

Interested in Adopting a New Restoration Site within the Sausal Creek Watershed?

It's simple and fun, and you can make a difference in your neighborhood!

Here is an outline on how to become a restoration site partner with Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC):

Step 1. Contact FOSC's restoration and nursery manager at field@sausalcreek.org or (510) 325-9006 to discuss the site you want to adopt and find out about any FOSC history at the site. If it is a new site, you will need to officially adopt your site through the City of Oakland:

http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/pwa/documents/form/oak045594.pdf. As a site "adopter" you will have access to free tools, paint, and other materials from the city.

Step 2. Lead restoration workdays at your site within the Sausal Creek Watershed. FOSC can provide outreach for your events on our FOSC volunteer calendar, as well as provide free consultation, tools, and other materials. As a part of these events, you will need to collect sign-in information and City of Oakland and FOSC volunteer waivers for every volunteer, as well as report your volunteer tracking information (number of people, work accomplished, etc. to field@sausalcreek.org each month). FOSC and the city can also provide support with tools, other materials, and expertise.

<u>Step 3.</u> Submit your Native Plant Nursery Request Form by the end of January of each year, or two years in advance if it takes longer than eight month for a species to grow. Requests will be reviewed by the nursery manager and final planting plans will be determined based on propagule availability in the watershed, establishment phase of each species, and species availability in the FOSC native plant nursery.

Each year the nursery manager will determine the capacity of plants FOSC can grow for each site. It usually ranges from 50-300 plants. Most plants are grown in special nursery containers called deep pots (since gallons take up too much of our limited space). Plants can be picked up at the nursery starting in November.

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