



Properties Protected by Conservation Agreements

The Land Trust has worked with private landowners in Napa County to preserve 21,396 acres of land through conservation agreements (also known as conservation easements). These lands remain in private ownership and management, but are subject to agreements through which the landowners voluntarily restricted future development on their properties. With the exception of Alston Park, the Newell Open Space, Hunts Grove in St. Helena and Trancas Crossing Park (which were preserved specifically as public parks), these properties are not open to public use.

Boggs Mountain (1980) ~ Carol Hills

206 acres of forest, meadows, and stream habitat adjacent to Boggs Mountain State Forest in Lake County.

Tuteur Ranch (1980, 1985, 1986) ~ the Tuteur Family

Over 300 acres of open grasslands encompassing the scenic ridgetops near Skyline Park and the Napa Valley.

Eagle Rock (1981) ~ Mab Ashforth and Bo Goldman

260 acres of ridgeland forest and meadow on the uplands of Lake Hennessey, adjacent to the Moore Creek Wilderness Park.

La Herradura Ranch (1983) ~ Ellen W. MacVeagh

A 363-acre wildland preserve in Conn Valley.

Iron Mine Stream (1984, 1985) ~ Michael and Alexandra Marston

220 acres of forever-wild lands overlooking the Napa Valley near St. Helena.

Landry (1985), Bella Oaks (2007) ~ Cara Landry

Landry is 320 acres of protected habitat and scenic ridgeline with limited residential use near Oakville Grade. Bella Oaks is 64 acres of protected bay-oak forest.

Quail Ridge Reserve (1986 – 2003) ~ Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy, UC Davis Natural Reserve System

811 acres of pristine oak woodlands, chaparral, and native grasses jointly owned and managed as a wilderness reserve and for ecological research and environmental education by Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy, UC Davis Natural Reserve System, Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Green Valley Ranch (1987) ~ Green Valley Ranch LLC

980 acres of open space, grazing land, and vineyard overlooking the City of Napa and southern Napa Valley.

Alston Park (1988) ~ the City of Napa

157 acres of scenic and recreational open space/urban park on Dry Creek Road.

Carmelita French (1989)

43 acres of forested hills northwest of St. Helena.

Noelle and Pete Peterson (1989)

42 acres of forested hills northwest of St. Helena.

Mead Ranch (1989) ~ Giles Mead

1,318 acres off of Atlas Peak Road in Napa, including endangered plant habitat and 30 planted acres of vineyard (60 acres plantable).

Grace St. Amand (1990)

60 acres on Dry Creek Road of open space and wildlife habitat.

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V. (1990) and Stag's Leap I, II and III (2004) ~ Warren and Barbara Winiarski

The S.L.V. Vineyards conservation easement encompasses 41 acres (of 46 total plantable) of world-renowned cabernet vineyards on the Silverado Trail east of Yountville. In 2004, the Winiarski's eliminated 3 home and winery sites from 3 parcels totaling 89 acres on the wild and scenic hillsides overlooking the Silverado Trail.

F. S. and June Foote (1991)

114 acres on Silverado Trail near Yountville, including 22 acres of vineyard and 92 acres undisturbed natural habitat.

David and Nancy Garden (1991)

607 acres open grasslands west of St. Helena.

Kortum Canyon Vineyard (1991) ~ John and Fran Pershing

187 acres of scenic, agricultural, and open space land above Calistoga.

Eisele Family Estate (1991) ~ Volker and Liesel Eisele

432 acres of agricultural, open space, and watershed lands in Chiles Valley (60 acres in vineyard).

Joseph and Florence Barkley (1992)

451 acres forever-wild, grazing, and watershed lands above Lake Hennessey.

Green and Red Vineyard (1993) ~ Jay and Pam Heminway

146 acres vineyard, winery and forever-wild open space in Lower Chiles Valley.

Duncan and Pat Haynes, Irene Haynes (1993)

22 acres forever-wild hillside watershed on Highway 128 near Calistoga.

di Rosa Art Preserve (1993) and Milliken Peak (1997) ~ Rene di Rosa

216 acres of open space in the Carneros District, including lake and wildlife habitat, allowing an extensive modern art collection housed in galleries and displayed outdoors.

Silverado Vineyards' Mt. George Vineyard (1993) and Disney Vineyard (1994) ~ Ron and Diane Miller

The Mt. George Vineyard encompasses 167 acres on the slopes of Mt. George east of downtown Napa, contiguous with the Foote Botanical Preserve at Mt. George. The Disney Vineyards include 103 planted acres and 99 acres of open space off of the Silverado Trail just south of Yountville along the Napa River.

Hans and Jennifer Baerwald (1994)

80 acres of open space and oak woodlands retaining a single residence in Pope Valley.

Live Oaks (1995) ~ Anonymous

517 acres of ranch property with mixed oak woodland bridging Napa and Sonoma Counties.

