



District Introduction and Update

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Russian Ridge, Judith Zimmermann

PRESERVE



PROTECT



RESTORE



EDUCATE



ENJOY

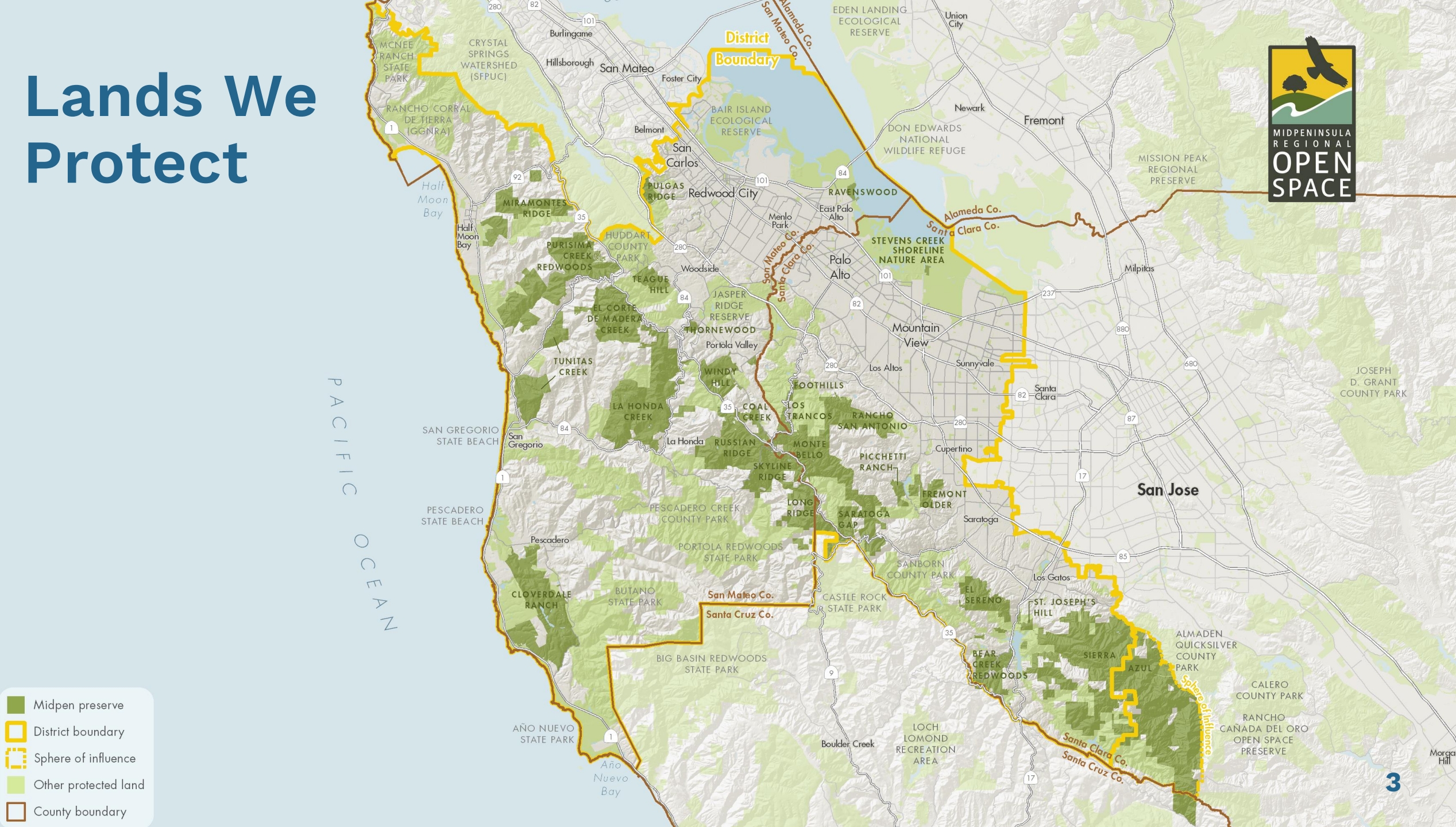


Midpen's mission: to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

