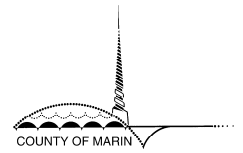


Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program

PROGRAM FACT SHEET



Last Updated: September 16, 2015

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Ross Valley Watershed and Flood Protection Program was initiated after the 2005 New Year's Eve flood by Ross Valley residents and local agencies. In partnership with Ross Valley's four cities and towns as well as environmental, business, and community organizations, the Program is charged with the development and implementation of a region-wide, flood protection program that integrates environmental stewardship and restoration. Projects identified as part of the Program include detention basins, bridge replacements, culvert enlargements, and creek improvement measures. Flood protection projects are planned throughout the Ross Valley in several locations that will function as a watershed-wide flood mitigation system providing reduced flood risk for the Towns of Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, City of Larkspur, and the unincorporated areas of Greenbrae, Kentfield, Sleepy Hollow, and Oak Manor.

Program Status

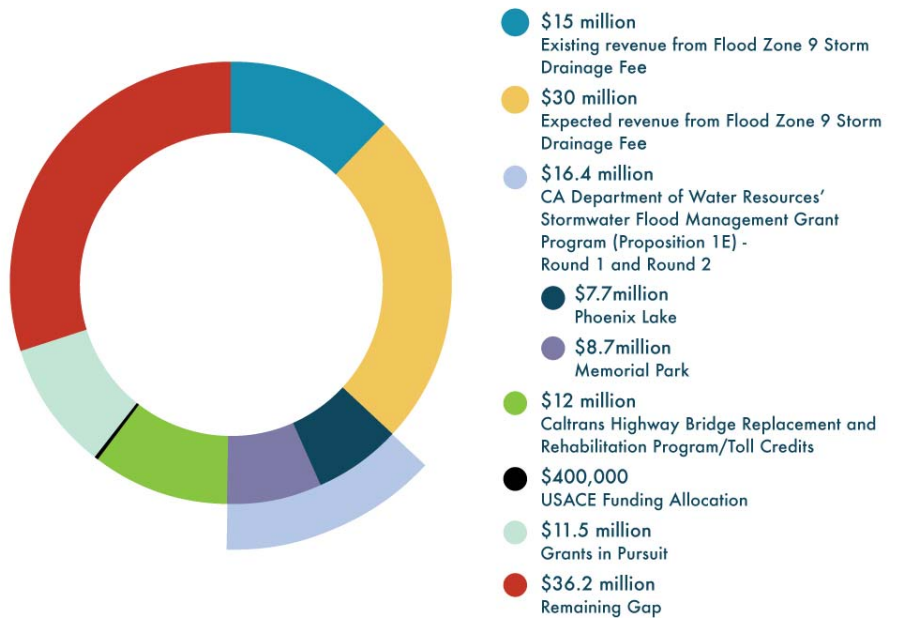
Some baseline projects within the 10-Year Work Plan are in the environmental review process, including four bridge replacements in San Anselmo and Ross. Funding was recently secured for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Flood Control Project (Unit 4), which includes the removal of the fish ladder in Ross. To learn more about the proposed projects, view project fact sheets on the Program website at www.RossValleyWatershed.org.

Program Cost & Funding Sources (as of March 2015)

The Program is estimated to cost \$112.4 million to complete the projects outlined in the 10-Year Work Plan. The Storm Drainage Fee is intended to cover 30% of the baseline projects' costs with the remaining costs covered by grant funding.

Implementing Agency & Partners

Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in partnership with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Towns of Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, City of Larkspur, and unincorporated Marin County, Marin Municipal Water District, Marin County Open Space District, and Ross Valley School District.





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

For further information about the Program and proposed projects, please visit the Program website at www.RossValleyWatershed.org.

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