

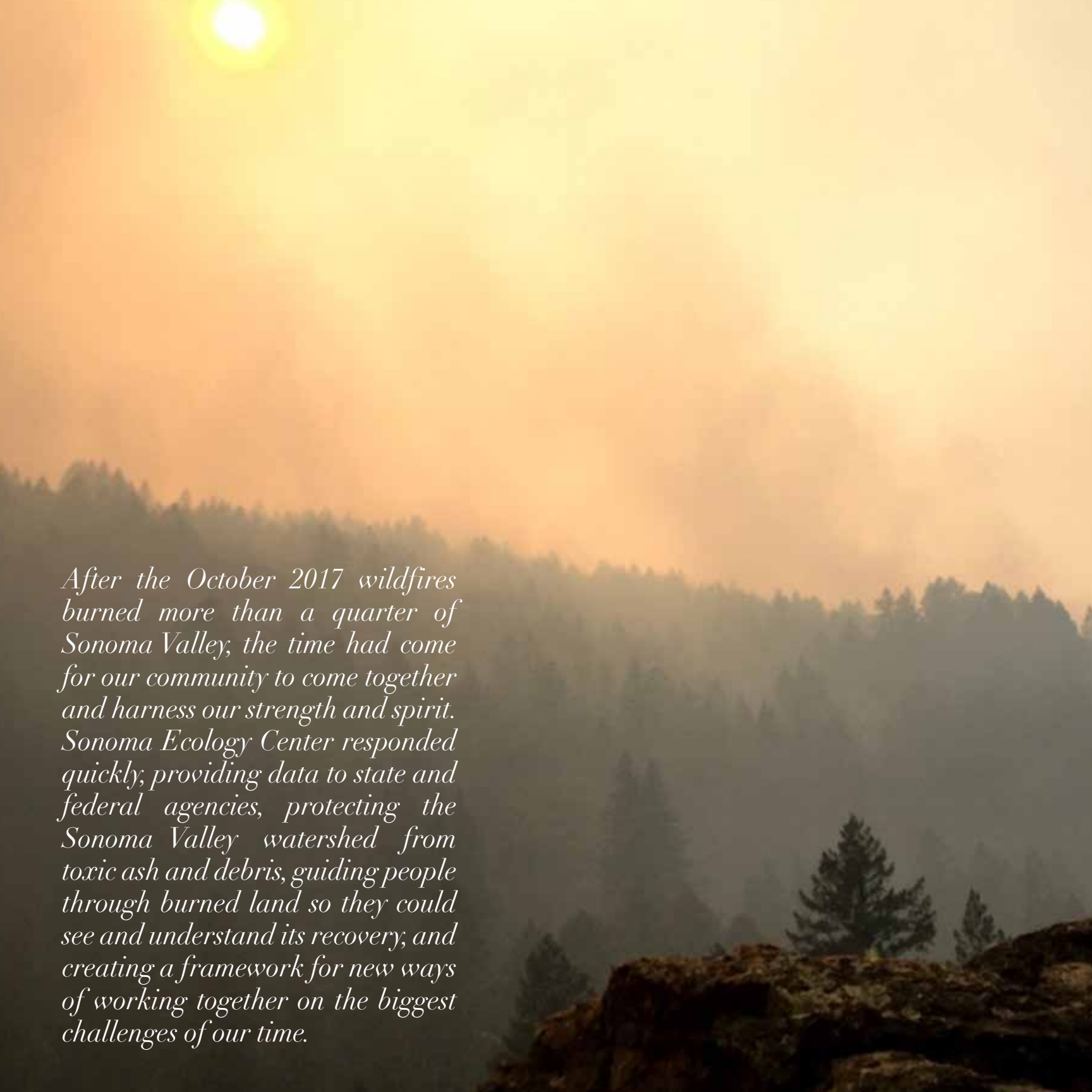


SONOMA
ECOLOGY
CENTER

IMPACT
REPORT
2018

*Sonoma Ecology Center
is continually evolving
for Sonoma Valley—
through fire, through
recovery, toward a
better future.*





After the October 2017 wildfires burned more than a quarter of Sonoma Valley, the time had come for our community to come together and harness our strength and spirit. Sonoma Ecology Center responded quickly, providing data to state and federal agencies, protecting the Sonoma Valley watershed from toxic ash and debris, guiding people through burned land so they could see and understand its recovery, and creating a framework for new ways of working together on the biggest challenges of our time.

