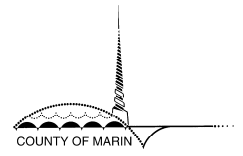


# Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program

## CORTE MADERA CREEK CHANNEL PROJECT

### (UNITS 3 & 4)



Last Updated: September 20, 2016



Unit 4 Channel Fish Ladder



Flood waters in Unit 3 Channel  
In Ross



Unit 4 Project within the Ross Valley  
Watershed

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The goal is to enhance and improve Corte Madera Creek to reduce the risk of flooding in the communities of Ross and Kentfield from a storm event similar to the New Year's Eve flood of 2005. The project will include removal of the wooden fish ladder, widening overly narrow sections, installing flood walls adjacent to the banks, and stabilizing creek slopes in Unit 4 and also downstream of the fish ladder in Units 2 and 3. Project benefits include flood reduction during large storms and ecosystem restoration.

### Project Status

In March 2016, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers allocated an additional \$500,000 to this project (bringing the total to \$900,000), which has enabled engineers to proceed with the environmental review and alternatives evaluation. Construction is expected to begin within the next five years, depending on the availability of federal funding.

### Project Cost & Funding Sources

Based on preliminary estimates from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Flood Zone 9, the proposed project is estimated to cost \$14 million. Proposed funding sources include:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- California Department of Resources Local Levee Assistance Program
- Ross Valley Flood Zone 9 Storm Drainage Fee
- California Department of Water Resources Flood Control Subventions Program

### Implementing Agencies & Partner

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in cooperation with the Town of Ross. The implementing local agency project contact is Hugh Davis, P.E., Associate Civil Engineer (hdavis@marincounty.org).



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Creeks of the Ross Valley Watershed



Flooding on Larkspur Plaza Drive, 1998

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Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon request.

## 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 (Bolin Avenue) during the 1944 Flood



Downtown San Anselmo (Bolin 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).

