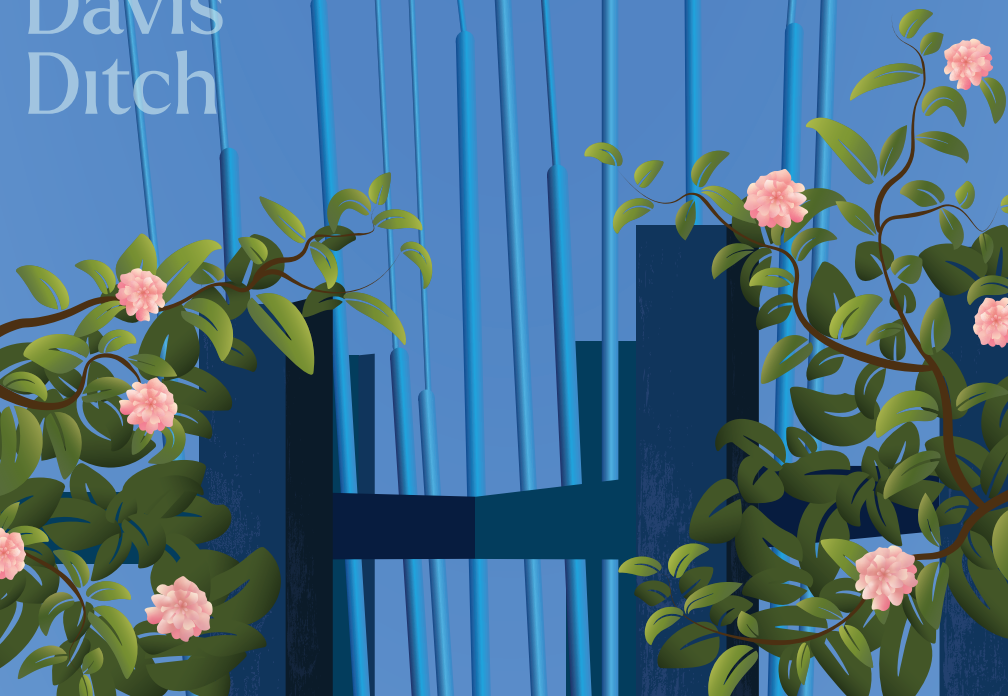


Friends of the
North Davis Channel

The
**Davis
Ditch**

Thank you
**Volunteers
& Contributors**



Over 1200 actual plants added to the

North Davis Channel since 2013.

118 New Species

1. Palmer's Indian Mallow
2. Western Redbud
3. Madia
4. California Wild Grapes
5. Sticky Monkey Flower
6. California Western Goldentop
7. Scarlett Bugler Penstemon
8. Hooker's Evening Primrose
9. Clarkia
10. California Brittlebush
11. Yellow Bush Lupine
12. Arroyo Lupine
13. Lacy Phacelia
14. California Buckeye
15. Showy Milkweed
16. St. Catherine's Lace
17. California Buckwheat
18. Pacific Aster
19. California Aster
20. Snowberry
21. Coyote Bush
22. California Sage Brush
23. Red Buckwheat
24. California Coffeeberry
- 25-27. 3 other Coffeeberry species
28. Toyon
29. California Tree Poppy,
30. Holly Leaf Cherry Tree
31. Incense Cedar (Cypress)
32. Oregon Ash Tree
33. Box Elder Maple
34. Northern California Black Walnut
35. California Valley Oak Tree
36. Palo Verde Tree
37. Mahonia/Oregon Grape
38. Desert/Globe/Apricot Mallow
39. California Poppies
40. Chapparral Mallow
41. Arroyo Willows
42. Black Willows
43. Red Willows
44. Fremont Cottonwood
45. Mugwort
46. Chaparral Current
47. Gooseberry
48. Hazelnut
49. Corn Flower,
50. Red Flowering Currant
51. Golden Currant
52. Elegant Clarkia
60. California Flannel Bush
61. Mule fat
62. Deer Grass
63. Purple Needle Grass
64. Purple Nightshade
65. Mountain Pride
66. Interior Live Oak
67. Coast Live Oak
68. Canyon Live Oak
69. Blue Oak
70. Button Bush
71. California Fescue
72. Salt Heliotrope
73. Silver Bush Lupine
74. Fragrant Sumac
75. Bladder pod
76. Sticky Cinquefoil
77. Naked Buckwheat
78. Wooly Sunflower
79. Menzies Golden Bush
80. California Wild Rose
81. Quail Bush
82. Coyote Mint
83. Fiddleneck
84. Black Sage
85. Purple Sage
86. White Sage
87. Hummingbird Sage
88. California Bay Leaf Tree
89. Monterey Pine Tree
90. Chinese Houses
91. Western Sycamore Tree
92. Northern Sierra Daisy
93. Sticky Gum Weed
94. Bird's Foot Trefoil
95. California Pipevine
96. Lippia
97. California Fuchsia
98. Arizona Ash
99. Narrow-leaf Milkweed
100. Northern Spice Bush
101. Bird's Eye Gilla
102. Broadleaf Filaree
103. Tree Anemone
104. Matilija Poppies
105. Rubber Rabbit Bush
106. California Brickell Bush
107. Mountain Mahogany
108. Bitter Brush
109. Big Leaf Maple
110. Alder
111. Yarrow
112. Buck Brush
113. Western Virgins Bower
114. Dogwood
115. Ash Tree
116. California Blackberry
117. Mexican Elder
118. California Lilac



