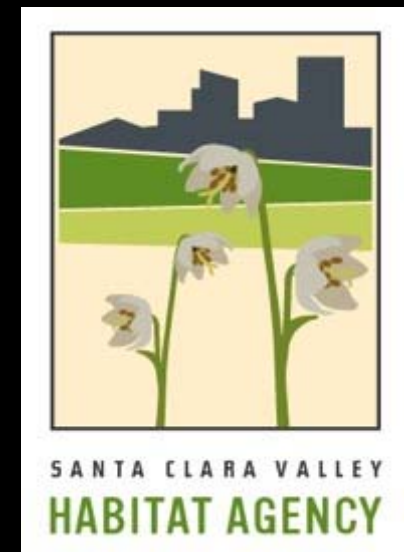


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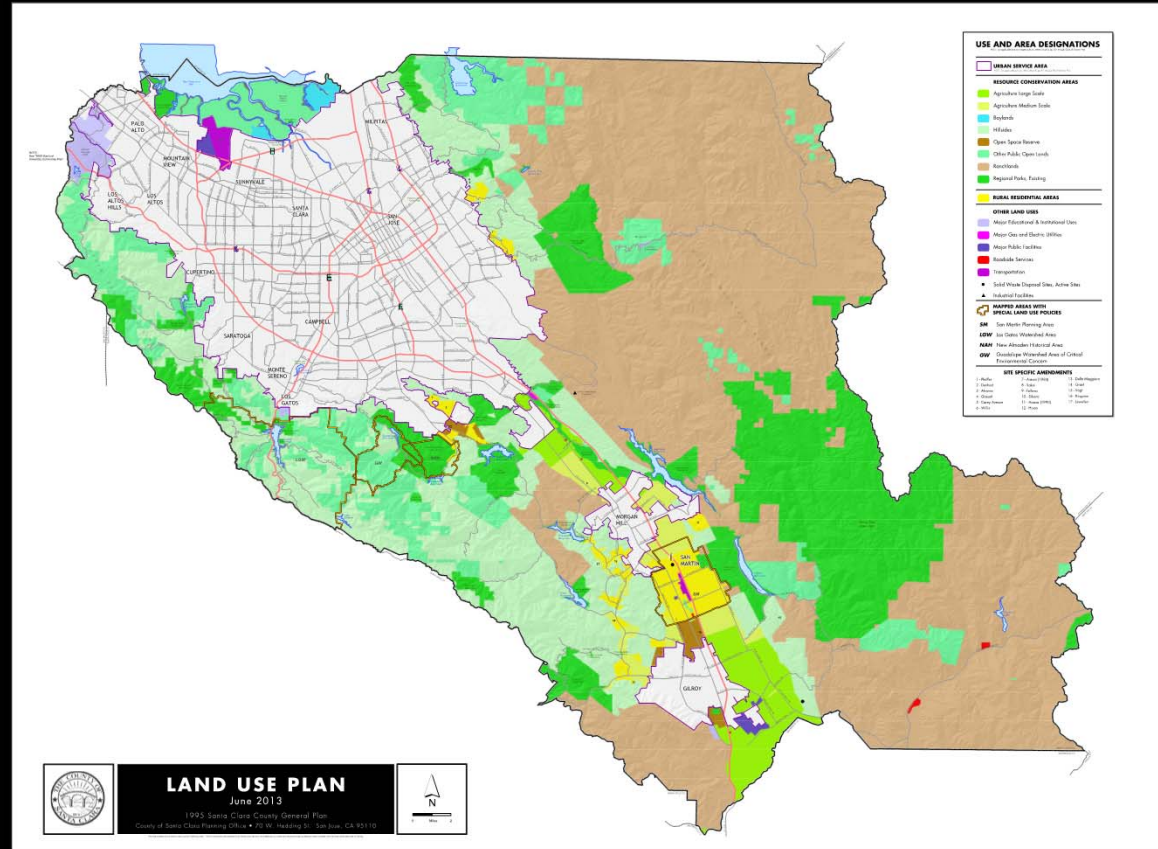