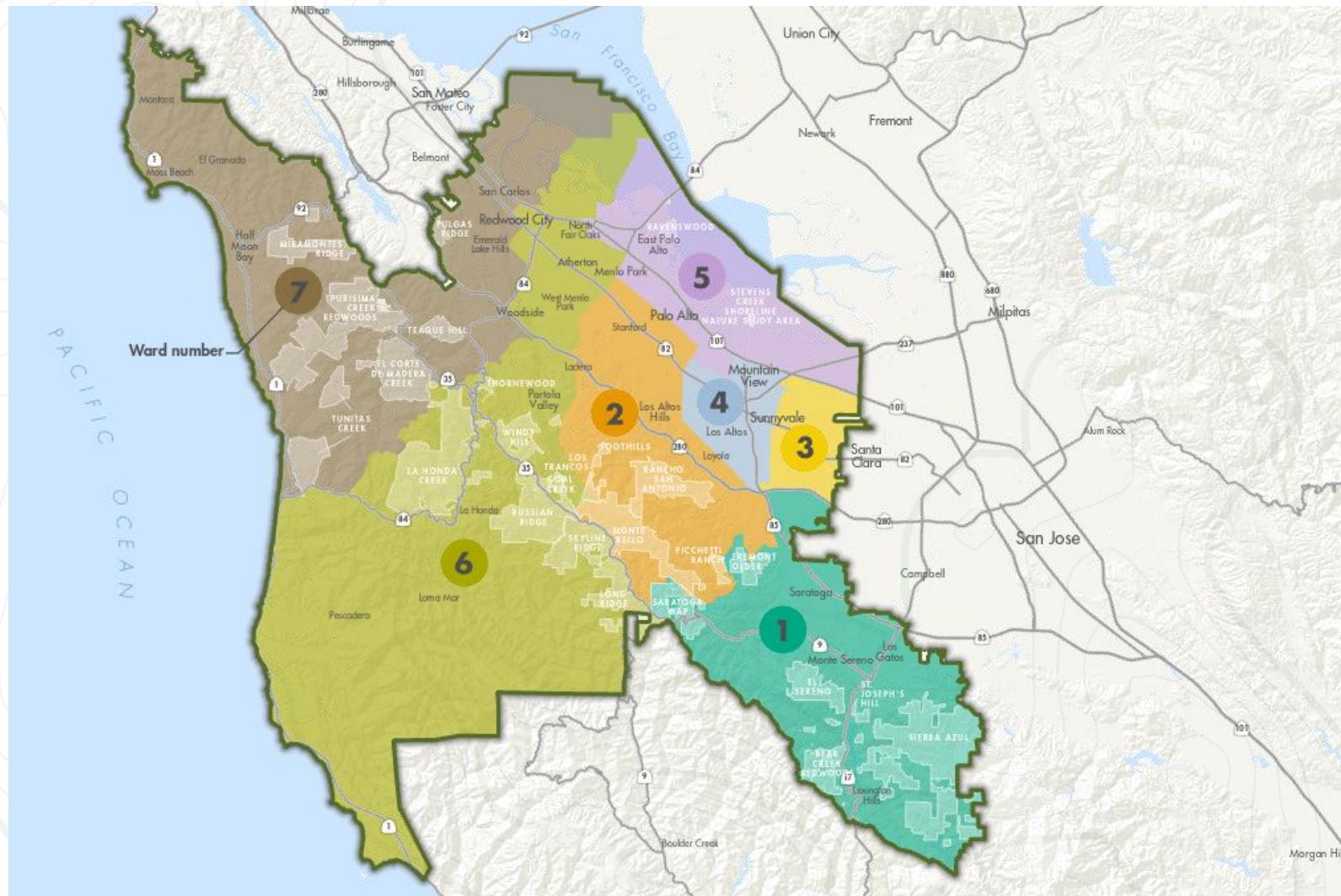
On the Coast, Midpen has an expanded mission to acquire and preserve agricultural land of regional significance, preserve rural character and encourage viable agricultural uses of land resources.