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AN OPEN-SPACE SANCTUARY



THE DAVIS DITCH

Once a mere stormwater drainage channel bordering North Davis for 1.25 miles from Sycamore Lane to F Street, the North Davis Channel, affectionately known as “the Ditch” by locals, has, in the last decade, become a verdant open-space sanctuary. It is now enjoyed by hikers, dog walkers, bikers, bird watchers, runners, school children and wildlife enthusiasts.

From 2012 to 2015, with support from a state grant, the city of Davis, the Putah Creek Council, the Yolo County Resource Conservation District and a raft of volunteers, planted California native trees and shrubs throughout the channel. These native plants provide cover and homes for local wildlife. Invasive plant species were removed as possible and the channel was improved with a foot path, footbridge and interpretive panels. Also in 2013 UC Davis Entomology Professor Louie Yang assembled a crew to plant hundreds of milkweeds, which were adopted for ongoing care in 2018 by a local volunteer. Milkweed provides food and breeding grounds for endangered monarch butterflies and their larvae.



The Friends of the North Davis Channel was formed in 2019 to provide ongoing volunteer support to assist in protection and continued improvement of this wonderful community resource. The Friends initial work is now just about complete, thanks to a colossal effort by community volunteers, significant community financial donations and consistent City encouragement and guidance.

Work on this latest community native-plant restoration project in the Ditch, began in 2019, after the Friends of NDC was established. We began by locating plants from the initial grant project requiring additional care to reach their full potential, attending to various ongoing plant care and maintenance needs in the Ditch, and providing dog-waste pickup and garbage control.