Vision of Santa Clara County's General Plan

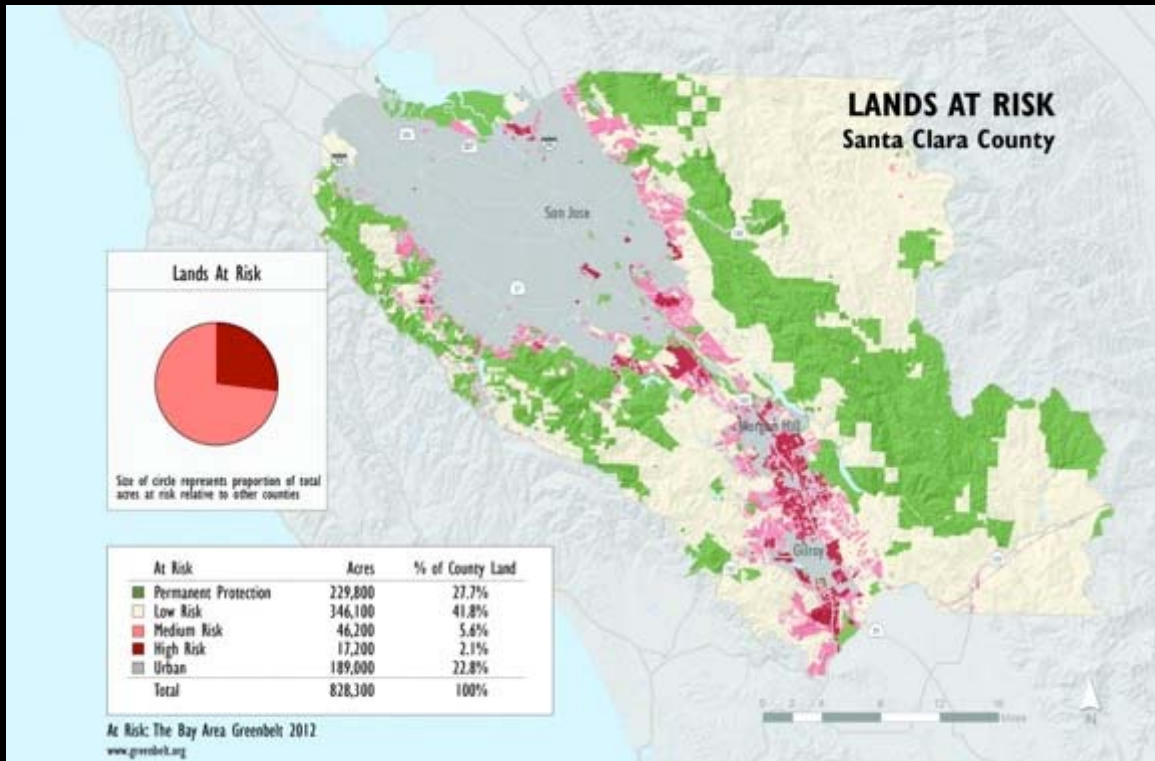
- Managed, Balanced Growth
- Livable Communities
- Responsible Resource Conservation
- Social and Economic Well-being

Key Strategy is multiple implementers:

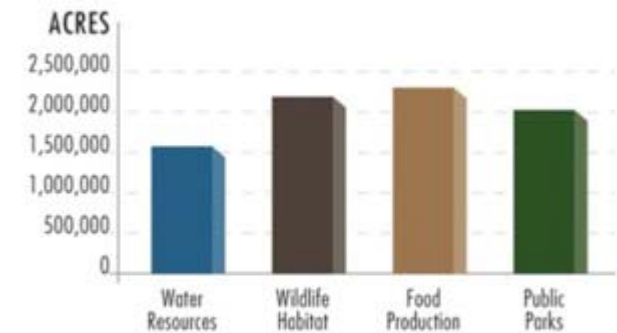
- County
- Cities
- Agencies
- Nonprofits
- Businesses