Lands We Protect



Midpen's Board of Director Wards





Protected by Midpen to date:

- 7,400 acres of redwood forests
- 6,900 acres of grasslands
- 40 acres of serpentine grasslands
- 288 special status species (87 wildlife, 201 plants)
- 23 threatened or endangered species
- 77 miles of perennial creeks; 1,400 ac. riparian veg
- 103 water bodies

..... AND GROWING!!



Nearby Preserves



Photo: Erica Namba



Ravenswood Open Space Preserve



Photo: Madhur Kulkarni

El Corte de Madera Open Space Preserve

A photograph of a hiker walking away on a dirt path through a dense forest. The path is covered in fallen leaves and leads into a thick stand of tall, slender trees. The hiker is wearing a light-colored jacket, dark pants, and a backpack. The forest floor is covered in a layer of brown leaves and some green undergrowth. The trees are mostly deciduous with green foliage, and some have thick, textured bark. The lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded forest environment.

Photo: Karl Gohl

La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve



Photo: Randy Weber

Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve



Photo: Karl Gohl

Windy Hill Open Space Preserve



Photo: Vaibhav Tripathi

Program & Project Updates

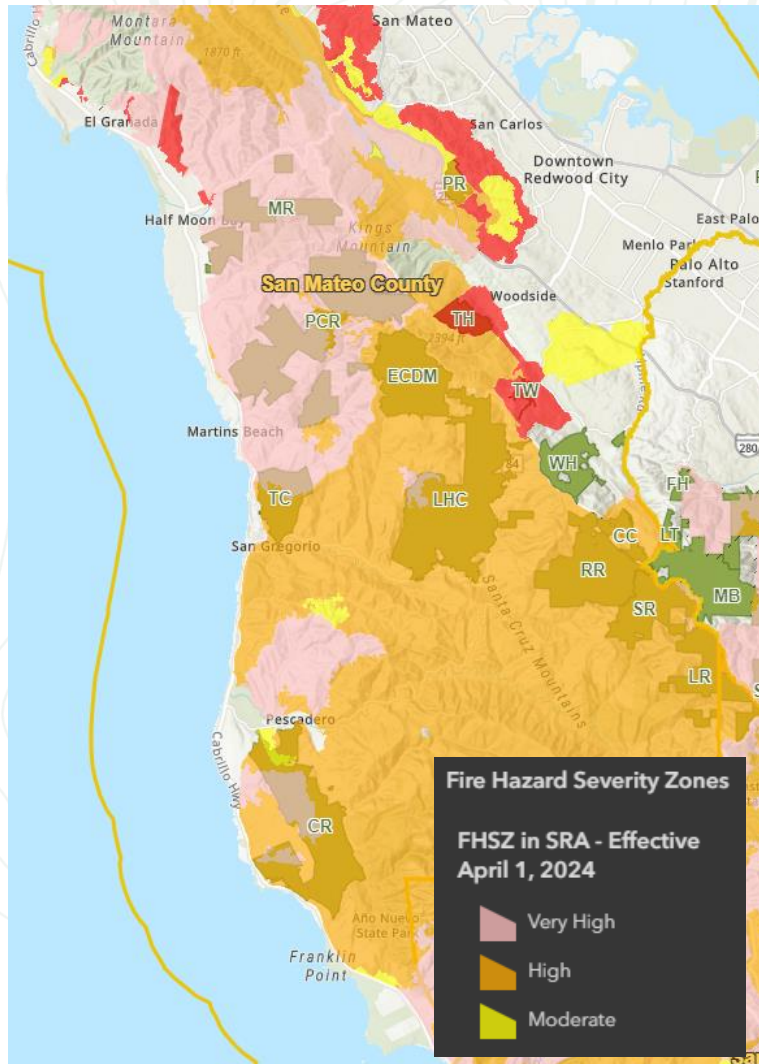
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New EPA Neighborhood Access to Ravenswood Preserve & Bay Trail



