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# Plenty of action behind the scenes in restoring Laguna and wetlands

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Major projects for restoring and enhancing the wetlands and the Laguna de Santa Rosa are at least a couple of years away, but there is plenty of preparatory activity below the surface, according to the executive director of the Laguna Foundation.

And furthest ahead in the preliminary preparations is the city of Sebastopol, whose council last year approved the Laguna Park Master Plan.

That plan not only contains projects for the 15-acre park site surrounding the Sebastopol Community Center and two Little League baseball fields, but for an addition 376 acres extending south of the proposed site along the laguna channel toward Hutchins Ave.

"We really got our money's worth for it," said Kim Cordell.

"We not only got a site plan for the 15 acres, but we got a long-term plan, so that we don't have to keep going back and studying the laguna again and again.

"From now on, we can just look at a project and say, yes, this a great one; no, let's massage this one here, let's do that there. The plan is really oriented toward the community and actually getting things done. It's more project specific and more people oriented."

But while Sebastopol has a plan detailing how it would restore the laguna and wetlands on city-owned land, the largest property owner in the laguna, the city of Santa Rosa, is about two years away from developing its own restoration plan, said Cordell.

What has delayed Santa Rosa is the linkage of wetlands restoration to the city approving a long-term plan for reusing its ter-

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