

A Sonoma County Coalition Is Committing Its Resources to Preserving Sonoma Developmental Center

Sonoma County and its community partners stand ready to protect the valuable services and natural resources present at the Sonoma Developmental Center. These partners have pledged staff support and future financial support to ensure the Coalition's vision of preserving critical health services, protecting the environmental resources, and opening the land to the public is achieved.

Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

The District has long been interested in permanently protecting the Sonoma Developmental Center property for open space, natural and scenic resources, and recreational purposes. In the long-term, the District has the interest, capability and capacity to hold and monitor a perpetual conservation easement over the property, particularly the undeveloped portion, and provide financial support for planning and acquisition.



Sonoma Ecology Center

The Sonoma Ecology Center (SEC) has a longstanding, positive partnership with the Sonoma Developmental Center, and has identified the property has having a significant environmental benefit to the region. SEC has raised funds to repair extensive erosion problems associated with Sonoma Developmental Center's water supply infrastructure affecting salmonid streams, and assisted in making maps for SDC emergency response. SEC is able to contribute to the Sonoma Developmental Center Coalition's comprehensive planning efforts through data mapping and analysis, with particular attention to the many varied species that live and depend on the Sonoma Developmental Center's land.



Sonoma County Regional Parks

Regional Parks is an enthusiastic supporter of providing safe public access, coordinating regional recreation connections, and providing natural resource stewardship to the undeveloped portions of the Sonoma Developmental Center property, and has the long-term interest, capability and capacity to own and manage the undeveloped portions of the property for public access and resource stewardship.



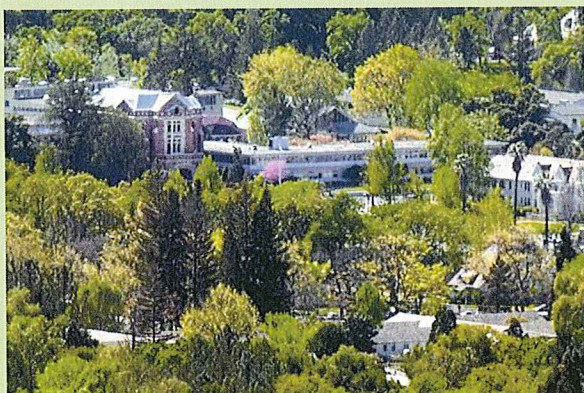


Sonoma Land Trust

The Sonoma Land Trust brings expertise in acquisitions and land protection and has been active in the Sonoma Valley since its inception. Over the last 10 years, SLT has brought over \$80M in public and private funds to Sonoma County for land conservation. SLT is able to make tangible contributions to a collaborative effort with the state and others to preserve the Sonoma Developmental Center by funding staff time to develop site assessments and other necessary background information to inform the process, secure grant funding, and support real estate negotiation or acquisition needs.

Sonoma County Water Agency

The Sonoma County Water Agency sees significant opportunities for environmental protection and water conservation through the preservation of the Sonoma Developmental Center. These opportunities include technical support to enhance wastewater treatment, installation of water efficiency fixtures, and evaluating water supply needs and capacity.



Sonoma County Health Services Department

The Department of Health Services, the County's local health jurisdiction and health care provider, supports the Sonoma Developmental Center in its role of assuring access to a prevention-focused, integrated health home that strengthens the local collaborative health system. The Department of Health Services has facilitated community education and outreach on pressing health topics, and has secured funding that supports expansion of access, increased quality, and decreased system costs. The Department is committed to providing staff support to help the community preserve health resources, such as the Sonoma Developmental Center.