





June 2016 eNews



A Little Homework!
Prepare for the
Greenway workshops
this summer by reading
the City's Southeast
Greenway: Existing
Conditions, Opportunities
and Constraints Report.

It's available on the City of Santa Rosa's Southeast Greenway Project Page.



You may also want to read "Imagine...A Greenway to Spring Lake and Beyond", the report summarizing our community's visioning work with the American Institute of Architects.

Congratulations to our Community Partner, Sonoma Land Trust!

On Sunday, May 15, 2016, Sonoma Land Trust opened the new Bay Trail at Sears Point. It is also known as the Eliot Trail, named for Wendy Eliot, Sonoma Land Trust's Conservation Director, who has spearheaded the successful effort to conserve Sears Point and other lands around the bay.

The new 2.5-mile trail links to the Sonoma Baylands section of the San



Francisco Bay Trail, allowing hikers and bicyclists to travel four miles through the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The trail is located at the edge of newly restored wetlands south of the junction of Lakeville Highway and Highway 37 (on Reclamation Road) and offers bird watching

opportunities, great views of Mount Tam and San Francisco, and a front-row seat to the evolving marsh.

Thank you Sonoma Land Trust, Wendy Eliot and the entire SLT staff for restoring this incredible resource while making it accessible to the public.

Read more in the **Press Democrat** "New Sonoma County hiking trail opens up along San Pablo Bay."

Download brochure with map of new Bay Trail.

Greenway Planning Update

The City of Santa Rosa, with help from the Greenway Community Partners, has selected a consulting firm to spearhead the development of a General Plan Amendment for the Southeast Greenway. This process will involve many opportunities for community input during the summer and fall. The consultants will conduct focus groups, surveys, interviews, and community



workshops so that neighbors and all interested residents can have an opportunity to share their vision of how this land should be used.

City staff members have been working diligently this spring to develop a scope of services and contract. This contract will need to be approved by City Council members in June. If all goes well, the consultants should begin their work in July. Stay tuned and plan to attend a workshop this summer! We will share information and dates about upcoming activities as soon as we have them.

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