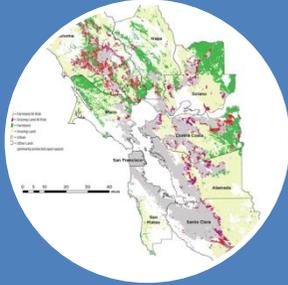


# **Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program**

**January 20, 2015**

**Recommended Action for Council:  
Adoption of Program Guidelines for 2014-15  
Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation  
(SALC) Program**



## Strategy

FY 2014-15: ~\$1m



## Easements

FY 2014: ~\$4m



## Management Practices

Future Years

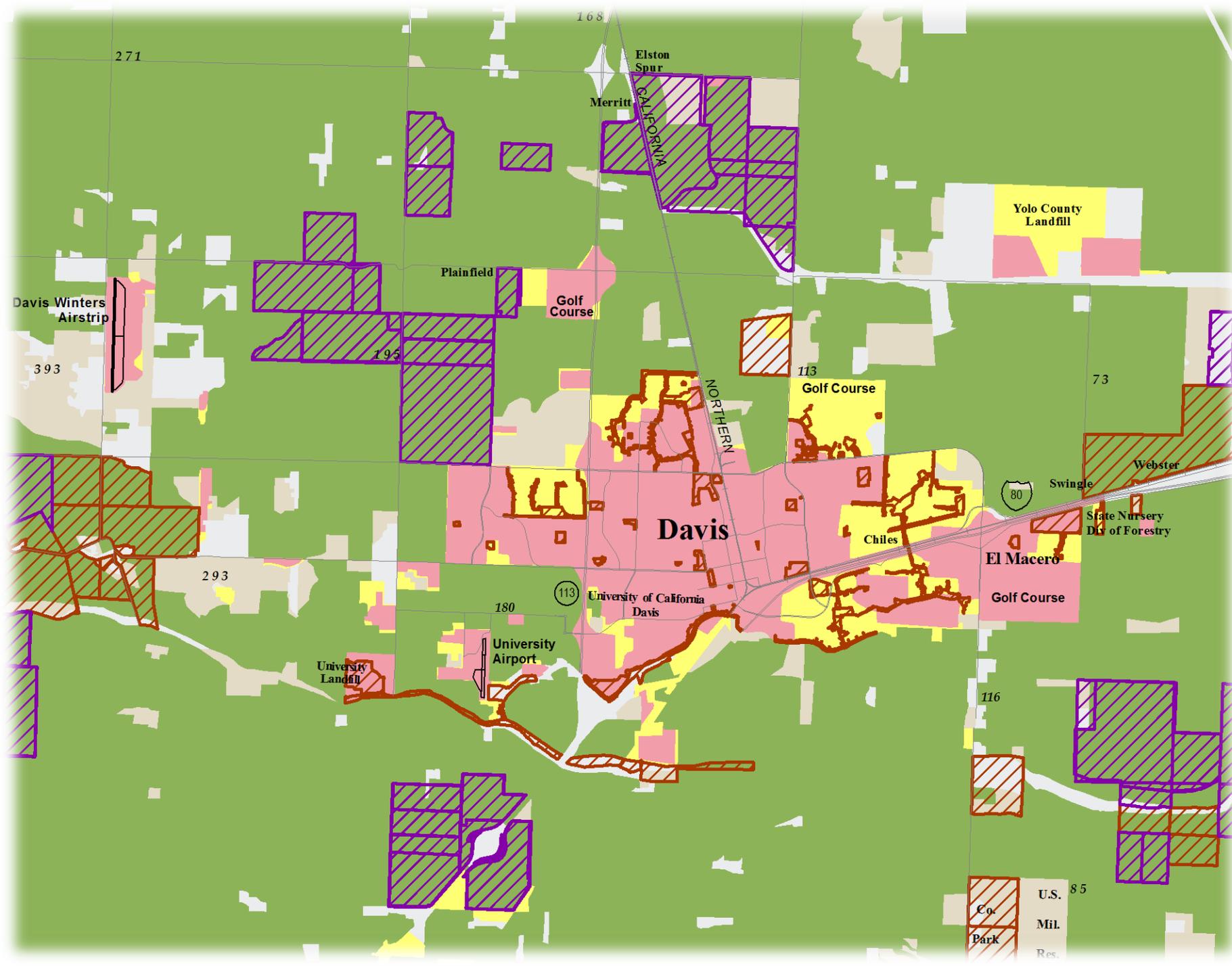
**SALC Program Elements**

Permanent protection of farm and range lands through investments in planning and agricultural conservation easements reduce GHGs by:

- Avoiding increases in GHG emissions that would be attributed to a more intensive development of the land, and
- Sequestering carbon.

