

Past Projects

Creek Clean-Ups and Restoration:

- * Every Spring and Fall, we organized volunteers to haul trash and junk out of our creeks and off of our roadsides.
- * We made *Grapplers* available to members who wished to clean year-round.
- * We completed several tree plantings throughout the watershed to improve soil and water retention.

Creek Area Encampments: We worked with the Centro Laboral de Graton to provide environmental education to migrant workers with the goal of moving the creekside encampments to less sensitive upland areas.

Surface and Groundwater Monitoring: We supported a variety of efforts at monitoring our surface and ground water to protect the region's aquifer.

Education and Outreach:

- * We offered a semester-long storm water education program in fourth grade classrooms at Oak Grove School in Graton each year.
- * We provided watershed maps and associated educational materials to every school in our watershed.
- * We co-created the QUEST adventure in Ragle Ranch Regional Park.
- * We organized community workshops regarding watershed health and regulations, and we distributed information at community events.

Protection: We worked with landowners, local government, and conservation groups to protect sensitive areas from development.

Let's plant more native trees in our watershed to provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, to shade our creeks and homes, and to keep our soil from running off to the sea.

Atascadero / Green Valley Watershed Council

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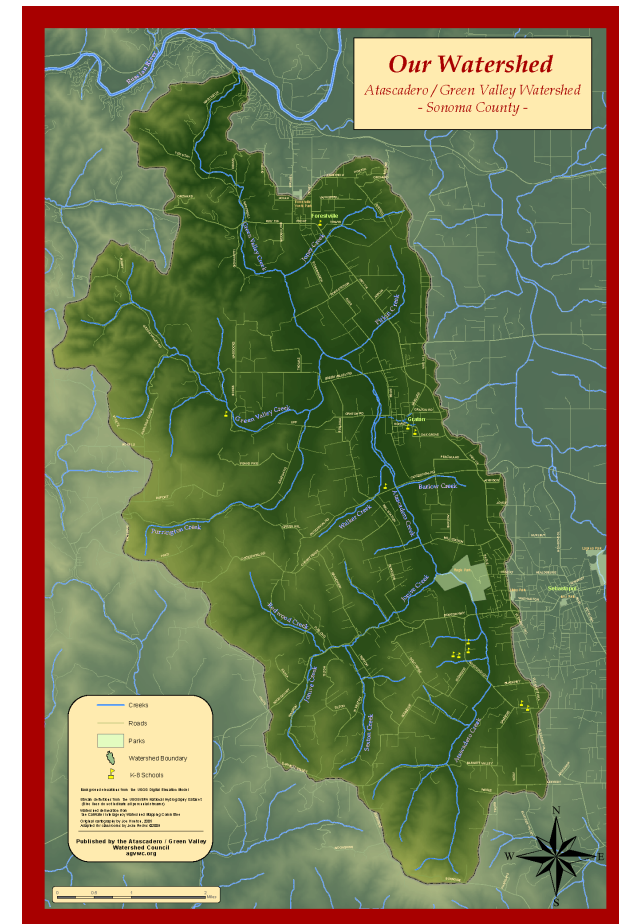
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Watershed Council



What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land in which all the water drains into a common body of water like a stream, creek, reservoir or bay. Small watersheds are nested in larger watersheds.

The watershed includes all of the earth and water there, all of the plants that grow there, and all of the animals (human and non-human) who eat, sleep, live or work there.

We are all part of a watershed, and everything we do affects the health of the water, soil and living beings who coexist in this system.

*Water is the source of life.
Let us use it thoughtfully
and restore it back to the soil
where it becomes pure once
more.*

*When we think like a
watershed, we work
together for healthy water
and soil for all life and for
our children's children.*



Coho Salmon

Where is our Watershed?

The Atascadero Creek and Green Valley Creek watershed extends from the Russian River through Forestville, Graton, West Sebastopol including Ragle Park, and up as far as southern Burnside Road.

How Can I Get Involved?

Our watershed can be helped in countless ways, both large and small. As the council reawakens, we're looking for people who can meet monthly and plan for the future together. Down the road, we will have more ways to plug in. Please contact us if you would like to get involved or wish to be added to our mailing list.

Atascadero/Green Valley Watershed Council

Formed in September of 2000, the Atascadero/Green Valley Watershed Council builds upon the long-standing commitment to watershed protection by numerous groups and individuals all over the watershed. We have bylaws, a board of directors, a mission, a website, and many successful past projects behind us.

The council is reviving after years of dormancy. We are reaching out to local residents and others who care about the watershed as we come together to reestablish this valuable organization and plan for new education, protection and restoration projects.

Our mission is to bring together the people who live, own property, or work in the watershed, or care about it, to help each other in taking responsibility for our impact on the watershed, through protection, restoration, and education.