



FOR THE FUTURE: THE FRIENDS OF SAUSAL CREEK ENDOWMENT FUND

Help Friends of Sausal Creek continue to build a permanent foundation for the health and resilience of the Sausal Creek Watershed.

Friends of Sausal Creek's "For the Future" endowment fund is a long-term investment in the watershed. It provides a stable, ongoing source of support that ensures we can continue restoring habitat, educating youth, and engaging communities for decades to come, regardless of year-to-year fundraising fluctuations.

In this our 30th anniversary year, we are hoping to reach \$300,000 in our endowment, a near-term goal that ensures our watershed stewardship continues into the future. We are currently at \$240,000 and need your help to get there.

How the Endowment Works

An endowment is a fund that is invested and held permanently rather than spent. Your gift will add to the principal and each year we can draw from that reserve 4% to support annual operations. This means your gift keeps giving, year after year, while the fund continues to grow.

The endowment funds are invested according to our policy that requires socially responsible investing. The fund was established in 2011 and has grown from \$36,000 to \$240,000 today.

Ways to Give to the Endowment

You can direct a gift to the endowment through any of the following:

- **Make a direct gift:** Donate [online](#) or by check, and note that your gift is for the endowment fund.
- **Transfer stock:** A gift of appreciated securities can offer a charitable deduction for the full market value while avoiding capital gains taxes. See our [Stock, DAF, and IRA Gifts](#) page for transfer details.
- **Give through your Donor Advised Fund:** Recommend a grant to Friends of Sausal Creek and let us know you would like it directed to the endowment.
- **Include the endowment in your estate plans:** A bequest designated to the endowment is a lasting gift that strengthens the watershed in perpetuity. See our [Legacy Giving](#) page for details.
- **Make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA:** If you are 70 ½ or older, you can direct up to \$111,000 (tax year 2026) from your IRA to the endowment, tax-free.

Every gift to the endowment promises a more secure future for the watershed. To make a gift or learn more, contact our Development and Engagement Manager at kate@sausalcreek.org.

Friends of Sausal Creek is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by U.S. law.

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