



Together Bay Area (<https://togetherbayarea.org>) and GreenInfo Network (greeninfo.org) have completed an update to the Bay Area Protected Areas Database (BPAD). The information in the database is generally current up to May 2026, this report covers acquisitions through May 2025. The source information is a GIS database.

This document contains tables summarizing acreage information for the following attributes by county and for the region:

- Fee and Easement status (fee, easement)
- Access type (open to public, restricted/open with permits, no public access)
- Agency level (federal, state, county, city, special district, non-profit, mized, private, other/unknown)

Together Bay Area and GreenInfo Network are limited in the support they can offer to answer questions about the data. Users are encouraged to reference the California Protected Areas Database (CPAD) and the California Conservation Easement Databases (CCED), statewide database documentation available at calands.org

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Bay Area Protected Areas Database - 2026 STATISTICS, BY OWNERSHIP TYPE						
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	ALAMEDA	CONTRA COSTA	MARIN	NAPA	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN MATEO	SANTA CLARA	SANTA CRUZ	SOLANO	SONOMA	TOTAL
OWNERSHIP ACRES BY TYPE											
Fee	117,860	150,559	161,852	136,937	5,840	107,564	217,817	76,208	69,933	92,899	1,137,468
Easement	12,784	10,094	62,076	38,249	1	11,153	47,711	8,783	25,497	98,790	315,138
Fee & Easement	5,777	11,108	1,271	9,890	2	5,788	21,917	10,276	4,934	53,297	124,261
	136,421	171,761	225,199	185,076	5,842	124,505	287,446	95,267	100,365	244,986	1,576,867
OWNERSHIP PERCENT BY TYPE											
Fee	86.4%	87.7%	71.9%	74.0%	100.0%	86.4%	75.8%	80.0%	69.7%	37.9%	72.1%
Easement	9.4%	5.9%	27.6%	20.7%	0.0%	9.0%	16.6%	9.2%	25.4%	40.3%	20.0%
Fee & Easement	4.2%	6.5%	0.6%	5.3%	0.0%	4.6%	7.6%	10.8%	4.9%	21.8%	7.9%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
PREVIOUS OWNERSHIP TOTALS¹											
2025	132,891	168,589	225,085	187,156	5,829	124,191	275,103	93,809	100,107	242,690	1,555,450
2024	132,896	166,999	219,792	185,245	5,828	123,068	271,022	93,213	97,971	235,000	1,531,034
2016	127,671	148,698	215,057	151,408	5,754	122,778	246,812	90,218	81,009	219,731	1,409,136
2002	105,899	118,822	182,922	116,422	5,221	106,246	192,113		62,756	129,689	1,020,090
2002-2026 Change											
Acres	30,522	52,939	42,277	68,654	621	18,259	95,333		37,609	115,297	461,510
Percent	28.8%	44.6%	23.1%	59.0%	11.9%	17.2%	49.6%		59.9%	88.9%	45.2%

¹Ownership statistics for prior to 2024 were classified differently. For this reason, only totals are provided for previous releases, as well as the change over 2002-2026

Bay Area Protected Areas Database - 2026 STATISTICS, BY ACCESS TYPE

Run date: 6/29/2026

	ALAMEDA	CONTRA COSTA	MARIN	NAPA	SAN FRANCISCO	SAN MATEO	SANTA CLARA	SANTA CRUZ	SOLANO	SONOMA	TOTAL	PERCENT OF TOTAL
ACRES BY ACCESS												
Open Access	68,138	88,636	159,623	108,985	5,602	58,765	144,428	64,822	37,712	83,674	820,384	52.0%
Restricted Access	34,417	19,540	1,805	25,282	121	31,672	53,264	12,510	19,826	35,224	233,664	14.8%
Closed - No Access	33,865	63,584	63,771	50,809	119	34,068	89,754	17,935	42,826	126,088	522,819	33.2%
	136,421	171,761	225,199	185,076	5,842	124,505	287,446	95,267	100,365	244,986	1,576,867	100.0%
OWNERSHIP PERCENT BY TYPE												
Open Access	49.9%	51.6%	70.9%	58.9%	95.9%	47.2%	50.2%	68.0%	37.6%	34.2%	52.0%	
Restricted Access	25.2%	11.4%	0.8%	13.7%	2.1%	25.4%	18.5%	13.1%	19.8%	14.4%	14.8%	
Closed - No Access	24.8%	37.0%	28.3%	27.5%	2.0%	27.4%	31.2%	18.8%	42.7%	51.5%	33.2%	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
HISTORIC OWNERSHIP TOTALS												
	2025											
Open Access	71,761	94,567	159,719	111,095	5,590	57,777	147,442	64,661	37,761	89,672	840,045	53.3%
Restricted Access	35,583	24,225	1,790	27,870	121	32,543	53,093	5,135	19,808	36,489	236,657	15.0%
Closed - No Access	25,547	49,796	63,575	48,192	118	33,871	74,568	24,013	42,538	116,529	478,747	30.4%
	132,896	166,999	219,792	185,245	5,828	123,068	271,022	93,213	97,971	235,001	1,531,034	
	2024											
Open Access	67,836	87,732	156,566	109,820	5,591	56,991	143,138	58,605	37,827	82,728	806,833	51.2%
Restricted Access	34,118	23,347	1,701	24,908	121	31,047	51,098	11,230	19,797	32,614	229,981	14.6%
Closed - No Access	30,942	55,921	61,525	50,517	116	35,030	76,786	23,379	40,346	119,659	494,220	31.3%
	132,896	166,999	219,792	185,245	5,828	123,068	271,022	93,213	97,971	235,001	1,531,034	
	2016											
Open Access	65,479	87,132	156,987	105,637	5,634	52,887	138,539	58,822	16,604	76,149	763,870	53.8%
Restricted Access	39,511	26,250	3,684	16,189	9	34,279	40,960	6,529	35,770	33,647	236,828	16.7%
No Access	22,681	35,315	54,386	29,582	110	35,612	77,885	24,867	28,635	110,526	419,599	29.5%
Total	127,671	148,697	215,057	151,408	5,753	122,778	257,384	90,218	81,009	220,322	1,420,297	100.0%
	2002											
Open Access	66,586	80,647	123,524	78,195	5,127	46,792	129,388		38,593	54,652	623,504	61.1%
Restricted Access	35,677	33,949	24,619	20,212	94	37,166	34,715		9,136	9,421	204,989	20.1%
No Access	3,636	4,227	34,779	18,015		22,287	28,011		15,027	65,615	191,597	18.8%
Total	105,899	118,823	182,922	116,422	5,221	106,245	192,114		62,756	129,688	1,020,090	100.0%
2002-2026 Change												
Open Access	1,552	7,989	36,099	30,790	475	11,973	15,040		-881	29,022	132,059	28.6%
Restricted Access	-1,260	-14,409	-22,814	5,070	27	-5,494	18,549		10,690	25,803	16,164	3.5%
No Access	30,229	59,357	28,992	32,794	119	11,781	61,743		27,799	60,473	313,288	67.9%
Total	30,522	52,938	42,277	68,654	621	18,260	95,332		37,609	115,298	461,510	

