

# Monan's Rill

Monan's Rill is a 440-acre property northeast of Santa Rosa where a community of individuals and families collectively own and manage the landscape for ecosystem health and resiliency. The land absorbs winter rainwater, releasing it via springs over the summer. Its forest, woodland, and chaparral serve as a carbon sink. The understory clearing preserves the native plants and trees, and makes the community more ecologically resilient and safe in the face of fire.

*"It's where I have lived for the last 40 years. I feel a close attachment to the land, and I feel a duty to be a good steward of the land. In my retirement, that stewardship is one of my primary occupations."*

— Rick Kevinsky,  
Monan's Rill Association

## RESILIENT FOREST AND WOODLANDS

According to CalFire, there are 31,488 homes in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) in Sonoma County. Using fuel treatments such as mechanical thinning or prescribed fire can change fire behavior and help to keep communities safer.

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*"Since 1980, we have cleared understory and thinned trees to create shaded fuel breaks, improved ranch roads to prevent erosion into Mark West Creek, installed a 60,000 gallon rainwater catchment tank, and completed a prescribed burn to reduce fuels".*