Ralph H. Cechettini (1995, 1998)

A total of 42 acres adjoining the Carmelite Monastery.

Niebaum Coppola (1995) ~ Francis Ford and Eleanor Coppola

382 acres of near-pristine, undeveloped forest lands in the western hills near Oakville.

The Sharpsteen Family Trust (1996)

63 acres of Douglas fir and oak woodlands with residences and a hay meadow near Calistoga.

Redwood Meadows (1997) ~ Johanna and Hans Burkhardt

73 acres of forested open space that allows for sustainable harvest of redwood and Douglas fir.

Bruce and Martha Atwater (1997)

263 acres of open space, plantable vineyard, and forested watershed lands.

Long Meadow Ranch (1997, 1999, 2005, 2009) ~ Ted and Laddie Hall

336 acres in three contiguous easements of forested hillside and open space west of Rutherford. Includes 10 acres of organic vineyards and olive groves plus an additional 48 acres of prime agricultural land on the Valley floor, in the Agricultural Preserve, in Rutherford

Leslie Rudd (1997)

54 acres, including a winery and 50 planted acres in the Agricultural Preserve near Oakville.

Hunts Grove Park (1998) ~ Marie Stabo

A pocket park in St. Helena with heritage Oaks. The land was transferred to the City of St. Helena in 2005.

Rudin Johnson (1998)

200 acres of hillside and ridgetop east of Calistoga.

Jack and Dolores Cakebread (1998)

10 acres of vineyard in the Agricultural Preserve in the middle of the Napa Valley.

Joseph Phelps / Stone Bridge (1999) ~ Joseph and Lois Phelps

480 acres of vineyard, forests, and open space, including a winery, a historic schoolhouse, and the 130-acre home vineyard of Joseph Phelps Winery in Spring Valley east of St. Helena.

Carsi Vineyard (1999), Henry Ranch (2000, 2001) and Vittorio's Vineyard (2006) ~ Dario Sattui, V. Sattui Winery

The Carsi Vineyard conservation easement restricts the development of a winery on the property, forever protecting 6.5 planted acres on Highway 29 south of Yountville. The historic Henry Ranch conservation easement forever preserves 528 acres of oak woodlands, grassland open space, planted vineyards and historic buildings along Carneros Creek and tributaries to Carneros Creek. Three-quarters of this land will remain forever wild and undeveloped. Vittorio's Vineyard easement protects 15 acres of vineyards on the east side of Highway 29 just southeast of V. Sattui Winery in the Agricultural Preserve.

The Jack and Bernice Newell Regional Open Space (1999) ~ Jack and Bernice Newell

642 acres of open space and wildlife habitat, including an important raptor migration resting area, in the hills east of American Canyon. The Newells donated the land to the City of American Canyon to create the Newell Open Space Preserve.

Jayson Pahlmeyer (2000)

57 acres of undeveloped chaparral open space near Atlas Peak.

Nunnette Vineyard (2000) ~ Dale and Sue Missimer

45 acres of vineyard and riparian forest along the Napa River in the Agricultural Preserve near Yountville, 22 acres planted.

Anita and Oliver Pearson (2001)

14 acres of natural habitat and municipal watershed protection land, adjacent to City of Napa-owned Milliken Reservoir property near Atlas Peak.

Marguerite Thomas Trust (2001)

31 acres of scenic open space and native oak woodlands on Silverado Trail north of Yountville.

Johnny Miller/Trancas Crossing (2001)

The Land Trust holds a conservation easement over these 33 acres transferred to the City of Napa in 2005 for a public park and northern terminus of the Napa River Trail.

Catacula Lake Winery (2001) ~ Ed Keith

1,025 acres of oak woodland habitat including 100 acres of planted vineyard and Catacula Lake Winery. The property, adjacent to the Wantrup Wildlife Sanctuary, will remain as predominantly natural open space.

Heitz (2002) ~ Kathleen Heitz-Myers

42 acres next to Linda Falls in the Angwin area, protecting riparian habitat along Conn Creek while allowing for a 10-acre vineyard.

Taylor IV (2002) and V (2006) ~ Ann Taylor Schwing, Charlie Schwing, Connie Taylor

The 2002 easement covers 40 acres of pristine open space added on to the 280-acre Archer Taylor Preserve. Taylor V adds 40 more acres of protected property that underlies visitor parking area, redwood

grove and main trailhead for the Preserve. Covered mostly by forest, the property is also contains Redwood Creek.

Homestake McLaughlin (2002) ~ Homestake Mining Company

The Land Trust's largest conservation easement, the Homestake McLaughlin conservation easement encompasses 6,125 acres in Napa, Lake, and Yolo counties, the vast majority of which will be forever protected as natural open space and managed as an ecological reserve by the UC Davis Natural Reserve System.

