



Renewing Our Investment in Nature

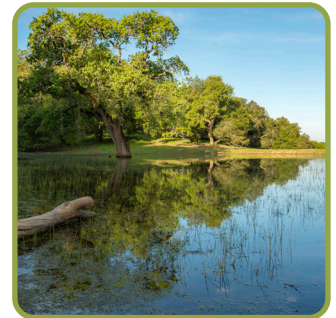
Protecting Our Quality of Life

Since local citizens worked with State Legislators to create it in 1993, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority has protected over 26,000 acres of open space preserves, natural resources, watersheds, and wildlife habitat. We're proud that so many residents, businesses, and community leaders point to our work as a vital element of our region's quality of life. Now more than ever, people recognize that we need nearby parks, open space, and connections with nature for our essential health and well-being.

Investing in Nature: Five-year Report

The Authority has been able to make significant investments in the health of nature and the health of our communities. Over the past five years Measure Q has helped us accomplish:

- Increased the number of acres of Authority-protected open space to over 26,000, including the permanent protection of 937 acres in North Coyote Valley, an essential landscape for water resources, working lands, wildlife, and connecting with nature.
- Providing and maintaining over 20 miles of walking, hiking, and biking trails open 365 days a year with visitation increasing to over 300,000 residents annually and more than 600,000 during the COVID-19 shutdown.
- Invested close to \$3 million in 30 different community-based projects to connect people and nature.
- Connected over 21,000 people to nature in the urban areas through 835 different environmental education programs and events.



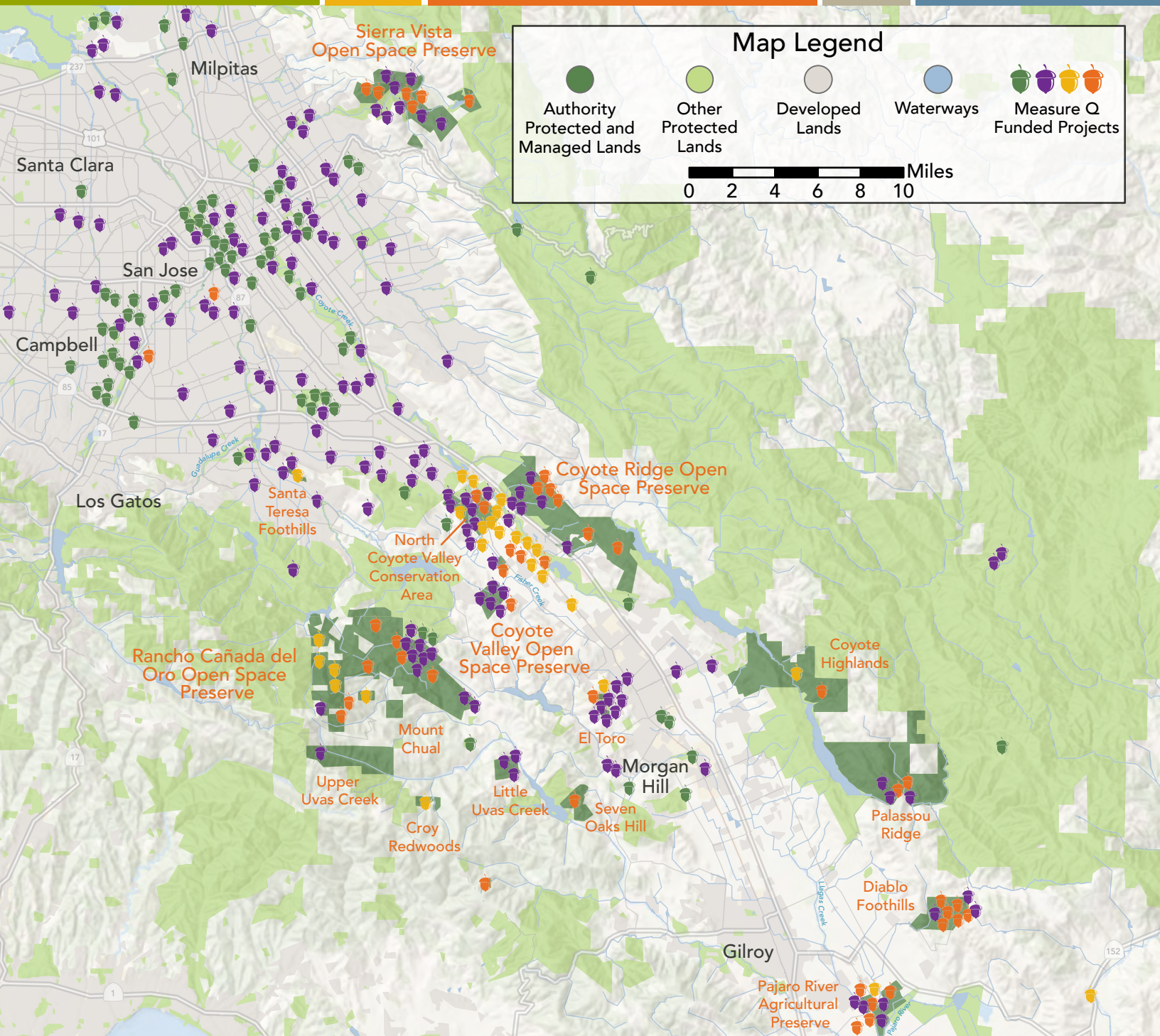
Funding Measure Renewal

The Authority is placing on the November 2020 ballot, a renewal of the 2014 Measure Q \$24 annual parcel tax with no increase, until ended by voters. Consistency of funding is necessary to continue to make the commitment to keep open space preserves open for public benefit. In addition, there is currently a heightened awareness of the health benefits that nature brings, making our mission to maintain and even expand public access over time more important than ever.

Next Steps

You can learn more about the Authority's work to invest in nature in our Five-year Impact Report to the Community: <https://arcg.is/1bqOv5>. To share your thoughts, contact General Manager Andrea Mackenzie at info@openspaceauthority.org or (408) 224-7476.

For more information about the measure, read the FAQ at
www.openspaceauthority.org/2020renewal



Measure Q Funded Projects



Nature in Your Neighborhood

The Authority helps connect people to the outdoors by funding nearby parks, trails, urban community gardens, and environmental education programs.



Connecting Communities to Nature

Starting with a better understanding of the Authority's communities, the agency is regularly finding new ways to increase public access to open space while providing a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors.



Protecting Nature

The Authority has made strategic investments to preserve the many benefits of the valley's open space while providing recreational and educational opportunities.



Healing Nature

The Authority is committed to stewardship – caring for and restoring the land, including natural beauty, habitat values, resilience to climate change, and reduced flood risk.

To learn more about these Measure Q funded projects, visit the Impact Report at <https://arcg.is/1bqOv5>.