

## Policies Related to Riparian Corridors in Santa Clara County

Agency	Policy Number	Policy Language
Campbell	Policy CNR-3.1 Riparian Corridor Preservation	Preserve the aesthetic and habitat value of riparian corridors
County of Santa Clara	Policy C-RC 31	Areas of habitat richest in biodiversity and necessary for preserving threatened or endangered species should be formally designated to receive greatest priority for preservation, including baylands and riparian areas, serpentine areas, and other habitat types of major significance.
Cupertino	Policy 5-27 Natural Water Courses	Retain and restore creek beds, riparian corridors, watercourses and associated vegetation in their natural state to protect wildlife habitat and recreation potential and assist groundwater percolation. Encourage land acquisition or dedication of such areas.
Gilroy	Policy 20.02 Creek Protection	Protect the ecological, aesthetic and recreational value of the creeks that flow through the Gilroy Planning Area from urban encroachment and degradation. Ensure that new development preserves the function of natural drainages, including small canyons and seasonal creeks. The easements and setbacks adjacent to these creeks shall be maintained in open space. Access to creeks should be of sufficient width to accommodate trails, flood control access, and protection of riparian habitat.
Los Altos	Policy 2.3	Protect creeks, creekside areas and riparian habitat in their natural state while ensuring public safety and preserving a valuable natural resource.
Los Altos Hills	Policy 1.3	Preserve the integrity of riparian corridors as unique and environmentally sensitive resources.
Los Gatos	Policy ENV-5.3	Cooperate with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other agencies to protect watersheds and riparian habitats from degradation.
	Policy ENV-3.1	Preserve riparian corridors and riparian habitats and avoid disturbances to these areas.
Milpitas	4.d-P-4	Where consistent with other policies, preserve, create, or restore riparian corridors and wetlands. Where possible, set back development from these areas sufficiently to maximize habitat values.
Monte Sereno	Policy OSC 6.1	Encourage the preservation of riparian habitat in a natural state by not allowing the culverting of existing creeks and requiring appropriate setbacks from creekbeds.
Morgan Hill	Policy 5a	Encourage reclamation of degraded streams and riparian areas
Mountain View	Resolution No. 17144	Adopted Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams of the Santa Clara Valley Water Resources

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		Protection Collaborative
Palo Alto	Policy N-10	Work with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other relevant regional agencies to enhance riparian corridors and provide adequate flood control by use of low impact restoration strategies.
	Policy N-11	Preserve the integrity of riparian corridors.
San Jose	Title 20 CSJ Municipal Code (Zoning Code)	CSJ Zoning Code supplements the riparian corridor protection provided by the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan and other City policies that may provide riparian protection. The Zoning Code establishes minimum setbacks from riparian corridors based on land use, notably 100 feet for new development, with greater setbacks for active recreational uses with noise and lighting, reduced setbacks for agricultural crops and grazing and for trails.
Santa Clara	Resolution No. 07-7391	Adopted Water Resources Protection Collaborative Guidelines Manual
Saratoga	Policy OSC 11.2	Through the development and CEQA process, preserve, protect, and maintain riparian habitats and creek corridors. This includes requiring biological surveys of parcels of land that could contain sensitive species or their habitats prior to allowing development on these parcels.
Sunnyvale	Zoning code, 19.81.010	Purpose of this chapter is to promote the health, safety and general welfare by establishing a streamside development review process and enhance and protect land use near streams.
	Ord. 2837-07 § 1	Incorporates Guidelines for Land Use Near Streams into guidelines of zoning code.