Photos: Mike Kahn

Wildland Fire Resiliency Program: San Mateo County



For more information, please visit www.openspace.org/fire

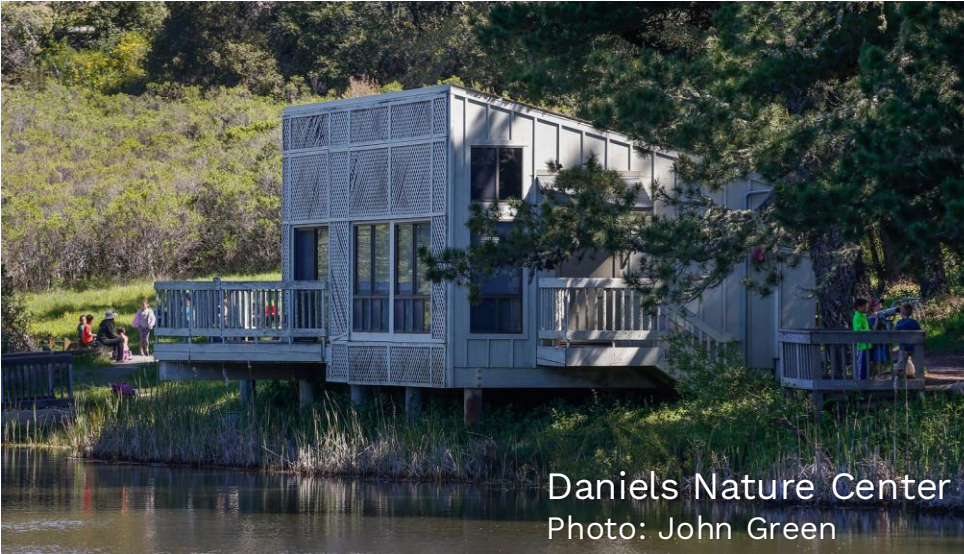
Enhancing ADA Accessibility within Preserves



Conservation Career Fair 2026



Interpretation & Education Programs



Docent Naturalist Program



- ~100 Docent Naturalists (DNs), who lead guided activities on preserves
- Activity topics are diverse, creative, intentionally thematic, and place-based



