



Authorizing Submittal of a Grant Application for the Southeast Greenway Project

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Background

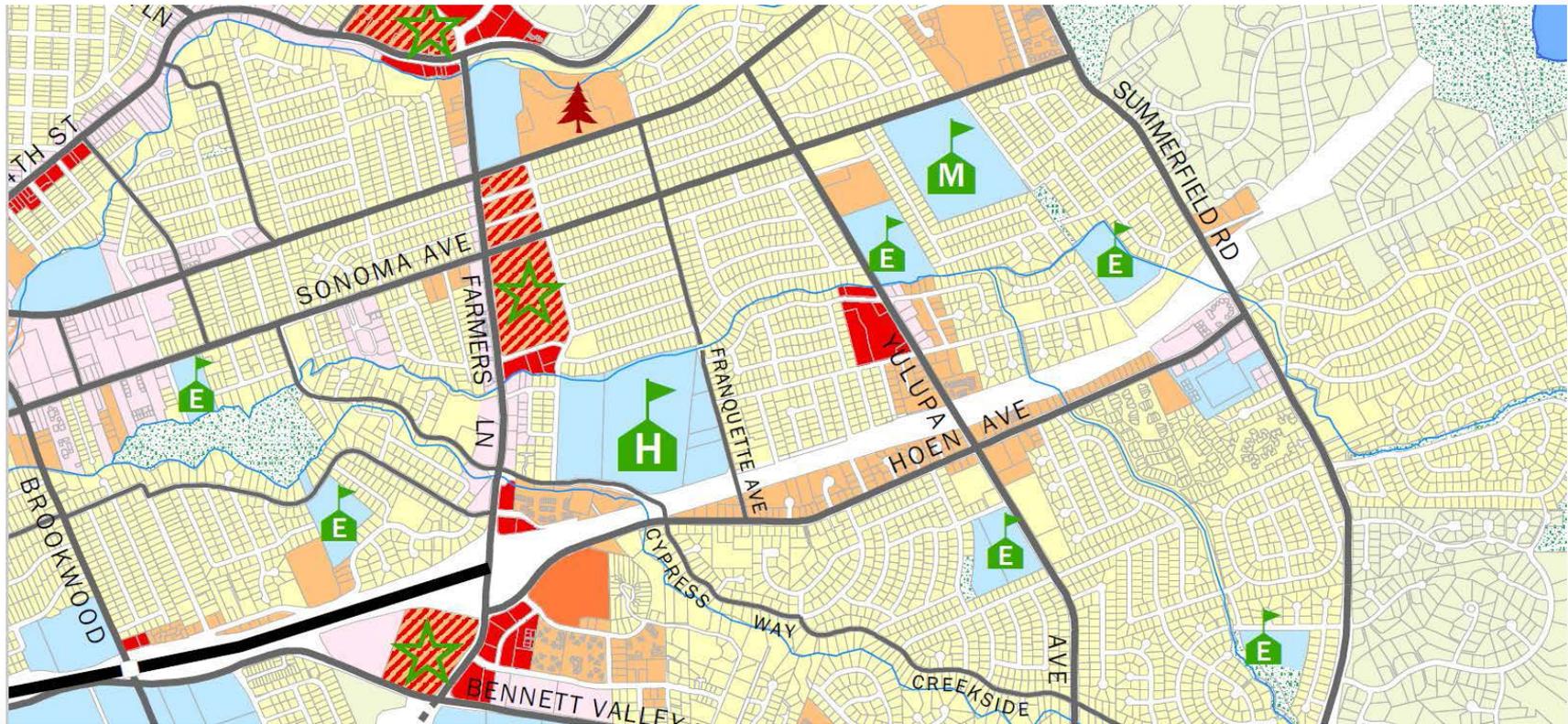
- Community-effort to acquire and transform 2.2 miles of vacant right-of-way owned by Caltrans
- Greenway will connect Spring Lake, Howarth and Annadel State Park to nearby communities, downtown, Prince Memorial Greenway, West County and Sonoma Valley



Background

- July 7, 2015 –Reso. No. 28666 approving a MOU documenting how partners will work together toward development of an agreement that will transfer land to public ownership
- October 6, 2015 – Reso. No. 28696 initiating a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning of the site

General Plan Map



Grant Application

- Application for \$1,000,000 from Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District – Matching Grant Program
- Partnership has secured required match amount in commitments and funding
- Sonoma Land Trust will lead fundraising to provide funding needed to purchase the property

Benefits

- Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity
- Needed open space for diverse urban areas
- Restored creeks, wetlands, and habitats
- Non-motorized corridor
- Safe routes to school, work, shopping, play
- Community gardens, playgrounds, outdoor education
- Opportunity for other compatible land uses
 - higher density housing and retail

Recommendation

- It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that the Council, by resolution, authorize the submittal of an application to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for the 2016 matching grant program - Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway.