



# Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway



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## September 2016 eNews



**Save the Date!**

### Greenway Planning Workshop

**Saturday, October 8, 2016  
10 am - Noon**

**Montgomery High School**

The City of Santa Rosa and PlaceWorks will sponsor a second and final community-planning workshop where we will have the opportunity to weigh in on the land use and circulation alternatives developed from the first workshop. This is an important opportunity to shape the future of the Greenway and ensure that it becomes the great urban open space and park that we all envision. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



### Greenway Planning Takes Off!

On Saturday, August 6, 2016, approximately 200 enthusiastic community members attended the first community workshop for the SE Greenway General Plan Amendment process.

Following a short overview of the amendment process by Lisa Kranz, Supervising Planner at the City of Santa Rosa and Bruce Brubaker, Principal at PlaceWorks, participants broke into small groups, in which they shared their vision and concerns for the Greenway.

Each small group had the opportunity to work with a map of the Greenway and to identify the types and locations of land uses they desired. The meeting concluded with reports from each of 20 small groups.



The most frequently envisioned land uses for the Greenway included:

- Paths for bicycling, walking and running
- Open space, natural resource restoration and wildlife area
- Gateway to Spring Lake Park and connection from park to downtown and West County trails
- Gardens, parks, and community spaces
- Playgrounds and recreation

Frequently cited concerns included:

- Safety and security
- Lack of maintenance
- Provision of adequate parking
- Losing the opportunity to have a continuous greenway by over-development
- Homeless encampments
- Traffic congestion



Participants were enthusiastic about keeping the Greenway green. There was limited interest in compatible retail establishments, educational facilities, and multi-family housing. You can read and download a complete summary of the workshop, along with land use planning maps prepared by each small group, at

<http://www.planthegreenway.com> under Documents.

### **Open Space District Kicks Off Greenway Fundraising**

A \$1 million grant application to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program for the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway ranked #1 out of all of the proposals and was approved by the District's Advisory Committee at their August 25th meeting! The Committee's recommendation will go to the Board of Supervisors for final approval in October. Kudos



and thanks to our Greenway Partners, Sonoma Land Trust and the City of Santa Rosa, for preparing and supporting the grant application. We are thrilled at the prospect of adding the Open Space District to the Southeast Greenway Partnership and appreciate this huge boost to our fundraising goals.



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