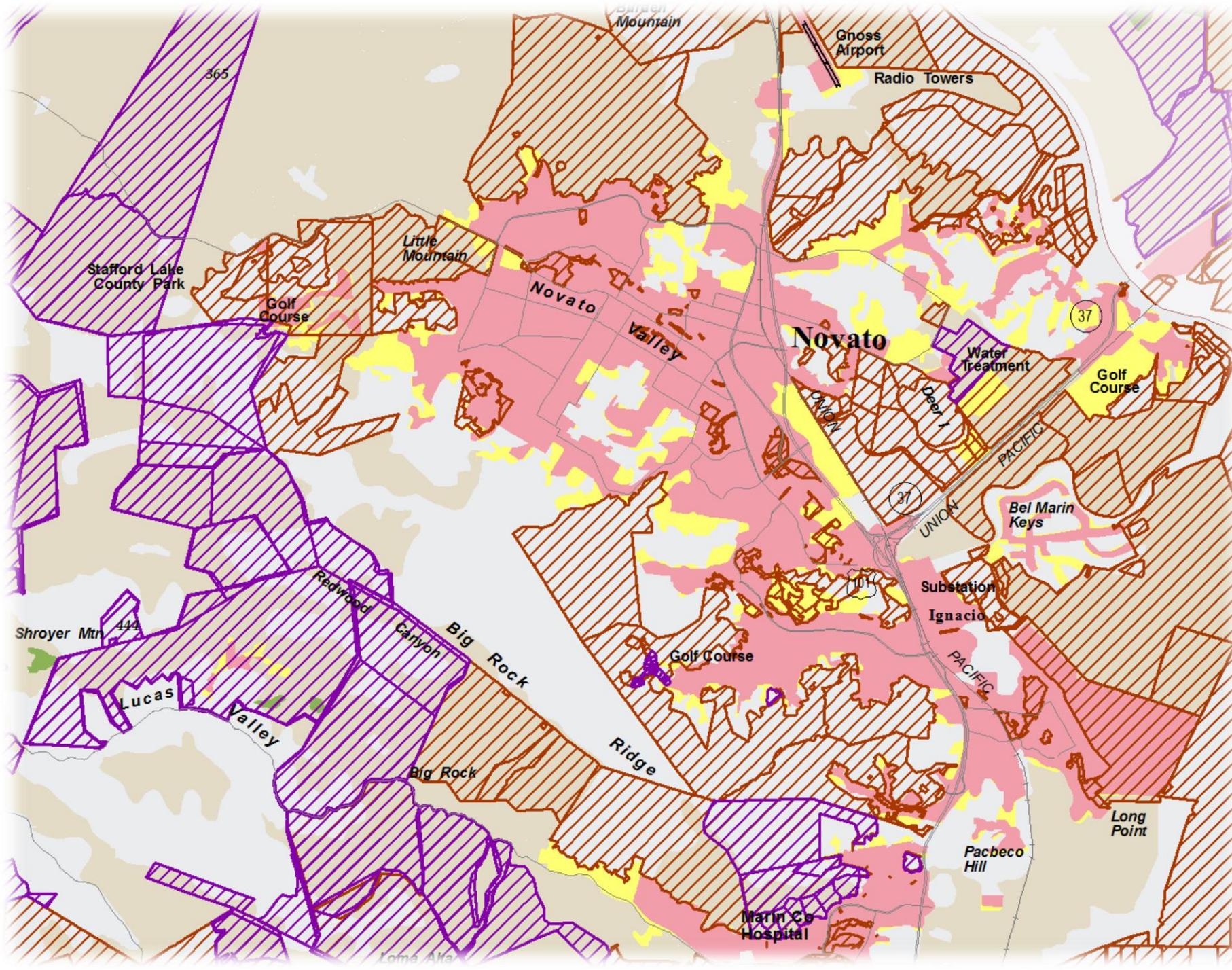
And provide various co-benefits including, groundwater recharge, nutrient cycling, economic benefits, local food production, open space values, wildlife habitat , etc.