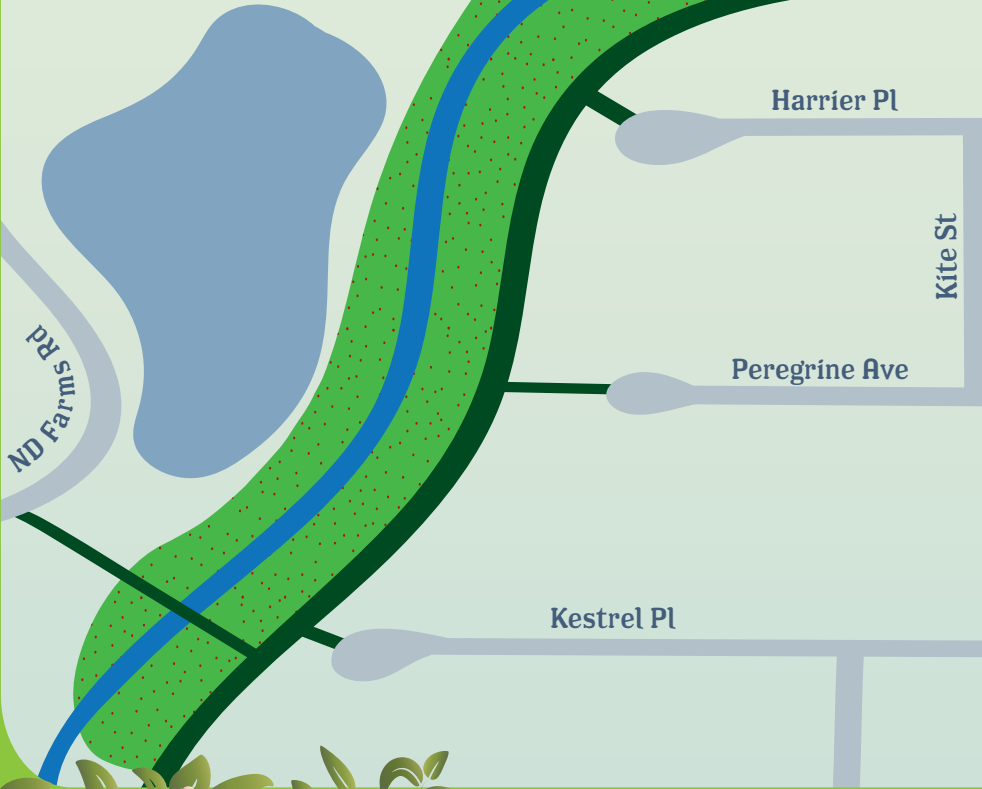
Volunteer Work

North Davis Channel

Bike Path

Roads

Volunteer Space
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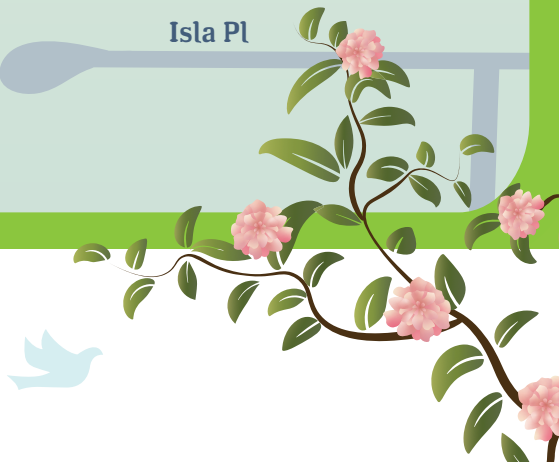
Magpie St

Flicker Ave

Anderson Rd

Bluebird Pl

Isla Pl



Early on, the Friends worked with the Yolo Audubon Society to help them replace old and dilapidated bluebird nesting boxes, with several new and carefully constructed boxes designed to attract the bluebirds for spring nesting. Audubon maintains the boxes and they and UC Davis bluebird expert, Dr Melanie Truan, monitor annual bluebird nesting activities.

In 2021, with city permission, the Friends also completely refurbished a once-beautiful, but overgrown and rusty 30-year-old gazebo at a primary access point to the channel, now named Bird Entry Park (Anderson Road at Flicker Avenue). "Bird Entry" is in reference to the once-visible and wonderful white metal doves flying above the gazebo, to the bird named neighborhood streets there, and to a primary access point to the Ditch.