From the Executive Director



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— Richard Dale, Executive Director

What a year it’s been! Sonoma Valley has gone through a dramatic cycle—from our normal challenges, through a giant natural disaster and the start of recovery, to a new type of normal. This year, along with our community, we faced some of our biggest fears and challenges, and strived to respond with our greatest strengths.

Sonoma Ecology Center is what it is today because of the distinctive history, ecology and community of Sonoma Valley. As the needs of our Valley change, we change. Our team of scientists, educators, and resource professionals work to make a critical difference, even if it means building something new. It’s gratifying to see how time and time again, others decide that what we are doing is truly important, and join us. In our 28-year history, we have often found ourselves in a leadership role.

Soon after the October 2017 fires, our Emergency Watershed Protection Program marshaled more than 140 volunteers to shore up burned properties and keep hazardous materials out of our streams. This work, and the systems we used to prioritize and mobilize the response, were borrowed by other communities also in need.

We also helped our community to talk about the fires. We held forums with experts to share the best science and information available, with time to listen to each other. Our Fire Recovery Walks brought hundreds of people out onto burned landscapes to see and feel how the land recovers. Many told us they felt a profound sense of relief and healing by seeing the land healing all around them.

These are examples of how Sonoma Ecology Center responds to new and unforeseen challenges. We believe this sort of agility, grounded in the local community, is essential to building a resilient future for Sonoma Valley.

We now know, with keen certainty, just how crucial it is for a community to be strong, alert and connected. And whatever the future may bring, this is how, working together, and being responsive, we’ll solve problems.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Dale'.

Richard Dale
Executive Director



Beautiful. Sustainable. Sonoma.

Sonoma Ecology Center works to address challenges related to open space, rural character, biodiversity, energy, and climate change, and strives for a better quality of life for all residents.

Since 1990, we've worked to increase appreciation and stewardship of Sonoma Valley's natural heritage and create measurable benefits in areas of land, water, climate change, and biodiversity.

Mission

Our mission is to work with our community to identify and lead actions that achieve and sustain ecological health in Sonoma Valley.

Vision

We envision a future where people, land, water, and wildlife thrive.

Values

Biodiversity

We value natural ecosystems and the diverse animals and plants they support.

Sustainability

We seek multi-benefit solutions to the environmental, social, and economic challenges facing our community.

Evidence-Based Action

We monitor our work and the environment to continually improve our programs and inform local and regional decisions.

Education

We have education programs for youth, teens, and adults to support an informed and empowered community.

Stewardship

We engage community members as partners in our work.

Collaborative Problem Solving

We strive to work with all stakeholders—including residents, government, agriculture, students, and businesses—to solve problems and build community.

Be the Change

Act locally to replicate globally. We learn from others and create and share models, techniques, and tools that others can use.

Responsive

We are an alert and agile organization, recognizing and responding to the opportunities and needs of Sonoma Valley.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS...

Our staff, volunteers and community came together to face the challenges that began with the October 2017 fires—evacuating residents from their homes, containing burn sites throughout Sonoma Valley to protect our watershed, reopening Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, educating the public, schoolchildren and local government on fire ecology and recovery; and guiding our community through burned landscapes to see how they, like us, are recovering.

Emergency Watershed Protection Programp. 4

How we engaged volunteers, landowners and public agencies to strategically protect Sonoma Valley streams and public health.



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The mobilization of volunteers and Team Sugarloaf to reopen our local state park after 80% of it burned in the Nuns fire. *See also, Fire Recovery Walks.*



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The impact of our hands-on science program and summer camps and launch of Climate Champions. *See also, Senderos Naturales.*



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The Master Plan Update for the 6.1 acre public park, demonstration garden and educational facility we manage.