Beckstoffer Vineyard X (2002), Carneros Creek Vineyard (2003), Georges III Vineyards (2006, 2007 and 2009), To Kalon Vineyards (2006 and 2007), and Las Amigas Vineyards (2007) ~ Andy & Betty Beckstoffer, Beckstoffer Vineyards

The Vineyard X conservation easement protects 46 acres of vineyard land in the Agricultural Preserve along Highway 29 north of Yountville from development. An easement on the 44-acre Carneros Creek Vineyard on Dealy Lane further protects the rural viewshed of the Carneros region. The Las Amigas easement adds yet another 58 acres of protected agricultural land in the Carneros region. The four Georges III easements protect 178 acres of vineyard northeast of Oakville off Silverado Trail. Easements over the famous To Kalon Vineyards consist of 89 acres located off Highway 29 in Oakville. Georges III and To Kalon are also in the Agricultural Preserve. The Beckstoffer family has now donated a total of nine agricultural conservation easements, protecting 413 acres.

Creston Station Ranch (2002, 2003) ~ Thelma Batchelor, Jane and Peter Berton, Charles and Gwendolyn Halterman, Karen Rippey

570 acres of open space along Jamieson Canyon road, forever protecting this important scenic corridor from development.

Dunlap (2003)

80 acres near the Foote Botanical Preserve at Mt. George, protecting native wildflowers, oak woodlands, and several tributary streams to Sarco Creek.

Doug Ivey (2004)

9 acres of vernal pools and native grasses on Atlas Peak.

Sandia P. Banks (2004)

20 acres of native grasslands and vernal pools on Atlas Peak next to Milliken Watershed.

Sentinel Hill (2004) ~ Randy and Lori Dunn

64 acres of mature Douglas fir forest encompassing scenic Sentinel Hill in Angwin.

La Vigne (2005) ~ Shea Homes

44 acres of wetland with red-legged frog habitat and open space upland, now owned by the City of American Canyon

Amalia Palmaz (2005)

32 acres of open space and wildlife habitat adjacent to the Foote Botanical Preserve at Mt. George.

John and Carla Pappas (2006)

10 acres at the northeast edge of the City of Napa, planted in grapevines.

Garen and Shari Staglin (2006)

10 acres located in the Agricultural Preserve in Rutherford containing vineyards and oak woodlands.

Haiku House (2007) ~ Larry Turley and Suzanne Chambers

11 acres with a small vineyard and a significant stretch of riparian habitat along Mill Creek; located east of Bothe State Park across Highway 29.

Rattlesnake Ridge (2007) ~ Turley Wine Cellars Inc.

35 acres of vineyards and dense woodlands on the Howell Mountain ridgeline near Angwin, part of the Friesen Lakes, Conn and Putah Creeks watersheds.

Ridge Road (2007) ~ Anonymous

82 acres of open space in the eastern Napa Valley ridgeline in the Soda Creek watershed.

Sulu Canyon (2007) ~ Chamberlain family

49 acres of mixed Manzanita chaparral and oak woodland riparian habitat along Dry Creek Road.

Vine Hill Ranch (2007) ~ Phillips family

55-acre agriculture and forever wild conservation easement with vineyards and adjacent spectacular forested hillsides northwest of Yountville.

Ritchie Creek (2008) ~ Stuart Smith/Cook's Flat Associates

Collaborative project with Save the Redwoods League to protect 62 acres of conifer and old growth redwood habitat; adjacent to Bothe-Napa Valley State Park, this property also contains planted vineyards.

Lieff (2008) ~ Robert and Gretchen Lieff

21 acres of forever wild and agricultural lands with planted vineyards and mixed hardwood forests in the eastern Napa Valley hills.

Barrett (2008) ~ Barrett Family Trust

72 acres of oak savannah and grassland, with planted vineyards. Located at the north end of Napa Valley, the natural areas of this property are visible from Highway 128.

Hopper Creek (2008) ~ Anonymous

67 acres in Napa County's western hills, highly visible, with Douglas fir and coast live oak forests and more than ¼ mile of Hopper Creek riparian area.

Arcadia Vineyards I and II (2008) ~ Warren Winiarski/Arcadia Vineyard, LLC

19 and 40 acres of vineyards and natural lands adjacent to the Foote Botanical Preserve at Mt. George and Sarco Creek

Mahoney Family Vineyards (2009) ~ Francis & Kathleen Mahoney

19 acres of planted vineyards in the Carneros, nearby the Carneros Creek and Milliken Peak properties

Spring Mountain (2009) ~ Carroll & Christina Ballard

58 acres atop Spring Mountain, spanning both Napa and Sonoma Counties, protects agriculturally productive land and relatively undisturbed stands of mixed hardwood/conifer forests with headwaters for Santa Rosa Creek.