



## Action, Leadership, and Partnership for Sustainability

Alameda County wants to preserve our world for future generations, and we also care about today's generation. We're committed to doing our part to create a healthy, naturally beautiful place to live and work through taking direct action, providing leadership, and building partnerships. County sustainable actions include:

### CLIMATE PROTECTION

- Developed Climate Action Plans for County operations and unincorporated communities

### CLEAN ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Saving taxpayers \$7 million/yr through 3.5 megawatts of solar, a one-megawatt natural-gas fuel cell cogeneration plant, and energy efficiency retrofits
- Incorporating energy conservation into County housing rehabilitation projects

### CREEK RESTORATIONS

- Restoring wetlands and urban creeks, such as Castro Valley & Peralta Creeks

### GREEN BUILDING

- Creating healthy buildings, including the Juvenile Justice Center and the Castro Valley Library, both USGBC LEED® Gold-rated
- Adopted green building ordinances for private and residential development as well as County facilities
- Provided allergen reduction and energy efficiency for asthmatic children as part of Healthy Homes Project

### GREEN PURCHASING

- Purchasing \$20 million+ in goods with environmental specifications, such as computers, paper & furniture

### REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

- Saving taxpayers \$84,000/yr through recycling and reuse at County facilities

### TRANSPORTATION

- Promoting and increasing the safety of walking and biking by installing traffic calming measures, bike lanes, new sidewalks, trails, and street lighting
- County fleet includes 150+ hybrid and electric vehicles

### WATER CONSERVATION

- Installing water-efficient fixtures indoors and water-wise landscaping outdoors at County facilities



*The County's award-winning Peralta Creek Restoration is one of many projects to restore creeks and wetlands.*



*The Castro Valley Library is a LEED® Gold-rated green building.*

Photo: Sibila Savage 2009

### About the County:

Alameda County's rich diversity in landscape, culture, industry, and ethnicities is one of its key features. Stretching from San Francisco Bay in the west to the hills and fertile wine country in the east, Alameda County's 738 square miles are home to more than 1.5 million people who live in urban centers (such as Oakland and Berkeley), smaller cities, suburbs, and rural communities.

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