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How over 30 interest groups in Sonoma Valley are working on solutions to our biggest problems.

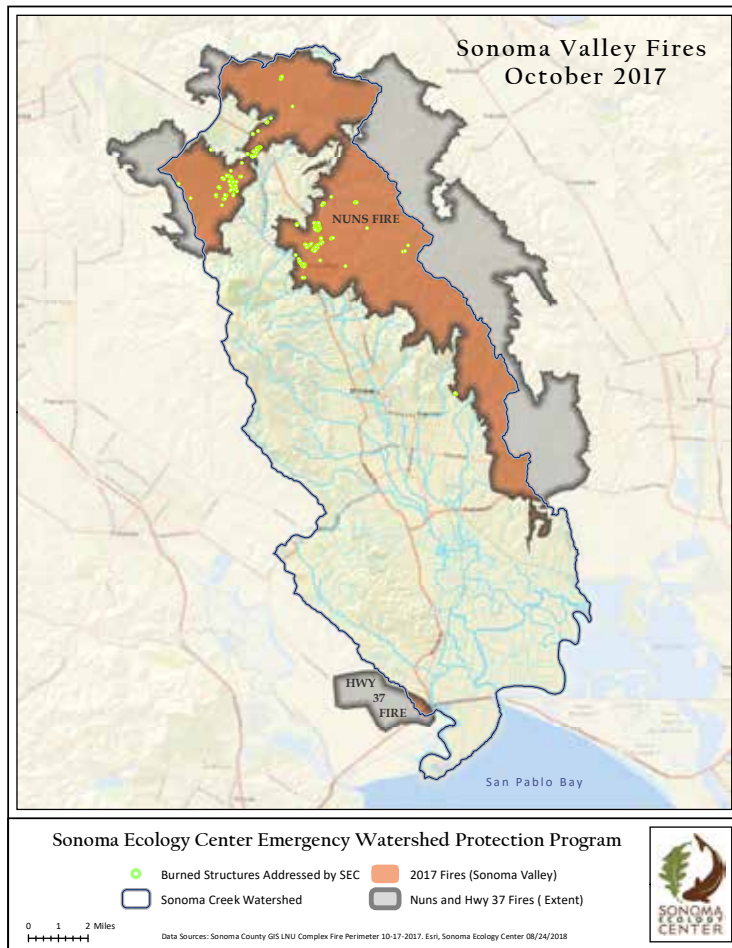


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Our stake in the future of this 135-year-old, 860-acre facility that affects our land, economy and community.



Emergency Watershed Protection Program



Map of the burned structures along Sonoma Creek addressed by the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and areas impacted by the October 2017 Sonoma Valley fires.

“Sonoma Ecology Center was the first group in the area to use a webmap for tracking fire recovery progress and the Sonoma County Recovery Operations Center incorporated the data that I sent them into their own tracking system, using it to track work being done by other groups in Sonoma County.”

— Alex Young, GIS Manager

After wildfire swept through the North Bay, burning more than 28% of Sonoma Valley, Sonoma Ecology Center recognized a new problem: toxic ash and debris from burned structures could wash into nearby waterways, contaminating the Valley’s wildlife and groundwater with asbestos, nitrates, sulfates and other pollutants. And the rainy season was right around the corner.

Sonoma Ecology Center responded quickly, designing and implementing its Emergency Watershed Protection Program to shore up burned structures. GIS Manager Alex Young used data from CalFire to build maps showing priority locations for us to work on—those properties with burned structures within 100, 200, and 300 feet of waterways. From there, Alex explained, “I extracted parcel number and address information and created a list of potential landowners for us to contact to offer our services. We prioritized those properties closest to the creeks for the most immediate response.”

