Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program

LEFTY GOMEZ FIELD DUAL-USE DETENTION BASIN PROJECT

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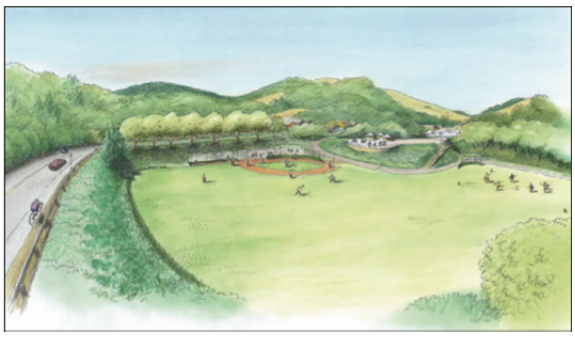
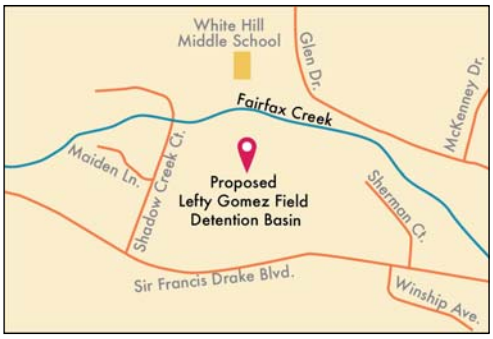


Artistic Rendering of Lefty Gomez Detention Basin

Lefty Gomez Field



Proposed Lefty Gomez Detention Basin within the Ross Valley Watershed

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project proposes to modify the Lefty Gomez Field at White Hill Middle School in Fairfax to a dual-use facility allowing the field to function as an overflow water storage basin during infrequent, large flood events. Due to the limited in-channel capacity of Fairfax Creek, the detention basin will provide much needed temporary water storage, which will reduce flooding within the Ross Valley watershed. The proposed detention basin will be designed to blend with the natural context of the field and will include recreational improvements so that Lefty Gomez Field will maintain its primary function as a field for White Hill Middle School and local residents. This detention basin is one of several proposed in the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program.

Project Benefits

In addition to replacing existing athletic fields for the school and local community, the proposed project will alleviate flood impacts and enhance public safety during a 100-year flood event (similar to the New Year's Eve flood of 2005) by temporarily storing flood waters to reduce flooding downstream of the detention basin and working in conjunction with the bridge replacement projects as a watershed-wide flood mitigation system to reduce flooding for hundreds of homes and businesses in Ross Valley.

Project Status

The proposed project and location were re-evaluated as part of the Flow Reduction Study in summer 2015 and was reconfirmed as one of five primary detention basin sites in Ross Valley. The proposed project will enter the design and environmental review phase.

Project Cost & Funding Sources

The proposed project is estimated to cost between $16.1 million and $30.1 million (per the County of Marin and CH2M review of the 2015 Engineering Analysis and Conceptual Design report by URS Corp.). Proposed funding sources include Ross Valley Flood Zone 9 Storm Drainage Fee and other potential grant funding sources.

Implementing Agency & Partners

Marin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District in cooperation with the Ross Valley School District, & Town of Fairfax. The implementing agency contact is Russ Eberwein, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer (REberwein@marincounty.org).

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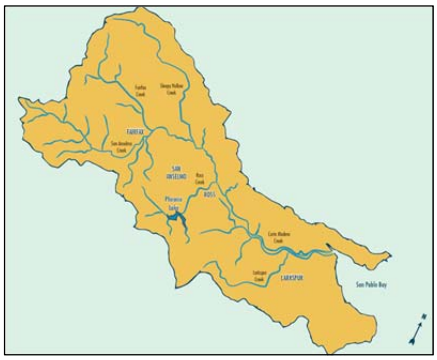


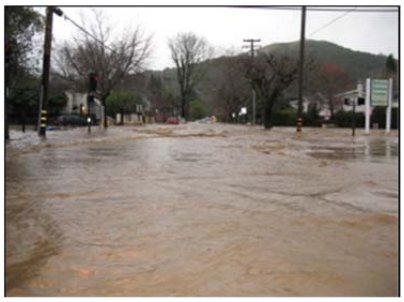
Creeks of the Ross Valley Watershed

Flooding on Larkspur Plaza Drive, 1998

ABOUT THE ROSS VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION & WATERSHED PROGRAM

The Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the towns/cities of Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, and Larkspur created the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program (Program) after the devastating flood of 2005. The Program addresses issues of flooding and environmental stewardship to protect and enhance the Ross Valley watershed and its communities. The goals of the program are to reduce the risk of flooding using a watershed-wide approach; integrate environmental restoration features with the flood mitigation projects; and leverage funds obtained through the Ross Valley Storm Drainage Fee to secure state and federal grant funding to study and construct flood protection projects. The proposed bridge replacement, detention basin, and in-creek projects are part of the first phase of improving the level of flood protection in Ross Valley.

Downtown San Anselmo (Bolinas Avenue) during the 1944 Flood



Downtown San Anselmo (Bolinas Avenue) during the 2005 Flood

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