# Conservation Easements and Other Protected Lands Davis Area, Yolo County



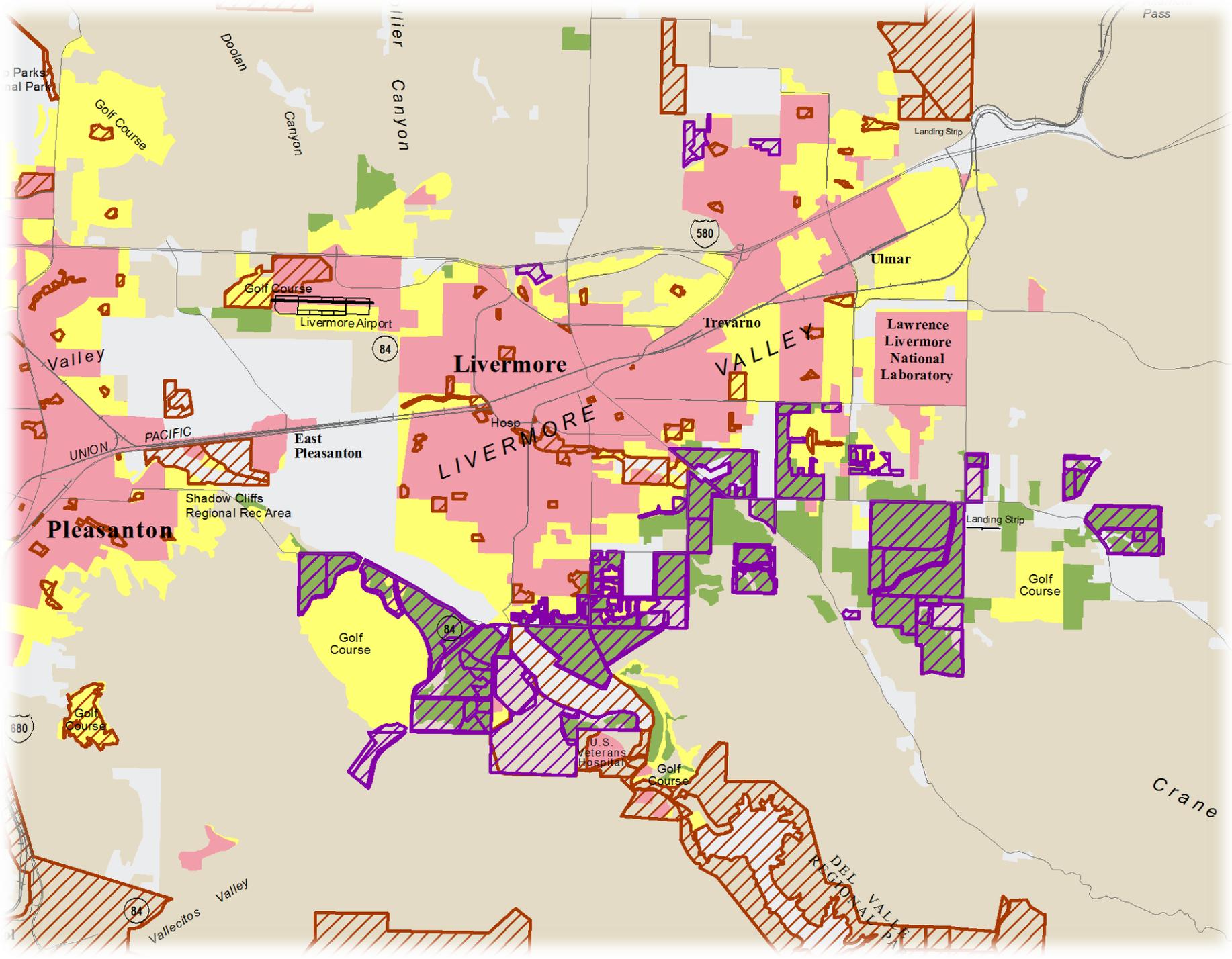
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- Dryland Farming & Grazing
- Urban and Built-up Land
- Urban Change 1984 - 2010
- Agricultural and Other Permanent Conservation Easements
- Other Protected Lands

