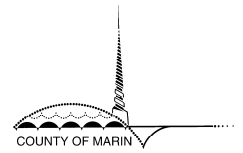


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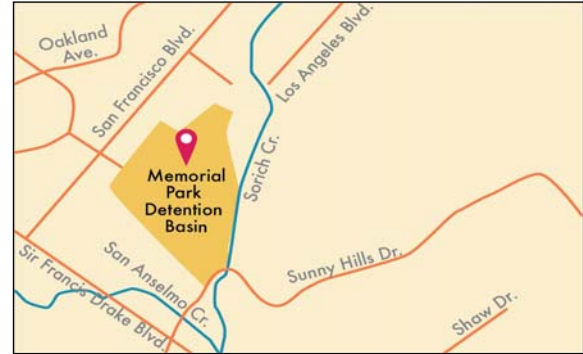
## MEMORIAL PARK DUAL-USE DETENTION BASIN PROJECT



Last Updated: September 24, 2015



Aerial image of Memorial Park



Proposed Memorial Park Detention Basin within Ross Valley Watershed

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

This proposed project would modify Memorial Park, an eight-acre public park in San Anselmo, to a dual-use facility allowing the park to function as a temporary overflow floodwater storage basin during infrequent, large flood events. Due to the limited in-channel capacity of San Anselmo Creek, it will provide much-needed temporary water storage to reduce or prevent flooding within Ross Valley. The project will be designed to blend with the natural context of the park and provide recreational improvements to maintain its primary function as a public park. The conceptual design includes restoring baseball and soccer fields, replacing tennis courts, restoring community playground, gardens, and restrooms, rehabilitating Sorich Creek to create a more natural creek habitat and a creek overlook. This detention basin is one of several proposed in the Ross Valley Flood Protection & Watershed Program.

### Project Benefits

In addition to replacing existing athletic fields for the local community, the project will alleviate flood impacts and enhance public safety during a 100-year flood event by temporarily storing flood waters to reduce flooding downstream of the detention basin for hundreds of homes & businesses in Ross Valley.

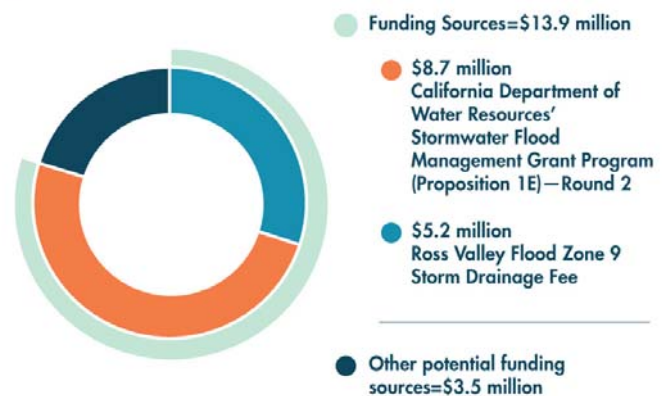
### Project Status

The proposed project was re-evaluated as part of the Flow Reduction Study in summer 2015 and was reconfirmed as one of 5 primary detention basin sites. Pending the outcome of community initiatives on the November 2015 ballot, the proposed project may enter feasibility, design, and environmental review phases, with many upcoming opportunities for community input.

### Project Cost & Funding Sources

**Proposed Project Estimated Cost=\$17.4 million**

*(per the Department of Water Resources Prop. 1E Grant Application, dated September 20, 2013)*



### Implementing Agency & Partners

Town of San Anselmo is the implementing agency with support from the Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The contact is Sean Condry, P.E., Town of San Anselmo Department of Public Works Director (SCondry@townofsananselmo.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 flooding 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 the Ross Valley.

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Downtown San Anselmo (Bollinas Avenue) during the 1944 Flood



Downtown San Anselmo (Bollinas Avenue) during the 2005 Flood

For further information about the Program and proposed projects, please visit the Program website at [www.RossValleyWatershed.org](http://www.RossValleyWatershed.org).