Meanwhile, Nancy Kirwan, herself a volunteer, took charge of contacting landowners and securing permission to work on their burned properties. She organized dozens of volunteers from the Valley and beyond, who reported to sites, picked up shovels and helped us surround burned structures with sandbags and straw wattles, keeping their toxins in place until cleanup crews could arrive.

Supported by knowledge gained by our Research Team and the expertise of our Restoration Team, we will continue to create projects that improve the health of the Sonoma Valley watershed—repopulating streambanks with native plants grown at Sonoma Garden Park, improving fish habitats and migration routes, organizing creek clean-ups, and helping local governments and landowners make environmentally informed decisions.

volunteerism

Nancy Evers Kirwan volunteered over **1,000 hours** coordinating the Emergency Watershed Protection Program



“After the October 2017 fires, Sonoma Ecology Center saw an immediate need to protect the Sonoma Creek watershed and realized that government resources were stretched thin and directed elsewhere. So they created a plan to take on the project themselves with the generosity of volunteers.

“I agreed to coordinate that effort and to reach out to Sonoma Valley landowners to obtain their permission allowing SEC to contain contaminants at the burn sites until they could be cleared. Reaching landowners proved the largest hurdle as we had many willing volunteers. SEC staff provided oversight of mapping, documentation,

work parties, tech support, interface with government and other agencies and materials. I was thrilled to learn that our efforts ensured that, among other things, 80% of the burned structures within 200 feet of a Sonoma Valley watershed were protected.”

— Nancy Evers Kirwan, Volunteer

249
burned structures
contained

80%
of burned structures
within 200 feet of streams
contained

985
wattles

141
properties

1,944
volunteer
hours

1,158
sandbags laid



Sugarloaf Ridge State Park



Since taking over the operation of Sugarloaf Ridge State Park in 2012, Sonoma Ecology Center has led Team Sugarloaf to preserve this beloved park and its wildlife, while making sure it remains open and accessible to all.

On the night of October 8, 2017, the Nuns Fire sparked and grew quickly, fanned by high winds, and threatened the lives of people camping and nearby residents. Park Manager John Roney evacuated all campers and many nearby residents with a few other staff members.

They undoubtedly saved lives that night. For his heroism, John received the Grassroots Champion Award from the California State Parks Foundation and was recognized by Senators Mike McGuire and Bill Dodd with a resolution presented on the floor of the California State Senate.

heroism



The Nuns Fire burned over 80% of Sugarloaf, causing a four-month closure and over \$500,000 in damage to the park's trails, bridges, campgrounds, and structures. Sonoma Ecology Center dedicated overhead funds to park operations during the closure.

Thanks to thousands of volunteer hours spent rebuilding trails, bridges and other damaged infrastructure, less than a year after the fires began, Sugarloaf Ridge State Park is completely open to the public. The last section of closed trail reopened in September 2018.

Because of volunteers and the sourcing of reclaimed materials, less than \$100,000 has been spent on recovery to date. This incredible achievement was made possible by our volunteer community. We remain enormously grateful to them, and to the generous donors who continue to contribute resources.

John Roney led the evacuation of **45 campers** on October 8, 2017

“After reopening, Sugarloaf became a place of healing. Seeing the land heal has been inspiring. The charred hillsides became covered with wildflowers, and new sprouts appeared on the oaks, madrones and other fire-adapted plants of this region. It was important to get people in and help them heal with the land. Getting back to this year’s packed schedule of guided hikes and events has been really special.”

— John Roney, Sugarloaf Ridge State Park Manager

Sugarloaf Ridge State Park Impact & Recovery

3,800 ACRES

closed due to
fire damage

3,800 ACRES

reopened
in 2017-18

2

miles of trails
rebuilt

6

bridges and
punchcons
rebuilt

20

miles of trails
cleared

2017 Stats...

138,000
visitors

7,510
volunteer
hours

20,456
campers

100
guided
hikes

Fire Recovery Walks

A popular series of Fire Recovery Walks—guided hikes through burned regions—served as an important means of demonstrating nature’s healing powers to a concerned public.

