Agenda Item 8 - Agreement with County of Sonoma
Riparian Enhancements in Helen Putnam Regional Park
November 15, 2023
McInnis Parkway to Smith Ranch Road
Non-Motorized Pathway

San Rafael

New Pathway

SMART Marin Civic Center Station

Existing pathway

San Rafael and Marin Civic Center

McInnis Park
Environmental Permitting Background

- Construction on the McInnis non-motorized pathway began on September 1, 2023
- For mitigation of the pathway construction, SMART is required to enhance 1.37 acres and 1,580 linear feet of riparian habitat.
- Helen Putnam Park, in Petaluma, was identified as a location that fitted SMART’s needs and is in the same watershed as the McInnis non-Motorized pathway.
- Helen Putnam Park is owned by County of Sonoma.
Helen Putnam Park

Two Locations:

Windsor Drive Drainage:
Incised channel with minimal riparian coverage that supports ephemeral flow and drains to a culvert underneath Windsor Drive.

Upper Pond Drainage:
Freshwater stream that supports intermittent flow and drains into Cattail Pond which is publicly accessible fishing pond.
Scope of Work

- Grading
- Erosion Repair
- Invasive Removal
- Planting
- 10-years of Monitoring

116 Trees    515 Shrubs    2,232 Herbaceous Plants    Native Grass Seed
Agreement with Sonoma County

• SMART is responsible for:
  • Completing design plans and construction documents
  • Constructing riparian improvements

• Sonoma County is responsible for:
  • Conducting maintenance and monitoring
  • Completing yearly reports

• Cost for maintenance and Monitoring: $320,988 over 10 years
Questions