# Conservation Easements and Other Protected Lands Novato Area, Marin County



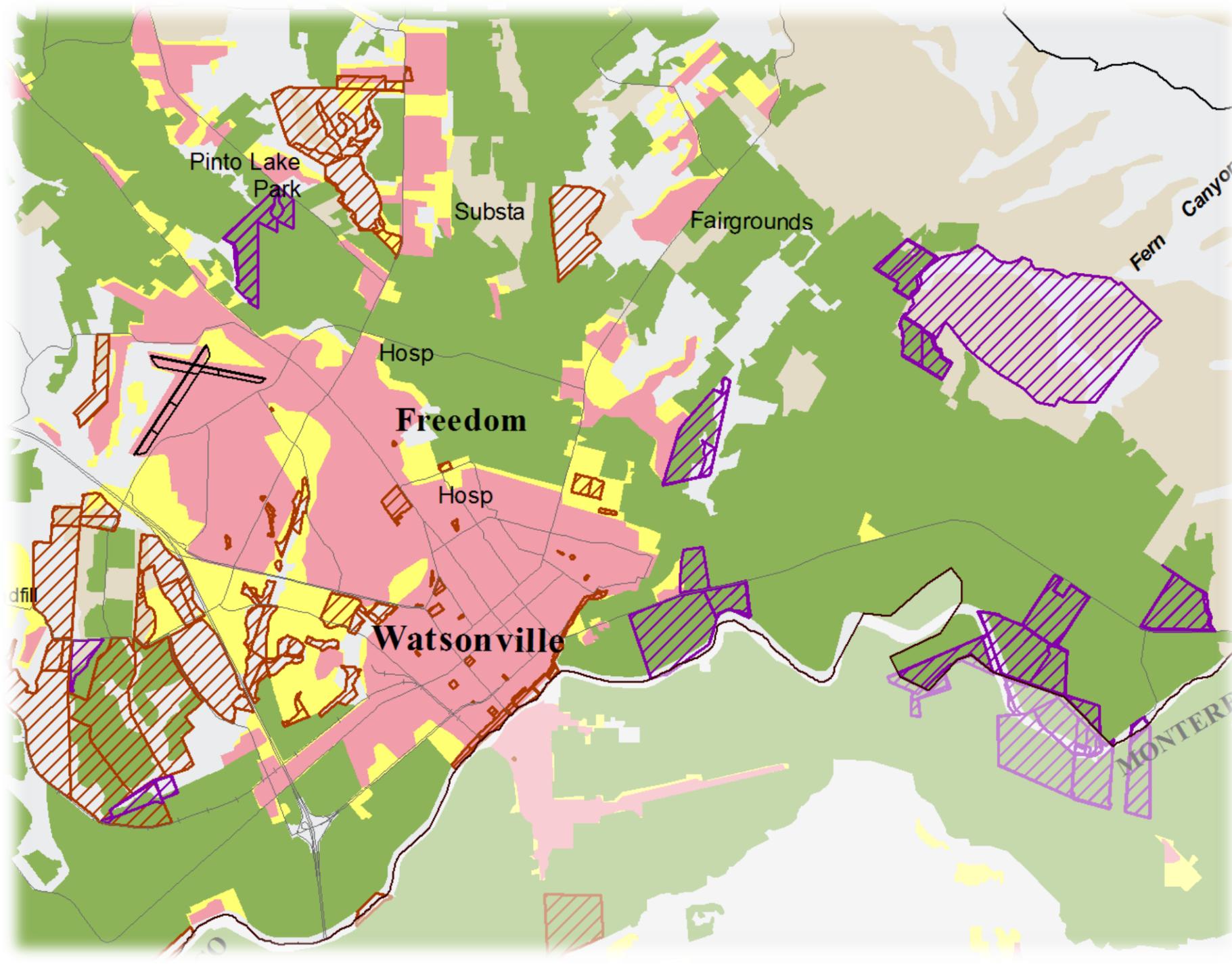
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# Conservation Easements and Other Protected Lands Livermore Area, Alameda County



-  Irrigated Farmland
-  Dryland Farming & Grazing
-  Urban And Built-up Land
-  Urban Change 1984 - 2010
-  Agricultural and Other Permanent Conservation Easements
-  Other Protected Lands

# Conservation Easements and Other Protected Lands Watsonville Area, Santa Cruz County



-  Irrigated Farmland
-  Dryland Farming & Grazing
-  Urban and Built-up Land
-  Urban Change 1984 - 2010
-  Agricultural and Other Permanent Conservation Easements
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# Estimated SALC Program Timeline & Next Steps

✓	<b>SEPTEMBER 2014</b>	<b>Released SALC Draft Guidelines</b>
✓	<b>OCTOBER 2014</b>	<b>Three Public Workshops on Draft Guidelines</b>
✓	<b>JANUARY 9, 2015</b>	<b>Released Draft Final Guidelines</b>
✓	<b>JANUARY 20, 2015</b>	<b>Final Guidelines to Council for Approval</b>
	<b>JANUARY 21, 2015</b>	<b>Request for Projects Released</b>
	<b>MARCH 20, 2015</b>	<b>Applications Due for SALC Strategy Grants</b>
	<b>FEBRUARY 6, 2015</b>	<b>Concepts Due for SALC Easement Grants</b>
	<b>APRIL 1, 2015</b>	<b>Full Applications Due for SALC Easement Grants</b>
	<b>JUNE/JULY 2015 Council Meeting</b>	<b>Recommended SALC Projects for Award</b>

# Questions & Public Comment