

# Pine Meadow Funding Search

Pine Meadow Funding Search ---we recently researched and presented to the City the Association of Bay Area Government Priority Conservation Area program, in our on-going effort to help the City Council finds ways to fund the purchase of Pine Meadow for open space/park use.



The Priority Conservation Area (PCA ) program is designed to provide funding for land, trails, parks, recreation facilities. A site must be submitted by a government body like our City. Candidate projects must fit into one of four categories: Urban Greening, Regional Recreation, Natural Landscapes, and Agricultural Lands.

The application is reviewed by both the PCA program and their partners, and awards are made to the best projects. The last cycle was funded at \$10 million, with several grants in the \$500,000 range. Funding, like most opportunities for funding, would cover only a portion of the cost for Pine Meadow.

We believe that Pine Meadow could potentially be a candidate because it would meet PCA criteria, including:

- under high development pressure,
- promote community health,
- capture carbon emissions,
- support adopted open space policy protection measures,
- adjacent to other open space,
- open space/park with regional usage.



The City reviewed our information, and City staff has responded that they believe the program is not particularly suited for the Pine Meadow site. But they are planning to pursue using the program for funding for trail sites at the waterfront.

Although our primary interest is to help the City Council find funding sources to buy Pine Meadow for public open space/park use, **we are glad this research helped in any way to further open space and recreation facilities in our town.**

Details of our e-mail exchange with the City are on our website.

Our next potential funding source is being researched now. We need your help. Please contact us to volunteer, if you can donate a little time.

You can help by going to our website, [www.keepouropenspace.org](http://www.keepouropenspace.org), and volunteer, or add yourself to our e-mail list, or make a donation, if you can.

You can also help by following us on Facebook under “Friends of Pine Meadow”, and “like” us to let more people know what we are trying to do.