

About Greenbelt Alliance

Who We Are

Since 1958, Greenbelt Alliance has worked to protect open spaces and create vibrant places in the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. We are a membership-based organization with offices in San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Fairfield, Walnut Creek, and San Jose.

Our Vision

In our vision, the Bay Area remains one of the country's most desirable places to live, work, and visit. Our cities and towns have attractive, walkable neighborhoods with a vibrant mix of housing, shops, restaurants, and offices. Communities are linked by buses, trains, and bike paths, and are bounded by a protected greenbelt of rolling hills, productive farmlands, lush watersheds, and plentiful parks.

Our Work

Protecting Open Spaces

- Helping cities and counties establish reasonable urban boundaries that allow for future growth while preserving the greenbelt.
- Educating and mobilizing communities to stop sprawl developments that pave over open space, increase traffic, and pollute the air.
- Leading educational hikes and tours for more than one thousand people every year through our Greenbelt Outings and Urban Outings.

Creating Vibrant Places

- Endorsing development projects within existing city limits that are close to shopping, jobs, and transit, and include housing choices for people of all income levels.

- Advocating for city and regional policies that revitalize downtown areas, increase affordable housing, and expand transit options.
- Publishing award-winning research that recommends strategies for accommodating future growth while keeping the greenbelt intact.

Our History of Success

For 50 years, we have worked with communities and partner organizations to help secure long-term protection for more than 1.1 million acres of open space, to establish urban growth boundaries around 25 cities and five counties, and to endorse plans to create more than 60,000 homes within existing urban areas.

Our Future

The Bay Area's economy and population will grow in the years ahead, and we want to ensure that development to accommodate this growth also protects the environment, promotes social equity, and preserves our quality of life.

More than 4,000 Bay Area residents are members of Greenbelt Alliance because they care about our region and support our work to make it a better place.

Join Us

For more information or to become a member, visit www.greenbelt.org, or call us at (415) 543-6771.



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The protected greenbelt is within easy reach of our cities and towns.

Open Spaces & Vibrant Places

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