

LOCATION: Directly north of Taylor Mountain Regional Park within the City of Santa Rosa.

## **CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY:**

Sonoma County Regional Parks and Sonoma Land Trust are working to acquire a 54-acre parcel in southeast Santa Rosa. This project offers a unique opportunity to expand neighborhood access to Taylor Mountain Regional Park, enable future connections between the park and planned urban trails, and protect riparian habitat on a scenic hillside property.



## **ESTIMATED PROJECT COST & FUNDING:**

Initial appraisal information indicates a value of between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000. A combination of public grant funds and private philanthropy is being sought.

## **TIMING AND READINESS:**

The landowner needs to complete a sale as soon as possible. Time is of the essence to secure this parcel as open space.

## **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- <u>Natural Resource Protection</u>: The property contains a 1/2-mile stretch of Cooper Creek, a seasonal tributary of Matanzas Creek, as well as open grassland, oak woodland, and riparian forest.
- Expanding Park Access: This project would provide another access point to the very popular Taylor Mountain Regional Park, which is used by a diverse cross-section of the public. Trails built on this parcel would link into 8 miles of new trails that are planned for the north part of the park.
- Connectivity: Adjacent to Taylor Mountain Regional Park to the south and the City's Farmer's Lane rightof-way to the north. A future Farmer's Lane extension and associated bikeway would connect this property to the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway.
- <u>Scenic Hillside Protection</u>: The ridge that runs across this property is a prominent scenic feature for neighboring communities.