Initially, funds from our Sonoma Valley Fires Ecological Relief Fund allowed us to offer these walks free of charge. The walks were then sponsored by a generous local resident, Jim Lamb.

61
Fire Recovery
Walks Led

13
field trips
for 5th and 6th
grade classes

5
locations

1,112
participants

390
students

2
bilingual
walks

Sugarloaf Ridge State Park



Sonoma Developmental Center



Keen Property



K-12 Watershed Education Program

2017-2018 school year

highlight

NEW 6TH GRADE PROGRAM—CLIMATE CHAMPIONS



“The fires readjusted our focus and gave us an opportunity to explore climate impacts through a deeply relevant local context. We’re grateful to be able to use this moment to create positive learning experiences for these students.”

— Holland Gistelli, Educator

Our Education team coordinated with teachers from Adele Harrison Middle School and Kenwood School to pilot the Climate Champions program. This new program consists of in-class lessons and a field trip to Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. It provides students with the opportunity to dive into the science of climate change, its implications for our community, and solutions they can be a part of. Students learn through hands-on investigations, role-playing games, stories, and stewardship.



Senderos Naturales

“A highlight this year was the Latino Family Camp, an outdoor gathering at Sugarloaf attended by over 70 people, most of them first-time visitors to Sugarloaf and many first-time campers.”

— Alana Fichman, Bilingual Educator

Senderos Naturales is a collaboration between Sonoma Ecology Center and the Family Resource Center of El Verano, designed to make Sonoma Valley’s outdoors more accessible to the Latino community. All events are free, family friendly and transportation is provided for everyone.

1,162 students served

in Sonoma Valley

10 K-6 schools

Adele Harrison, Crescent Montessori, Dunbar, El Verano, Flowery, Kenwood, Presentation, Prestwood, Sassarini, St. Francis Solano

4 high schools

Creekside High School, Hanna Boys Center, Sonoma Valley High School, Sonoma Academy

20 EnviroLeaders

completed the EnviroLeader program

6 Summer Science Camps

including backpacking, creek and Harry Potter camps

135 participants

at Summer Science Camps

14 scholarships

for Summer Science Campers

65 more participants **15 bilingual outings**

than in 2016, increasing access for Spanish families by 63%

between August 2017 and July 2018, reaching 260 Spanish-speaking individuals

Sonoma Garden Park

10 YEAR MASTER PLAN UPDATE



Sonoma Garden Park is a public 6.1 acre garden located at 19996 7th Street East, donated to the City of Sonoma in 1977 by Pauline Bond. In 1993, Sonoma Ecology Center developed a demonstration farm and garden, where Sonoma Valley visitors and residents can experience local organic foods and cultivate an awareness of small-scale food production.

The Sonoma Garden Park Master Plan was initially written in 2006 to aid the Sonoma Garden Park's service to the community as a key landmark and educational resource. Since then, Sonoma Garden Park has grown in visitor usage and expanded its educational and gardening programs. This has given rise to a need for upgrades and changes in park facilities. The 2018 Master Plan Update focuses on...

- Visitor and educational facilities
- Access and circulation
- Garden and farm features
- Property management and maintenance

Sonoma Garden Park provides an opportunity to connect with the natural world that sustains us. At the core of all Sonoma Garden Park programs is learning about our reciprocal relationships with the natural world, and with each other.



a glimpse



Sustainable Sonoma

Sustainable Sonoma is a forum where a diverse group of people—representing business, environment, social justice, nonprofits—are taking action on solutions to our community’s biggest challenges.

Reflecting on Sonoma Ecology Center’s 25th year anniversary, we realized that the only way to achieve our mission of ecological health in Sonoma Valley is for the whole community to get behind this vision. We saw the need for a coalition strong enough to create systemic change.

Just weeks after the October 2017 fires, we convened a group of 30 community leaders across the broadest range of interests in Sonoma Valley to form the Sustainable Sonoma Council. This new coalition is committed to working together around issues like emergency response, affordability and equity—challenges no one organization can solve on its own, but affect all of us.



testimonials

“It takes everyone pushing in the same direction for change to happen. This initiative is a foundation for this push.”

— Juan Hernandez, Executive Director, La Luz Center

“As Sustainable Valley recovers from the October fires, we need to think big and incorporate a variety of perspectives to ensure success. Instead of solving one problem while inadvertently creating another, we need to find broad solutions that will benefit everyone. I’m incredibly supportive of Sustainable Sonoma, and grateful to them for bringing diverse stakeholders together through cooperation.”

— Susan Gorin, District 1 Supervisor



October 2017

Sustainable Sonoma Council forms

Over 30 interest groups have now met 6 times in preparation for unprecedented collaboration

April-September 2018

Listening sessions series

Sonoma Valley residents have given over 1,000 statements on the future they want for Sonoma Valley

October 2018

Sustainable Sonoma Council begins to prioritize shared goals & values

The Sustainable Sonoma Council finds its “highest common denominators,” the most ambitious challenges that they agree will bring benefits across the whole community.

“I believe in the work that Sustainable Sonoma is working towards as not only our community but many communities around the country strive to strike a balance. If we work together we can find the ways to move forward in our city.”

— Gary Saperstein, Out in the Vineyard CEO and Co-Founder

“We are excited to participate in Sustainable Sonoma and supportive of the vision to tackle some of our larger social and environmental challenges through collaboration.”

—Melanie Parker, Deputy Director, Sonoma County Regional Parks

Sonoma Developmental Center

It is no small thing to close a 135-year-old, 860-acre facility. The closure of Sonoma Developmental Center is a complex, multi-layered process with many stakeholders.

Sonoma Ecology Center has taken a keen interest in this process. The majority of this land is critical Sonoma Valley open space, with vital habitat, water, and wildlife resources, which it is our mission to protect and preserve. It is also a place where health, social justice, economic, and environmental issues intersect. It has also been the location of our head offices for the past two decades.

For these reasons, Sonoma Ecology Center has been closely involved in discussions about SDC's future, ensuring engagement across sectors and pushing for a large area of contiguous open space from Sonoma Mountain to Lake Suttonfield and Highway 12—land that can and should enhance the Sonoma Valley Wildlife Corridor—to remain fully protected.

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Our Executive Director Richard Dale has been on the leadership committee of the SDC Coalition, headed by Sonoma County Supervisor Susan Gorin, since its formation. A compelling current topic for the Coalition is the design of a governance structure for the property—one that could take the community's wishes for the property to fruition through the next California administration.

SDC's final fate is not yet decided. Rest assured we will continue advocating for wise uses of its developed land and conservation of its undeveloped land. If we do this well, the community will eventually see a revitalized central area serving important community needs, and the diverse array of plants and animals that rely on this land will continue to grow and thrive.



LOOKING FORWARD 2019

“Resilience” is rightfully a popular word right now. We all feel the need to assure ourselves that we can recover from crises like last October’s fires and its many impacts. But to merely return to a pre-crisis state isn’t a worthy goal, if the pre-crisis condition was already problematic. A worthy goal is an affirmative goal: thriving people, part of a thriving culture, living in a thriving environment. This is the affirmative future we work toward at Sonoma Ecology Center, always finding new and relevant ways to connect people to each other and to this beautiful Valley.

In 2019, we plan to see Sustainable Sonoma bear fruit in unprecedented partnerships across community interest groups, see new agreements struck about the future of SDC, and to help a new crop of hundreds of children and teens learn how to love their Sonoma Valley. And so much more.

Please join us in reaching beyond resilience.