Photo: Dave Kocsis

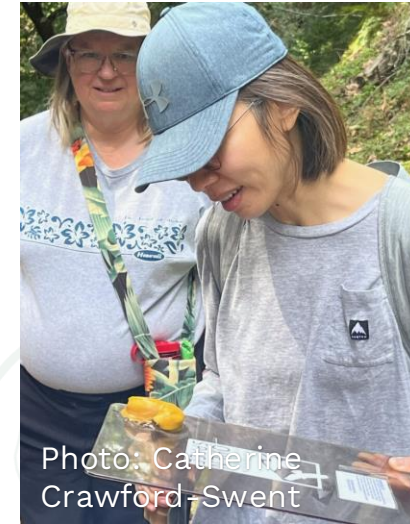


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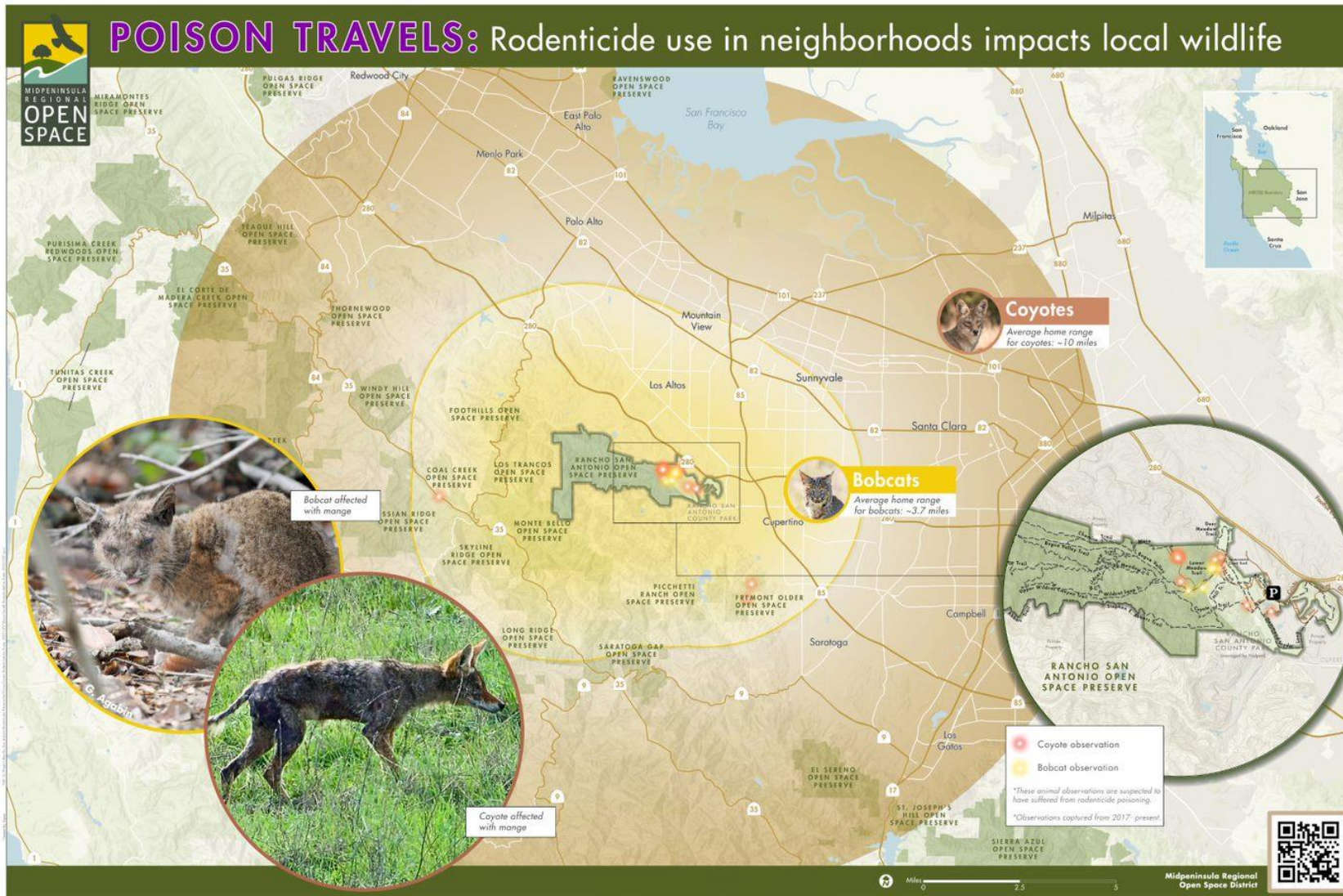


Photo: Joyce Tang



Photo: Lindsay Joye

Rodenticide Outreach



The choices you make at home affect open space.

Rodenticides impact the very wildlife that already naturally control rodent populations.



For more information:
openspace.org/rodenticides

2025 Highlights: Partnership Program



Saved by Nature at El Corte de Madera Preserve

"As we reflect on our work in 2025, it is clear that our impact is a direct result of the collaborative partnerships we share with organizations like yours."

*-Aurora Cortes, SF Bay Area Regional Coordinator
Latino Outdoors*



Student Conservation Association at Los Trancos Preserve



Latino Outdoors at Bear Creek Preserve

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We are Midpen!



Our capacity to innovate, problem-solve, partner, leverage opportunities, and face new challenges showcases our capacity to lead

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Los Trancos, Thirumalai Suresh