

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) is currently exploring the purchase of a more than 6,300 acre of portion of the Cloverdale property uplands from our partners, Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). If purchased, the property would be managed in perpetuity as a new public open space preserve in alignment with Midpen's coastal mission, which balances natural resource protection, conservation grazing and ecologically sensitive public enjoyment. POST would retain the surrounding working agricultural farmlands.

Goals and Objectives

- Restore habitat for endangered species
- Preserve coastal grasslands, watersheds & wildlife corridors
- Protect scenic landscapes
- Maintain healthy working lands
- Explore future opportunities for ecologically sensitive public access



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Community Engagement

The potential acquisition of Cloverdale would occur as a result of a productive partnership with POST to preserve the scenic beauty and rural character of the San Mateo County coast. Midpen is working with key stakeholders including San Mateo County Parks, California State Parks, the Resource Conservation District, San Mateo County, Farm Bureau and community groups and members. Midpen is conducting a community engagement process about the potential purchase in second half of 2022.

Learn more and sign-up to stay informed about this project via email at: openspace.org/cloverdale











Why is this project important?

- Cloverdale is unique on the Coastside
 for its abundant water sources, both
 natural and man-made, that support
 habitats for many rare, threatened
 and endangered species while also
 supplying needed water for farmers.
- Cloverdale connects to more than 31,000 acres of surrounding open space and park land providing habitat for a variety of animal and plant species.
- Cloverdale contains large, intact
 coastal grasslands, one of the most
 biodiverse and threatened ecosystems in
 North America. They are maintained in
 part through conservation grazing, and
 support grassland-dependent species such
 as American badger, burrowing owl,
 San Francisco garter snake and
 California red-legged frog.
- Cloverdale is a critical wildlife corridor between coastal grassland and surrounding habitats for a wide number of land and water species that move through these



landscapes as part of their life cycle such as mountain lions and endangered marbled murrelets, a seabird that nests in old-growth trees. Cloverdale is located along the Pacific flyway and experiences use by a number of migrating birds including grasshopper sparrows. It also supports endemic local bird species such as the Savannah sparrow that make use of the coastal grasslands.



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