63,4000 acres are at risk of development in Santa Clara County



Bay Area Open Space Values

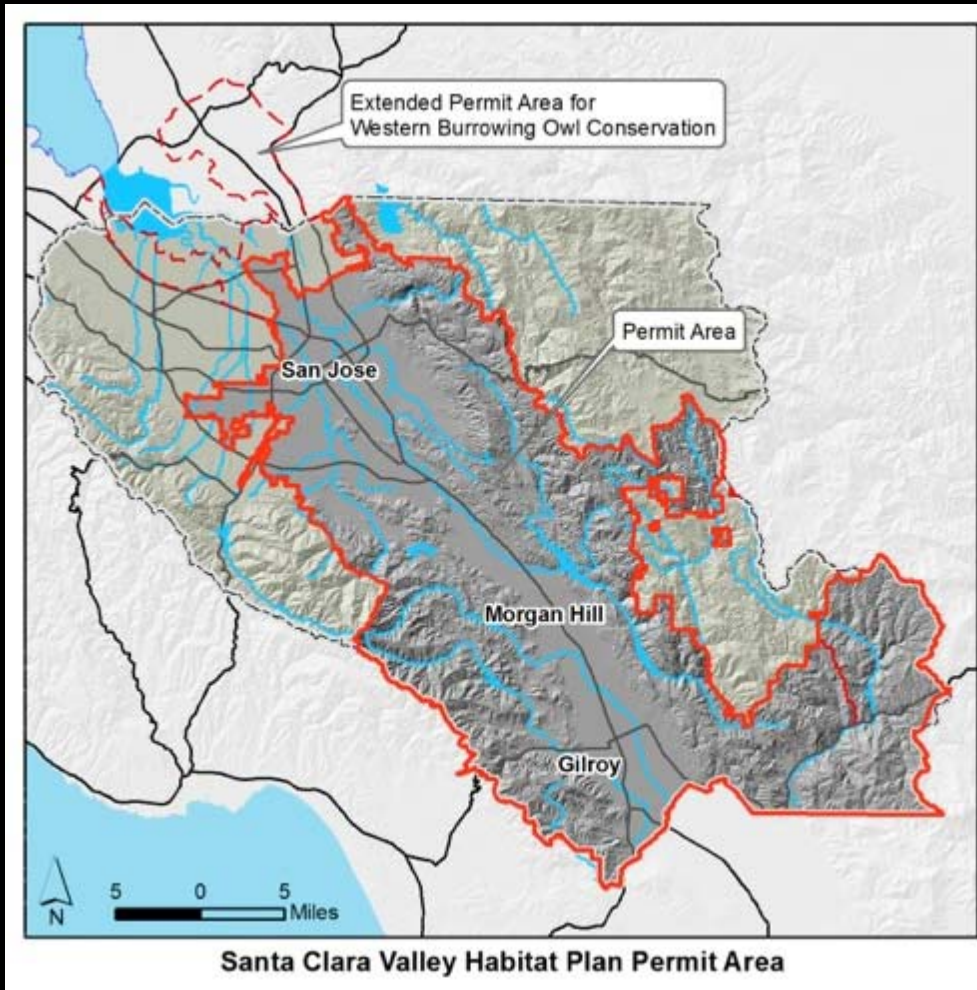


Numbers add up to more than total acreage because some lands serve more than one value.





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Issue: How to address impacts on listed endangered species in the Southern half of the County?

Answer: Preparation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (federal) and a Natural Community Conservation Plan (State).

Why: Federal Fish and Wildlife Service "required" HCP as part of several 2001 projects including widening Highway 101.

Local Agencies:

2001: San Jose, County, VTA and SCVWD.

2005: Gilroy and Morgan Hill



Countywide Problem: Nitrogen from vehicle exhaust negatively impacts Bay Checkerspot Butterfly and thus violates federal regulations.

Problem: Impacts to federal listed endangered species CAN NOT be authorized under federal law via the environmental review process.

Habitat Plan solution: various conservation measures including a one time \$3.60 fee for each new vehicle trip.

Solution outside the Habitat Plan area: charge mitigation fee equal to Habitat Plan and hope no one takes a project to court OR prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan OR have project get their own federal endangered species permit.