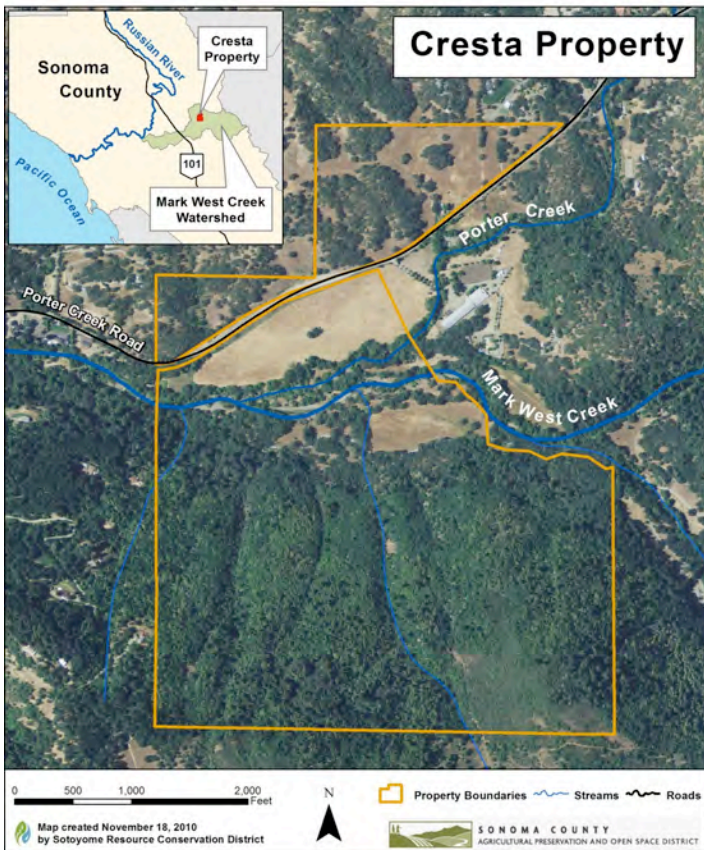


# **Cresta Riparian Habitat Enhancement and Education Project**



The Sotoyome RCD in partnership with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (SCAPOSD) and the Friends of the Mark West Watershed (FMWW) have received grant funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to start implementation of the Cresta Riparian Habitat Enhancement and Education Project.

This is an exciting community creek stewardship and education project that will involve high school students participating in the FARMS Leadership Program as well as members of the Friends of the Mark West Watershed. The property was formerly owned by Bill Cresta and now is owned in fee by the SCAPOSD. The riparian revegetation project area is along Porter and Mark West Creeks within the Mark West Watershed, a high priority watershed for endangered Coho salmon and threatened steelhead trout. The project's goals include: expanding the riparian corridor, enhancing native plant diversity and providing more high quality habitat for terrestrial, avian and aquatic species.

This project is a great opportunity to get involved in your community and learn about the Mark West Watershed and the natural resources of this unique and valuable habitat

area. The Friends of the Mark West Watershed are currently seeking 4-6 interested volunteers to act as long term stewards of the site. Work will entail a variety of tasks (see below) to be performed on a bi-weekly basis.

**Volunteer Opportunities Include:** removing invasive plants, native seed collection, transplanting native plants, planting and transplanting native plants, monitoring and maintaining planting areas and minor erosion control.

## **Upcoming Events and Meetings**

***Cresta Planning and Kick-Off Meeting:  
January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 at the Pepperwood Preserve***

***Cresta Initial Planting Day:  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cresta Property 9:00 am-2:00 pm***

For directions and meeting details or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Friends of the Mark West Watershed

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