Who are Friends of San Leandro Creek?

Friends of San Leandro Creek (FSLC) is a group of citizens, students, and businesses dedicated to improving community understanding and awareness of San Leandro Creek and its watershed.

What is the mission of Friends of San Leandro Creek?

The mission of FSLC is to restore and enhance San Leandro Creek, to increase its potential as a visual and recreational amenity, to preserve its cultural and natural history, to make San Leandro Creek an economically attractive resource, and to promote a healthy environment for its native flora and fauna.

What makes our Creek Unique?

San Leandro Creek is unique among East Bay creeks in that it is entirely above ground. It begins in Contra Costa County, passes through San Leandro Reservoir and Lake Chabot, and eventually flows out into the San Francisco Bay. The entire watershed is 48 square miles in area. The San Leandro Creek Watershed encompasses wildlife habitat, grazing lands, recreation areas and public, commercial, industrial and residential properties. The creek is an invaluable resource for many people and animals, for many reasons.

Why do we need to be concerned about the creek?

San Leandro Creek not only is an important part of San Leandro's history but also is a critical component of our watershed system and, therefore, represents an essential and irreplaceable natural resource. Here in California we have already threatened or destroyed 95% of our creeks by channelization, culverting or alterations. San Leandro Creek is one of the last remaining open creeks in the East Bay.

Whether our creek flows year-round or seasonally, it provides a water supply and groundwater recharge, a wildlife habitat, a conduit for flood waters, and a host of aesthetic values. Our creek is a part of the lives of all the people and animals who live within its watershed.

A watershed is the land area which drains into the creek, including storm drain systems that carry rainwater and runoff from streets and property to the creek.

San Leandro's watershed is a drainage basin in which all water drains into San Leandro Creek and San Francisco Bay. Pesticides, motor oil, yard cuttings and other materials that are dumped into the creek or washed off streets and yards into storm drains go directly to San Leandro Creek and into the Bay. Keeping the watershed clean will help San Leandro Creek to remain cleaner, and, if San Leandro Creek is cleaner, fewer pollutants will reach the Bay and ocean!

Membership / Renewal Application

Yes, I want to become/remain a Member of Friends of San Leandro Creek!

(Please circle one)

Student $1   Individual $5

Family $15   Non-Profit $25

Business $100

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable and remit to:
Friends of San Leandro Creek
C/O Public Works
14200 Chapman Rd.
San Leandro, CA 94578

OR
Go to our website and join there!

www.FSLC.org

What are you interested in?

(Please circle all applicable)

Creek Cleanups

Creek Restorations

Creek/Watershed Walks

Guest Speakers

Fund Raising

FSLC Board

Future Nature Education Center

What else can FSLC do for the Environment/Creek/Watershed/Community?

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I have a special interest or skills in:

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I want to help FSLC with...

_____

A healthy creek can help make the most of your property. If everyone does his/her part to preserve and improve the creek we share, the whole community will benefit!

How can you help?

We need your skills, ideas, energy and support to help restore our creek. By joining FSLC you will have an opportunity to make a noticeable impact on our community and environment, as well as providing input into decisions made that affect our community.

If you would like more information regarding the Friends of San Leandro Creek or its activities please call Susan Levenson, Watershed Awareness Coordinator at (510) 577-6069, or visit our website at www.fslc.org.

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