



San Francisco
**ESTUARY
PARTNERSHIP**

Partnership in Action



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The San Francisco Estuary Partnership and its partners are committed to a future that envisions and works towards a healthy San Francisco Bay and Delta.



We take an innovative and forward-looking approach, embracing new technologies and strategies, including nature-based solutions, to improve the resilience of our shoreline communities.



We catalyze regional work toward our collective vision of a healthy Estuary.



We work collaboratively with partners across disciplines and sectors to restore the Estuary's unique habitat, improve water quality, reduce flood risks, and secure green spaces for generations to enjoy.



We leverage federal funding with millions of dollars in state and local funds for on-the-ground projects that directly improve the lives of communities across the region.

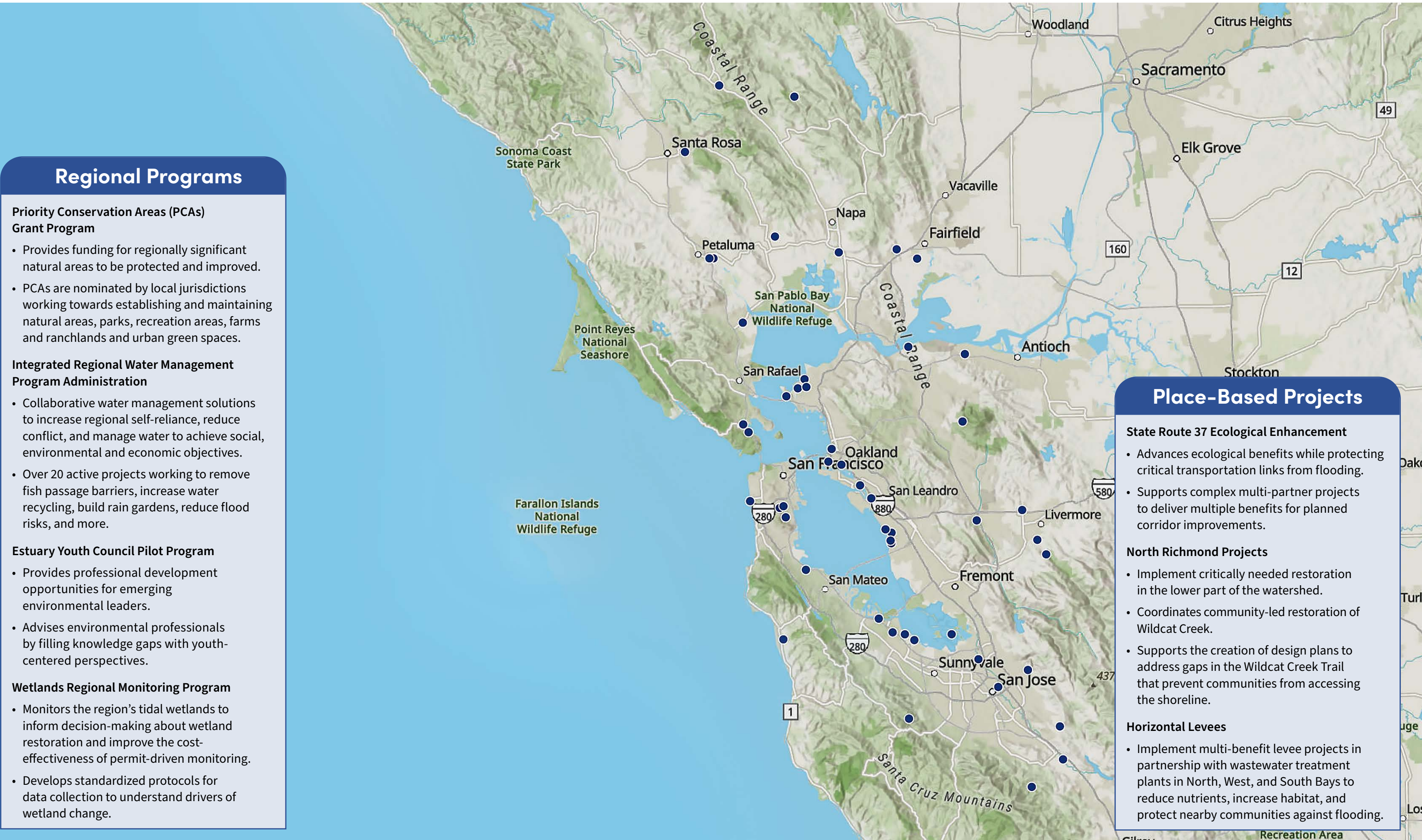


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OUR IMPACT

The Estuary Partnership manages over **\$125 MILLION** in planning, design, implementation, and community capacity-building projects, enacting the 25 priority actions outlined in our regional 2022 Estuary Blueprint (sfestuary.org/estuary-blueprint/).

2025 Project and Program Highlights



Regional Programs

Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) Grant Program

- Provides funding for regionally significant natural areas to be protected and improved.
- PCAs are nominated by local jurisdictions working towards establishing and maintaining natural areas, parks, recreation areas, farms and ranchlands and urban green spaces.

Integrated Regional Water Management Program Administration

- Collaborative water management solutions to increase regional self-reliance, reduce conflict, and manage water to achieve social, environmental and economic objectives.
- Over 20 active projects working to remove fish passage barriers, increase water recycling, build rain gardens, reduce flood risks, and more.

Estuary Youth Council Pilot Program

- Provides professional development opportunities for emerging environmental leaders.
- Advises environmental professionals by filling knowledge gaps with youth-centered perspectives.

Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program

- Monitors the region's tidal wetlands to inform decision-making about wetland restoration and improve the cost-effectiveness of permit-driven monitoring.
- Develops standardized protocols for data collection to understand drivers of wetland change.

Place-Based Projects

State Route 37 Ecological Enhancement

- Advances ecological benefits while protecting critical transportation links from flooding.
- Supports complex multi-partner projects to deliver multiple benefits for planned corridor improvements.

North Richmond Projects

- Implement critically needed restoration in the lower part of the watershed.
- Coordinates community-led restoration of Wildcat Creek.
- Supports the creation of design plans to address gaps in the Wildcat Creek Trail that prevent communities from accessing the shoreline.

Horizontal Levees

- Implement multi-benefit levee projects in partnership with wastewater treatment plants in North, West, and South Bays to reduce nutrients, increase habitat, and protect nearby communities against flooding.

About the San Francisco Estuary Partnership



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The San Francisco Estuary Partnership was established in 1988 under the Clean Water Act as part of the National Estuary Program, a place-based non-regulatory program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency created to protect and restore estuaries of national significance. The Estuary Partnership, hosted locally by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, is a regional program with a federal mandate to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of the San Francisco Estuary from the Golden Gate to the Sacramento Delta.

The Estuary Partnership leads the Estuary Blueprint, a comprehensive, collaborative strategy for the Estuary's future. The Estuary Partnership convenes agencies and organizations in the region and catalyzes regional work toward this collective vision of a healthy Estuary. We work hand-in-hand with communities, funders, and other key partners to collaborate, innovate, and adapt to the dynamic needs of the Estuary and its watershed communities.



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Thank you for your support which allows us to elevate the Estuary Partnership's work to enhance the lives of the over 8 million residents across our 12 counties.

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