

Sempervirens Fund

Our Mission

Sempervirens Fund's mission is to protect and permanently preserve redwood forests (Sequoia sempervirens), wildlife habitats, watersheds, and other important natural and scenic features of California's Santa Cruz Mountains, and to encourage public appreciation and enjoyment of this environment.

Our Vision

Our vision is that within the Santa Cruz Mountain range there is a large, interconnected network of healthy, thriving redwood forests, stretching across public and private lands, that is:

- Resilient in the face of climate change;
- Able to support diverse and ecologically rich populations of native plants and animals; and
- A critical part of the natural infrastructure that sequesters carbon, filters air, maintains water quality and quantity, reduces erosion, and minimizes flooding.

Current Threats

However, some of these redwood forests and the wildlife that calls them home are threatened by trees being cut down for development and by a changing climate. If we do not protect them now, they could be gone forever. Sempervirens Fund collaborates with private landowners, public agencies, and nonprofit colleagues to protect and restore redwood forests and their environs, and to steward these lands, including active management to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. By rallying people throughout the community, we can move quickly right now to protect more land, saving old-growth redwoods and helping second-growth trees thrive.

Protected Lands

Sempervirens Fund has protected more than 35,000 acres of irreplaceable redwood forests and was instrumental in the creation of three local state parks: Big Basin Redwoods, Butano, and Castle Rock, as well as the 32-mile Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail, which allows people to experience the redwoods from the crest of the Santa Cruz Mountains down to the magnificent Pacific coastline. These protected areas help provide us with clean air and water, critical habitat for thousands of plant and animal species, and hours of wonder and enjoyment for the millions of people who visit them.

Vision for the Future

Sempervirens Fund is working on 85,000 ecologically important, privately owned acres, that can and should be protected from development, conserving these areas for wildlife to inhabit, and people to enjoy. We believe, that people of all ages and backgrounds should continue to be inspired by redwood forests and find opportunities for respite and recreation.