

# WATERSHED NEWS



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Mill Valley StreamKeepers protecting and restoring our watershed

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## Mill Valley StreamKeepers

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MVSK is a partner with the  
Trees Foundation  
[www.treesfoundation.org](http://www.treesfoundation.org)

### Meetings:

10:00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each Month  
450 Sycamore Ave.,  
Mill Valley, CA

### Look for our Banner:

***We Love Fish!***  
Valentine's Week, 2012

## April 22, 2012

### 42nd Earth Day

Our MVSK Work Party:  
On Saturday April 21 in  
the morning at the park  
just downstream from the  
Marin Theater Company,  
we will lead a work party  
for those of you who like  
to care for the earth. Be a  
part of Mill Valley's Earth  
Day Beautification.

***Come join us!***

### Online Donations

When you visit our website  
you can now make tax  
deductible donations online  
and securely at:  
[www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org](http://www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org)

This donation site is sponsored  
by the Trees Foundation.



## Mill Valley, Richardson Bay Watershed

The Mill Valley StreamKeepers board and friends invite you to see yourself as an integral part of the set of processes in dynamic interaction in this small section of the world. This newsletter and our brochure are being mailed to 6,000 households in Mill Valley. We want everyone to be aware of the pleasures and responsibilities of living here.

The brochure tells a bit about our environment and presents some basic guidelines for protecting and restoring the waters of Mill Valley and thus Richardson Bay, and San Francisco Bay. Check out the map and realize that all the streams once teemed with Coho Salmon. Can we bring back this endangered species? The community must work diligently to protect the habitat of the threatened species, Steelhead, which still live in our streams; this may lead to the return of Coho.

Now in our 13<sup>th</sup> year, we are intending to continue our advocacy, educational efforts and expanded stream restoration during the next two years thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Rockey Fund. Part of this money will be spent in conjunction with Rick Misuraca, MV Parks Superintendent, and Greenwood School students – restoring Miller Grove. This grant will additionally fund a supporting native plants nursery for restoration projects.

Climate change and sea level rise are long term certainties. MVSK's will participate in bay area wide efforts to study and accommodate these changes.

If you wish further information on stream protection, please ask us for a copy of *Fish Friendly Guide* and/or *Creek Care*.

## Our Networking Activity:

### **Attending Meetings and Serving on Boards, Committees:**

Our own monthly board meetings  
MCSTOPPP (Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program)  
CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee)  
NBWA (North Bay Watershed Association) and NBWC (Council)  
MCL (Marin Conservation League) Water Committee, Parks &  
Open Space Committee, Climate Committee  
Flood Control District #3  
SFBJV (San Francisco Bay Joint Venture)  
BAWN (Bay Area Watershed Network)  
TWG (Technical Work Group) of County led Southern Marin  
Flood Protection and Watershed Program

### **Friends with:**

Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed  
SPAWN (Salmon Protection and Watershed Network)  
Sustainable Mill Valley  
Transition Mill Valley

### **Working with and Advising:**

The City Planning & Council  
Winning further environmental impact investigation on La Goma  
streamside development  
Educating through letters, testimony, letter from environmental  
lawyer, Michael Graf  
City Staff, especially Rick Misuraca

### **Stream Restoration:**

Working with Blithedale Canyon Homeowners Association in planting  
in Miller Grove, Blithedale Canyon.  
Supporting Greenwood School restoration in Miller Grove, Blithedale  
Canyon and supporting establishment of a Native Plant Nursery  
Clean up and gardening at Park Terrace Park on Earth Day, 2011

### **Educating the Public:**

MV Middle School tabling at Public Service Fair  
Talking with children and adults at Earth Day display in town plaza  
Tiburon Salmon Institute Kiss & Release Day information

### **Working with People and Responding to Requests**

Writing letters  
Responding to requests from email and our website

## Thank You! Grants and Donations to MVSK since December 1, 2010

Cereus Fund, Trees Foundation  
Marin County Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Outdoor Art Club  
Dennis and Carol Ann Rockey Fund  
Springcreek Foundation  
Harold Ball  
Betsy & Dan Bikle  
Patty Blumin  
Joan G. Boessenecker  
Priscilla Bull  
Dpna Brennan  
Joyce Britt  
Laura Chariton  
Jamie and Linda Clever  
Susan Cluff & Neil Rudolph  
Nancy Stoltz & Craig Corbitt  
Joyce Crews  
Kathy Cuneo  
Larry Davis  
Joan Dedo  
Nona Dennis  
Don Engler  
Dennis Fisco  
Joan Florsheim  
Lonnie Fogel  
Barbara Ford  
Betty Goerke  
Maureen Groper  
Sandra Goldman  
Susan Hayes  
Karen Jernstedt  
Jacques Leslie  
James Little  
Katherine Martinez  
Beverly Mayeri  
Jane Miller  
Alan Nayer  
Amy & John Palmer  
Catherine Rosecrans  
Cary & Peggy Rosen  
Carrie Sherriff  
Brian Spring  
Meryl Sundove  
Susanne Tilp  
Ken Waldeck  
Wendy Tobiaasson & Raoul Wertz  
Douglas Wallace  
Periann Wood  
Ingrid H. Woods  
Margaret Zegart

## MVSK seeks volunteers for its Board of Directors.

*The MVSK Nominating Committee is initiating its search for new Board members for the term beginning March 2012. Serving on the Board is an exceptional opportunity for MVSK friends to bring their expertise, interest, labor and other resources to collaborate on the many environmental issues which MVSK covers on a regular basis, as well as to participate in fun and informative special events throughout the year. Interested?*

**Contact Joyce Britt at 415-388-4187 or  
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**MV Marsh Area Restorations:**  
**Bothin Marsh** Contact Greg  
Reza, Marin County Open  
Space, 499-3778  
[greza@co.marin.ca.us](mailto:greza@co.marin.ca.us)

**Terwilliger Marsh**  
Contact Dede Sabbag,  
383-2492  
[Dede.Sabbag@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Dede.Sabbag@sbcglobal.net)

### **Please Support**

#### **Mill Valley StreamKeepers**

MVSK is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization working to protect and restore our watersheds. Your help is urgently needed as a volunteer and/or donor. Please return this form or donate online [www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org](http://www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org)

**Please include your address label if you have one.**

*I am enclosing a check made out to  
Mill Valley StreamKeepers in the amount of*

\$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to Volunteer with MVSK

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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