Of the more than 800 creek miles in Santa Clara County, Valley Water is responsible for about 295 miles of streams. Included in our ownership and management of these areas is a section of Saratoga Creek.

In addition to achieving a healthy creek environment, we’re progressing with our work to ensure that the creek can safely carry stormwater away from your neighborhood while still maintaining the habitat for wildlife with native vegetation. Repairs and restoration efforts are underway this summer season.
Saratoga Creek

Starting June 20, 2024, Valley Water will repair and restore areas along Saratoga Creek’s east bank, spanning from Rodonovan Court to Allen Way. On the creek’s west bank, crews will remove for the second time, illegally built bike ramps. The bike ramps destroyed a mitigation site completed in 2021 that was intended to restore the creek’s habitat in the area for wildlife.

Repairing the east bank is needed to prevent further erosion from reaching the backyard fence lines. Crews will replace the eroded soil to create a buffer from the fence and creek. Boulders will be placed at the base of the slope to prevent future erosion. A biodegradable erosion control blanket and hydroseed will be applied to the upper portion of the slope upon completion as added erosion protection measures.

Valley Water will replace the mitigation enhancements after removing the illegal bike ramps. Protecting mitigation sites like this is critical to Valley Water’s ability to comply with environmental regulations. Valley Water appreciates our creek neighbors’ role in preserving the natural beauty and ecological value of this section of Saratoga Creek. However, other measures to secure this area of Saratoga Creek will be considered should bike ramps or other destructive activities continue. A healthy stream is a beautiful natural resource and a wonderful community amenity, and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain it.

If you have questions about this project, please contact
Associate Engineer Glenn Micko at gmicko@valleywater.org or (408) 630-2597.
Valley Water manages an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean, safe water, flood protection and stream stewardship on behalf of Santa Clara County’s 2 million residents. As the flood protection authority for Santa Clara County, Valley Water annually prepares creeks for winter rains through levee maintenance, sediment removal, bank repair and vegetation management.

Valley Water has invested more than $1 billion in flood protection efforts to protect nearly 100,000 parcels, with many more projects planned. Under its Stream Maintenance Program, Valley Water also repairs damages to creeks to reduce the risk of flooding and keep our communities safe.

As a reminder, please keep debris and trash out of our streams. If you see trash polluting a creek, pond or reservoir, call 1-888-510-5151.

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