



## **Press Release:** For immediate release

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### **MLK Day of Service: Canopy to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Community Trees**

**Monday, January 21, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Location: Martin Luther King Park, 435 Daisy Lane, East Palo Alto, CA 94303**

**PALO ALTO: January 21, 2019** - Join [Canopy](#), [Grassroots Ecology](#), and the [San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority](#) (JPA) as we create new habitat for local pollinators and bird species at several of the recently reopened entry points of the Bay Trail in East Palo Alto. Volunteers will plant trees and plants, providing inviting gateways to the Bay Trail and other urban green space.

The JPA recently completed a flood protection project for San Francisquito Creek from Highway 101 to San Francisco Bay, and has reopened access points to the Bay Trail closed during construction the last few years. Grassroots and Canopy have secured funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to increase habitat for local pollinators and bird species in East Palo Alto, and this project will be an excellent opportunity to create habitat and provide inviting gateways to the Bay Trail and other urban green space.

Canopy Executive Director Catherine Martineau commented on the Day of Service: "Planting trees and native plants is a way to remember the past, build hope for the future, and improve the overall environment for everyone. Studies have shown neighborhood trees and greenery reduce stress, reduce crime, and improve overall health and well-being. Pollinators and bird species are an integral part of a healthy and vibrant ecosystem, and essential to the health and diversity of the entire planet."

[Please sign up here](#) to join us for this fun-filled event!

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### ***About Grassroots Ecology***

*Grassroots Ecology envisions vibrant, healthy lands and human communities that support and sustain one another and are resilient and adaptable to a changing world.*

### ***About San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority***

*San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority is a government agency serving communities across multiple jurisdictions in Silicon Valley. The SFCJPA plans, designs, and implements projects from the upper watershed to tidal marshes.*

### ***About Canopy***

*Canopy plants and cares for trees where people need them the most. We envision a day when every resident of the Midpeninsula can step outside to walk, play, and thrive under the shade of healthy trees.*