

Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway



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As the year comes to a close, we recommend donating to these organizations to support those affected by the North Bay fires:



[Sonoma County Resilience Fund](#)

The Sonoma County Resilience Fund was created to address the mid to long-term needs of Sonoma County to recover and rebuild from the devastating fires that have struck our community. The Community Foundation is committed to providing support that addresses the most critical needs of our community's nonprofits and their clients.



[North Bay Fire Relief](#)

Redwood Credit Union Community Fund, Inc., in partnership with Redwood Credit Union (RCU), The Press Democrat, and Senator Mike McGuire, is accepting financial donations to assist fire victims and aid relief efforts. 100% of your tax-deductible donations will go directly to support those affected.



Year-End Greenway Update



As we move into this holiday season, we welcome the embrace of friends and family to comfort and renew us. We cannot look forward without looking back at the impact the fires have had on our community and the need to slow down, be thoughtful and offer support. This has been an eventful year for the Greenway Campaign and we have you and our Greenway Partners to thank for sustaining us as we move the Greenway project ahead. Here are highlights of our accomplishments in 2017:

- Received a grant of \$250,000 for property acquisition from the Sonoma County Community Foundation, Todd Family Trust
- Collaborated with our Greenway Partners and PlaceWorks to finalize a Preferred Greenway Alternative that serves as a basis for the General Plan Amendment, Environmental Impact Report and Rezoning
 - Successfully advocated for Guiding Principles that include sustainability, restoration, social justice and quality of life
 - Helped design a plan for housing and mixed use that PlaceWorks incorporated into the Preferred Alternative
- Promoted public comment and participation at public hearings, ensuring grassroots input for the Preferred Alternative and producing the largest community response ever received by PlaceWorks

City of Santa Rosa staff has informed us that public hearings on the proposed General Plan Amendment and Rezoning for the Greenway property have been delayed to make revisions in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).



In response to public comments, the contract with PlaceWorks is being changed to permit additional analysis of traffic-related issues and impacts on circulation, noise and air quality. City staff anticipates that the revised EIR sections will be available for public comments in March. Stay tuned for more details about our timeline in the coming months.

In the past year we have turned delays into opportunities for increased community participation and Plan improvements. With your help, we will meet this delay with the same "can do" attitude.

May you enjoy the holidays with family, friends and community. We look forward to working with you and moving the Greenway project forward in 2018.

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