

Special Stewards Program — Stagecoach Preserve



Stagecoach preserve is located in Auburn, CA at the intersection of Foresthill Avenue and Canyon Drive, near the Stagecoach Trailhead. This preserve is a 9.4 acre preserve held in fee title by Placer Land Trust since 1999. One portion of this Property, near Canyon Creek, has been the focus of a restoration project that began in 2002. The original vision for Stagecoach Preserve and the Canyon Creek restoration project came from Susan Cooley-Gilliom, an Auburn artist and environmental planner who contributed to the project and provided the plans for restoring native vegetation. Following this vision Placer Land Trust has been working to remove invasive species and plant native vegetation. The portion of the preserve surrounding Canyon Creek is open to public access and Placer Land Trust has plans to add a bench overlooking the creek.

Program Description:

We are looking for 1-3 volunteers to become stewards of this preserve. Ideally volunteers would regularly work at this preserve (1-2x/month) on their own schedule and hopefully develop a connection to the preserve. Placer Land Trust will provide training for volunteers and the equipment needed to complete projects. Types of work could potentially include:

- ◆ **Invasive species removal:** Remove invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, Queen Anne's lace, Spanish broom, and others by hand pulling or using hand tools.
- ◆ **Monitor Native Plantings:** Native shrubs were planted on the property as part of the restoration project. The special steward(s) should monitor the health of these planting and seek solutions (such as watering) if they are not doing well.
- ◆ **Plant Native Species:** If funding is available it is possible that the special steward(s) would have the chance to plant native species or conduct a reseeding project. Even if there is no funding available the special steward(s) could work with PLT staff to organize a native seed collection and planting project.
- ◆ **Tree Trimming:** One side of the property is located at the intersection of Canyon Drive and Foresthill Avenue. The special steward(s) would be responsible for removing limbs from willows and alders at this intersection to keep the line of site clear for walkers, bikers, and drivers.
- ◆ **Trash Removal and General Maintenance:** Remove trash and woody debris from the property as needed to keep it in good condition. Maintain walking path to future bench site and remove weeds encroaching on the path.
- ◆ **Weed Eating:** If the special steward(s) is willing, this property needs weed eating a few times of year to keep invasive grasses short enough so that they do not interfere with public use.
- ◆ **General Monitoring and Special Projects:** One goal of the special steward programs is to have volunteers get to know a property well enough to suggest work that needs to be done. Special steward(s) should communicate with Placer Land Trust staff about any problems they notice at the preserve or any suggestions they have about work they feel should be done at the preserve. Special stewards can also work with Placer Land Trust staff to organize work days for other volunteers if there is a large project that needs to be completed.





Contact Placer Land Trust if you are interested in becoming a special steward of Stagecoach Preserve or if you would like more information about this program or any other volunteer opportunities.



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