

# Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway



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## A Major Success!

The Southeast Greenway Project has taken a giant step forward. At its meeting on Tuesday, July 9, the Santa Rosa City Council voted unanimously to Certify the Environmental Impact Report and approve the General Plan Amendment and Rezoning for the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway. Each approval was met by cheers from over 75 supporters in their Greenway T-Shirts. The City Council approvals will allow the project to move to the next phase – appraisal of the property followed by negotiations for its purchase from Caltrans.

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### Photos of the Santa Rosa City Council Meeting on July 9, 2019



Following the public comment period, Mayor Tom Schwedhelm held up this accomplishment, saying, "The folks that have just been staying along with this. It's really inspirational, not just for this community, but for other communities to look at. How did Santa Rosa figure out how to make this work? It's a once in a lifetime opportunity." The recognition of our community effort by all of the council members means a great deal as we work to move the project forward.

The total project that the Council approved encompasses 57 acres. A 47-acre Greenway will include land for open space, environmental restoration, community gardens, walking paths and a bike path that will link Farmers Lane to Spring Lake Park. The City of Santa Rosa will own and manage the area from Hoen Avenue near Montgomery High School to Summerfield Road. Spring Lake Regional Park will be expanded to include 16+ acres that stretch from the current park boundary to Summerfield Road. Ten acres of additional land are set aside for housing and mixed-use development.

### Learn More

More information on the SE Greenway Project can be found on the City's website at [here](#). Information about the Southeast Greenway Campaign's community effort can be found at: [southeastgreenway.org](http://southeastgreenway.org).

### Thank You!

We would like to express our deep appreciation to all of the supporters who took time to show up for this important meeting and to all of the organizations and individuals who submitted letters of support prior to the meeting. It takes a community – and together, we did it!

## Santa Rosa's Planning Division Wins Prestigious Award

We are pleased to share more good news. The American Planning Association (APA) California Chapter has selected the City of Santa Rosa Planning Division as the winner of the 2019 Planning Agency Award of



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**

Excellence! This award recognizes, at a State level, the amazing volume and quality of work that our Planners have

accomplished over the last 10 years, while riding the wave of uncertainty with the recession, the October 2017 fires, the housing crisis, and other issues our City has faced.

As a Greenway Partner, the Planning Department has worked tirelessly to spearhead the community-oriented planning process that has led to the approval of the final Greenway Plan. Congratulations to everyone in the Planning Department and a special call out to Jessica Jones, Supervising Planner, who has managed the SE Greenway Project for the City.

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