

**Subject: Streambank Restoration**

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Nancy Evans:

Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed would make excellent use of a \$6000 grant from the Central Marin Sanitation Agency to attend to some significant problems that are restricting our ongoing restoration project along the lower reach of Sleepy Hollow Creek.

Our aim, while working with the students in the SEA DISC Academy at Drake High School, is to create a modest wildlife preserve for native riparian plants and animals along Sleepy Hollow Creek between where it runs under Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and under Saunders. We are now in the fifth year of the project, and have made considerable progress.

This is what we are now proposing, with the aid of this grant:

- Remove a layer of riprap that serves no purpose, and prevents the uprooting of weeds and their replacement with native shrubs and trees. The rocks occupy an area approximately 10' x 30' half-way up the bank on the side nearest Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. The slope (well above all but extreme flood levels) is in no danger of erosion, and is in fact above an area where drift-wood and silt are deposited after big storms. A back-hoe positioned on the flat grass next to the road would be able to transfer the rocks to a truck.
- Plant the area with appropriate native trees and shrubs. Students, under the guidance of Charles Kennard and their

teacher, will develop the plan and do the planting.

- Install a drip irrigation system that will be in place for about three years, until the plants are established.
- Remove the last acacia tree from this reach of creek.

The grant would pay for removal and disposal of the riprap, cutting and disposal of the acacia tree, and purchase of plants, planting materials, and supplies for the drip irrigation system. Volunteers from Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed and the Drake High School community will do the planting, install the drip irrigation system, and carry out the necessary maintenance.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to work with you on this project. We would be glad to show you the site and discuss the project with you. Charles Kennard, who has been the lead on this project since its inception, can be reached at 457-1147, or at [charleskennard@earthlink.net](mailto:charleskennard@earthlink.net). I am at 456-5062 or [toyon@earthlink.net](mailto:toyon@earthlink.net).

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