Planting a Dream for a New Park in Salinas

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Big Sur Land Trust

Founded in 1978

Conserved over 45,000 acres in Monterey County

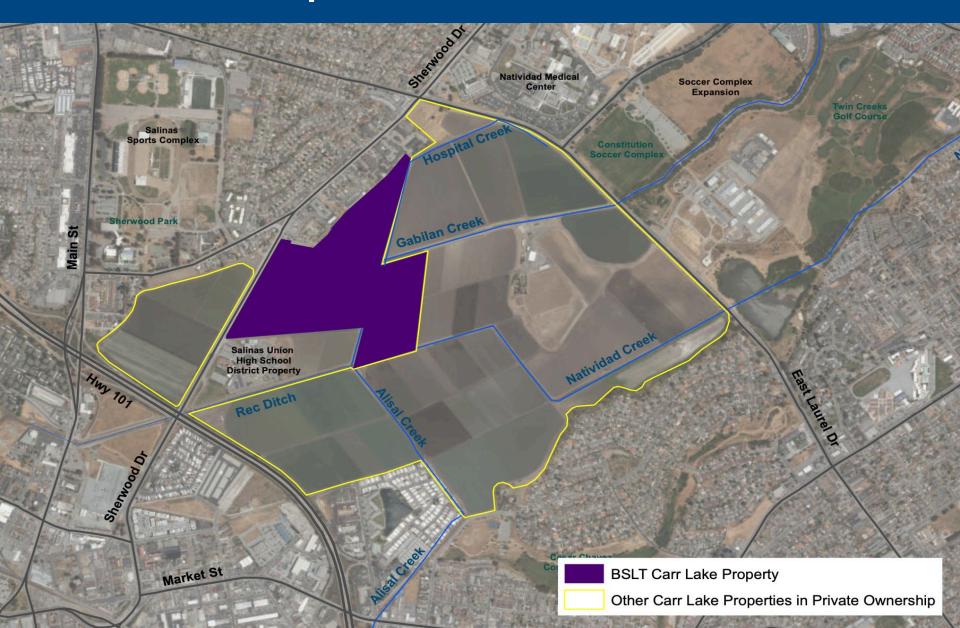
Mission:

- To inspire love of land across generations
- Conserve our unique Monterey County landscapes
- Provide access to outdoor experiences for all





73-acres Acquired At Carr Lake In 2017



Ensen Community Park Project Goal

Work with the community to design, build and maintain a multi-benefit park and open space*



*Salinas: Only 1.7 acres of accessible park space per 1,000 residents



Ensen Community Park Public Outreach









Planting Days

Community Meetings

Site Tours







Volunteer Events



Convergence Art Exhibit



Project Support and Approvals

Supported by:

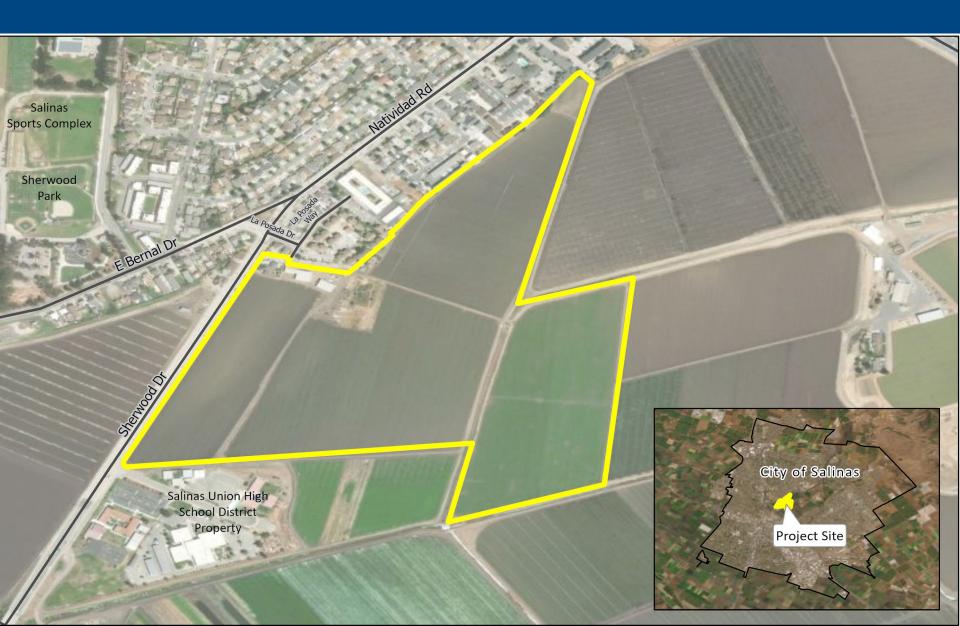
- State Coastal Conservancy
- Wildlife Conservation Board
- California Natural Resources Agency
- Department of Water Resources
- California State Parks and Recreation
- City of Salinas

Permits and approvals secured:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service/USFWS
- FEMA
- City of Salinas



Existing Conditions



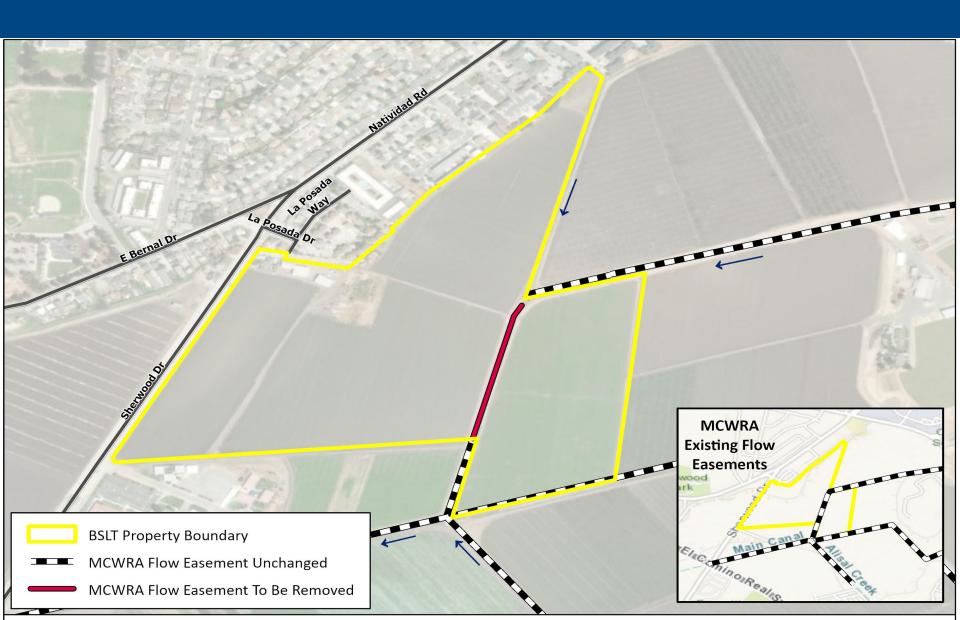
Restoration Design



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MCWRA Easements



Our Request Today:

MCWRA Board approval of **Quit Claim Easement**.

- BSLT staff have worked with MCWRA staff to amend existing maintenance easement via quit claim, thus relieving MCWRA of responsibility to maintain portion of the ditch that will be removed as a result of BSLT project. The proposed revised easement information is in your Board packet.
- Amendment of existing easement will allow BSLT to construct the most appropriate project to restore historic habitat in Carr Lake.



Timeline & Process





Questions?

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