



## Peninsula Open Space Trust

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### **OUR MISSION**

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) gives permanent protection to the beauty, character and diversity of the San Francisco Peninsula and Santa Cruz Mountain range. POST encourages the use of these lands for natural resource protection, wildlife habitat, public recreation and agriculture for people here now and for future generations.

POST acts to protect the threatened and spectacular landscapes of San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. We are dedicated to two basic principles: that open lands are necessary for a high quality of life and that we must care for the land today so that future generations may enjoy its physical and spiritual benefits tomorrow.

### **ABOUT POST**

Since our founding in 1977, POST has helped give permanent protection to 63,000 acres of land—an area one and a half times the size of San Francisco and 12 times the size of Yosemite Valley.

POST has succeeded in preserving key natural lands along Skyline Ridge, San Francisco Bay and the San Mateo Coast. POST is working now with local conservation organizations to extend the corridor of protected land into Santa Cruz and southern Santa Clara counties.

### **HOW WE WORK**

The high cost of land in our region—one of the nation's most expensive and desirable real estate markets—means an organization like POST needs diverse and

creative methods of funding. Using funds from private donors and foundations, we move quickly to purchase critical open space from willing sellers as opportunities arise. Private dollars also enable us to leverage matching funds from local, state and federal agencies to secure our region's natural legacy.

Our 12-member Board of Directors provides policy oversight, financial support and guidance on legal, land-use, agricultural and community matters. A staff of 30 people handles POST's day-to-day operations. We also enlist the assistance of a 35-member Advisory Council, a number of pro bono attorneys and teams of volunteers who monitor properties and conservation easements on a regular basis.

To ensure permanent protection and, in many cases, public access to the land we acquire, POST works closely with county, state and federal park systems, including the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD), California State Parks and the National Park Service (NPS), which in our area manages the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, one of the world's largest urban national parks.