities from the Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy to Sonoma Land Trust. The change is significant and helpful because the Campaign has emerged from a fledgling neighborhood start-up dedicated to organizing community support for the Southeast Greenway (thus linking its charitable purpose to the Leadership Institute) to a leader in a public-private partnership dedicated to the community acquisition of the Southeast Greenway property (thus linking its charitable purpose to the Sonoma Land Trust). We are especially grateful for all the help from Sonoma Land Trust staff in making the transition a smooth one.



As fiscal sponsor, Sonoma Land Trust can accept tax deductible donations on behalf of the Southeast Greenway Campaign. Additionally, Sonoma Land Trust will provide financial oversight, accounting, and financial reporting services to the Southeast Greenway Campaign during the term of our fiscal sponsorship.

**Introducing Sonoma Land Trust**

Since 1976, Sonoma Land Trust has protected more than 48,000 acres of beautiful, productive, and environmentally significant



(Photo by Corby Hines, Sonoma Land Trust)

land in Sonoma County. As a local, non-governmental, nonprofit organization funded largely by individuals, the land trust is able to act quickly and effectively to protect land when opportunities arise--such as the one to partner with the Southeast Greenway

Campaign to create the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway. The Land Trust is a member of the California Council of Land Trusts, the Bay Area Open Space Council, and is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

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*sponsor of the Southeast Greenway Campaign. Contributions to the Southeast Greenway Campaign are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law.*

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