



*The City of Sebastopol*  
**Laguna de Santa Rosa**  
**Wetland Preserve**

Thank you for visiting our newest park. We've prepared this brochure to give you some background on the Preserve and future efforts to expand it. What you can see today is only a small element of the Preserve Master Plan.

You can help. We're planning a major volunteer planting of native trees and shrubs on November 6 and 20, 1999. Also, we welcome donations to help pay for expanding the Preserve and restoring the Laguna. See the notes at the end of this handout for more information.

**The Resource**

The Laguna de Santa Rosa is a complex system of wetland and upland habitats, including open water, emergent marsh, riparian forest, vernal pools, oak savanna, oak woodland, and grassland. It is located in south-central Sonoma County in the Russian River watershed. For thousands of years, the Laguna was home to a substantial population of native Americans. The native American population was directly related to the Laguna's great diversity of habitat types. There are numerous archeological sites in the vicinity of the Laguna.

Although natural areas have been substantially reduced beginning in the early 1800's, the Laguna still supports a variety of plants and animals, including rare, threatened, and endangered species. The Laguna is one of the most significant coastal freshwater wetlands in