Lands in fee title that also have an easement may have reported different public access. Whenever reported, the most restrictive category was applied to those lands.

For example, a property reported as "Restricted Access" in CPAD and "No Access" in CCED would be reported as No Access

CCED values of "Closed" are reported under "No Access"

	132,891	168,589	225,084	187,156	5,829	124,191	275,103	93,809	100,107	242,690	1,555,450
2024											
Federal	13,426	1,719	80,642	63,425	2,225	10,593	8,995	6,114	4,593	35,216	226,948
State	19,095	37,142	30,990	44,300	271	19,336	73,721	54,390	42,918	42,584	364,746
County	24,397	103	2,810	732	641	36,069	59,087	3,619	2,669	10,182	140,310
City	8,196	8,553	3,037	10,357	2,661	4,301	11,572	6,658	11,528	2,568	69,430
Special District	7,682	9,908	58,640	54,516	4	16,343	44,488	17,791	26,957	33,948	270,275
Non-Profit	54,453	98,098	42,930	3,031	23	30,021	52,044	2,861	2,591	62,720	348,773
Mixed	5,087	11,471	743	7,973		6,405	20,518	1,702	4,930	46,074	104,905
Private	404	6			3		598	79	1,784	372	3,244
Other/Unknown	156			911						1,337	2,404
	132,896	166,999	219,792	185,245	5,828	123,068	271,022	93,213	97,971	235,001	1,531,034
2016											
Federal	13,214	2,378	80,311	63,186	2,251	11,107	9,662	6,085	6,204	34,390	228,788
State	20,411	36,647	31,923	43,227	206	19,828	76,747	54,581	37,137	47,855	368,562
County	23,413	323	2,850	929	642	36,901	65,404	4,009	1,870	11,328	147,669
City	7,588	8,161	3,327	11,503	2,631	4,326	11,305	7,082	11,580	4,725	72,228
Special District	57,836	94,093	44,711	4,678	23	27,440	50,395	3,758	2,555	60,417	345,906
Non-Profit	5,205	7,097	51,936	25,550	0	23,176	42,123	14,623	21,657	58,622	249,989
Private	4						1,748	79	5	357	2,193
Other/Unknown				2,336						2,628	4,964
Total	127,671	148,699	215,058	151,409	5,753	122,778	257,384	90,217	81,008	220,322	1,420,299
2002											
Federal	13,314	389	78,796	60,701	2,100	4,871	5,863		11,841	8,591	186,466
State	4,337	31,665	29,626	18,573	134	17,738	58,335		22,744	53,002	236,154
County	19,409		898		509	37,700	55,565		123	5,317	119,521
City	4,250	7,150	999	8,501	2,477	2,600	9,143		11,461	909	47,490
Special District	61,338	77,505	37,885	695		16,777	32,243		1,943	50,775	279,161
Non-Profit	3,251	2,114	34,718	27,953		26,559	30,962		14,644	11,095	151,296
Total	105,899	118,823	182,922	116,423	5,220	106,245	192,111		62,756	129,689	1,020,088
2002-2025 Change											
Federal	112	1,363	4,171	88	129	5,973	3,111	6,104	-7,315	26,624	40,361
State	14,839	4,928	1,318	25,633	137	1,570	17,671	53,990	21,630	-9,828	131,888
County	4,876	418	1,988	2,745	132	-1,624	2,207	3,830	2,553	2,084	19,210
City	5,588	1,703	2,066	1,863	181	1,698	2,521	6,658	71	1,655	24,004
Special District	-6,862	23,998	6,564	1,917	36	14,212	31,657	2,908	665	24,821	99,916
Non-Profit	6,590	9,409	25,315	27,230	4	-9,254	19,617	20,153	16,603	24,898	140,566

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Ownership	136,421	171,761	225,199	185,076	5,842	124,505	287,446	95,267	100,365	244,986	1,576,867
Access	136,421	171,761	225,199	185,076	5,842	124,505	287,446	95,267	100,365	244,986	1,576,867
Agency Type	136,421	171,761	225,199	185,076	5,842	124,505	287,446	95,267	100,365	244,986	1,576,867