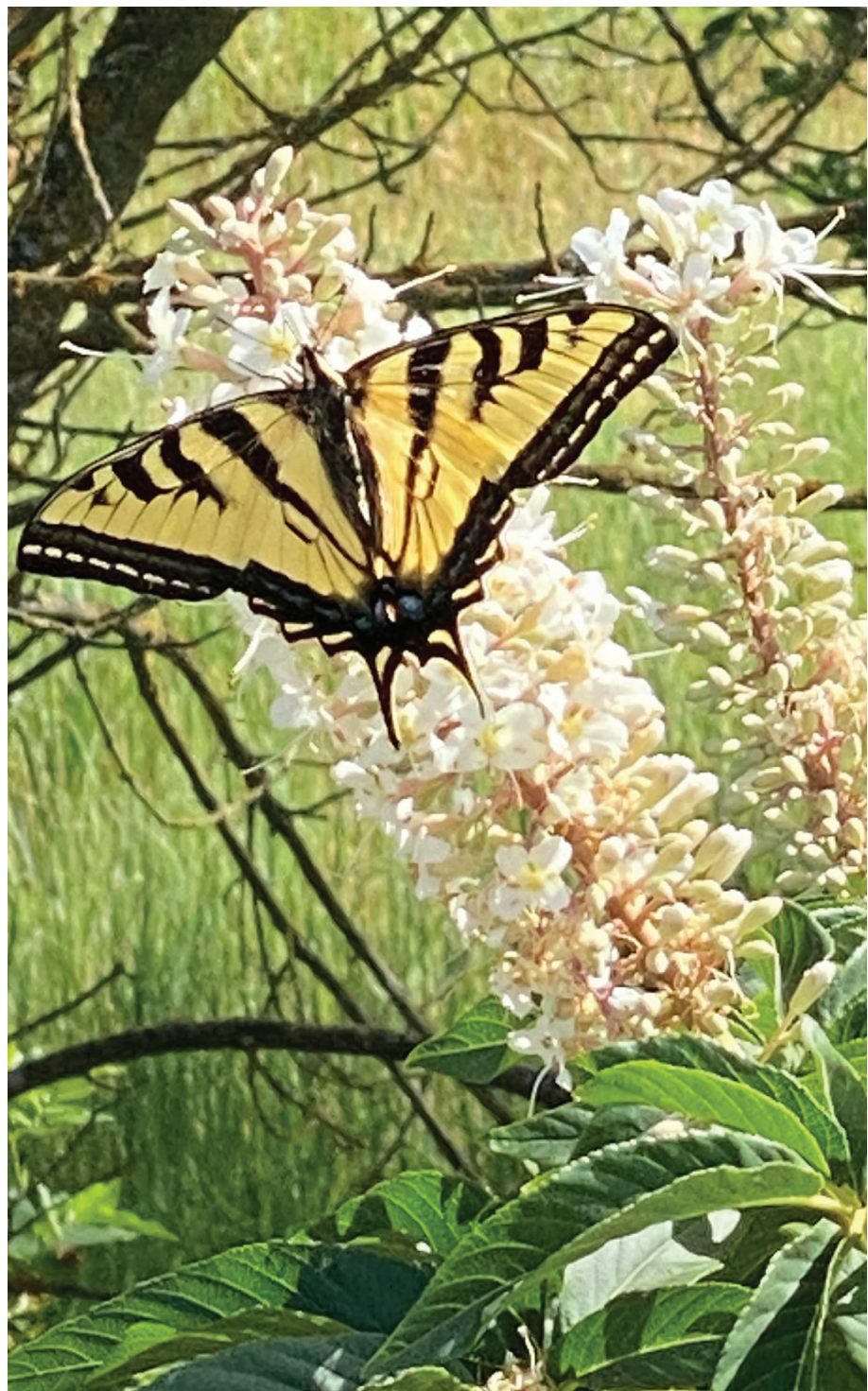
The formerly shining-white metal doves were completely overwhelmed by the Cecile Brunner climbing roses planted around the gazebo in 1990, but not since shaped or pruned. The roses were pruned back and the doves were re-painted a very bright white, the beams forming the gazebo framework, a lovely natural green, and the poles supporting the doves, a wonderful sky blue. And the

rotten wood ceiling was replaced with beautiful new stained redwood planks.

From 2019 to 2022, the Friends spent most of their volunteer time enhancing the hundreds of native plants from the initial restoration work, with several hundred additional native plants. Most of the latest native plants come from the Putah Creek and Cache Creek watersheds, and have been planted in an approximately 2-3 acre portion of the Ditch assigned to the Friends to manage by the city open-space program, pursuant to an MOU between the Friends and the city.

As a bonus, the Friends also adopted the gardens along the bike path, that runs from Bird Entry Park to Kestrel Place, from City Parks, where we have planted many more native plants. We have also, with the blessing, expert assistance and financial help of City Parks and its irrigation specialists, substantially upgraded the sprinkler system there to ensure adequate coverage of the new native plants. And we have adopted, for long-term care, from City Parks, the two native-plant demonstration gardens and the refurbished gazebo, in Bird Entry Park.









*600+ plants
over 40 months*





*More than
20 volunteers*



With all initial creative work close to completion, we will soon shift primarily to long-term maintenance.

We owe a debt of gratitude to all community members who have volunteered and provided the financial support required for this undertaking. And special thanks to the City Open Space Program, the City Parks and Community Services Department, and the City Public Works Department, for working with us and helping this volunteer effort, on City-owned and -managed property, succeed.

The California native plants now in place in the Ditch and adjacent areas are drought tolerant and should do well with minimal supplemental water once they are established. Look for the new, beautiful and colorful native plants in and around Bird Entry Park, the nearby bike path and the Ditch at their finest every spring and summer.





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