

About Greenbelt Alliance

Who We Are

Since 1958, Greenbelt Alliance has worked to protect open space and promote livable communities in the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. We are a membership-based organization with offices in San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Fairfield, Walnut Creek, and San Jose.

Our Vision

In our vision, the Bay Area remains one of the country's most desirable places to live, work, and visit. Our cities and towns have attractive, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods with a vibrant mix of housing, shops, restaurants, and offices. The Bay Area's communities are linked by buses, trains, and bike paths, and are bounded by a protected greenbelt of

rolling hills, productive farmlands, lush watersheds, and plentiful parks.

Our Work

Protecting Open Space

- Help cities and counties establish reasonable urban boundaries that allow for future growth while preserving the greenbelt.
- Educate and mobilize communities to stop wasteful sprawl developments that pave over open space, increase traffic, and pollute the air.
- Lead educational hikes and tours for more than one thousand Bay Area residents every year through our Greenbelt, Youth, and Urban Outings programs.

Promoting Livable Communities

- Endorse development projects

within existing city limits that are close to shopping, jobs, and transit, and include housing choices for people of all income levels.

- Advocate city and regional policies that revitalize downtown areas, increase affordable housing, and expand transit options.
- Publish award-winning research that recommends strategies for accommodating future growth while keeping the greenbelt intact.

Our History of Success

For nearly 50 years, we have worked with local communities and partner organizations to help secure long-term protection for more than 1.1 million acres of open space, establish urban growth boundaries around 22 cities and five counties, and endorse plans to create more than 48,000 housing units within existing urban areas.

Our Future

The Bay Area's economy and population will grow in the years ahead, and we want to ensure that development to accommodate this growth also protects the environment, promotes social equity, and preserves our quality of life. Over 4,000 Bay Area residents are members of Greenbelt Alliance because they care about our region and support our work to make it a better place. For more information, or to become a member, visit our Web site at www.greenbelt.org, or call us at (415) 543-6771.



The protected greenbelt is within easy reach of our cities and towns.