BEYOND RESILIENCE PRESERVATION

RESEARCH
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EDUCATION

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2017: 14,000+

2016: 10,000+

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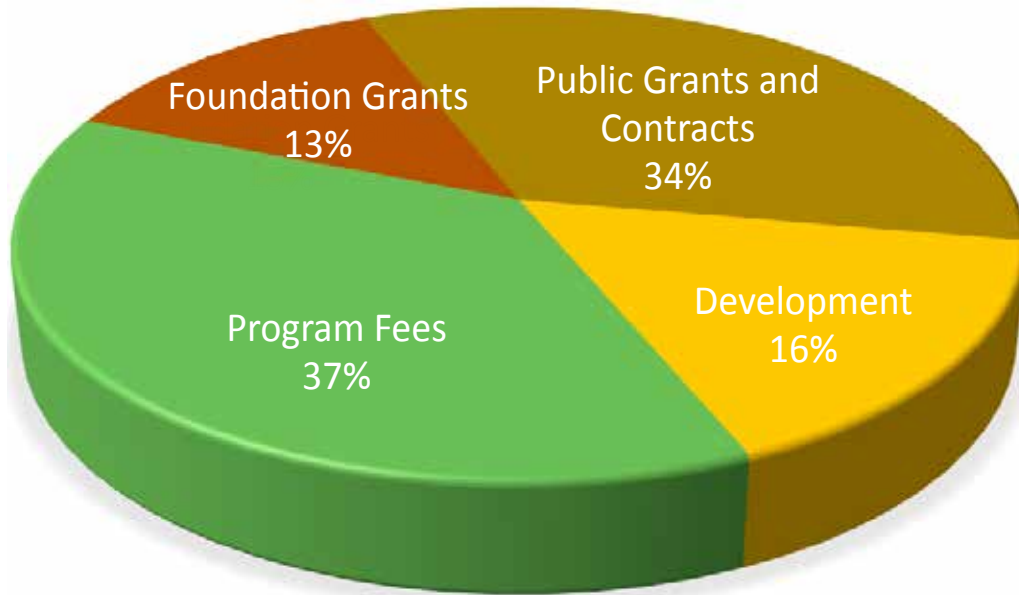
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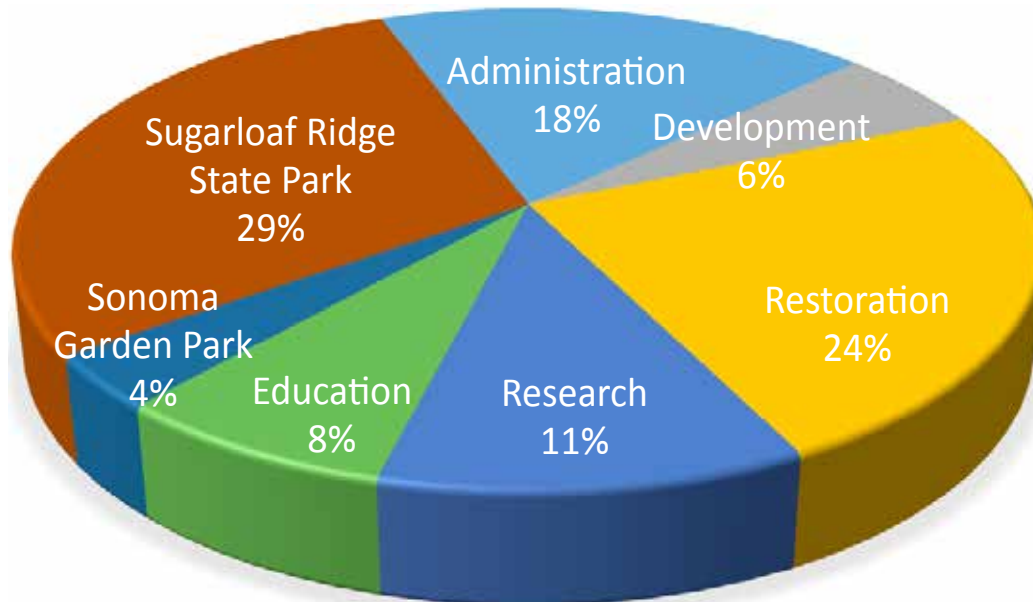
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2017 REVENUE AND EXPENSES

2017 Budget Revenue by Source



2017 Budget Expenses by Program



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— David Morell, PhD, President

