

# PROTECTED LAND SCORECARD

## Contra Costa County Climate Leaders

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### City Owned Land Per 1000 People

Rank	City	City owned protected land per 1000 people
1	Walnut Creek	43.61
2	Clayton	37.62
3	Pinole	16.68
4	Martinez	11.03
5	Moraga	9.80
6	Lafayette	8.51
7	Concord	7.75
8	Orinda	6.83
9	San Ramon	6.30
10	El Cerrito	5.53
11	Richmond	4.66
12	Antioch	4.48
13	Pittsburg	4.34
14	Danville	3.37
15	Brentwood	3.31
16	Hercules	3.20
17	Oakley	2.55
18	San Pablo	0.81
19	Pleasant Hill	0.12
20	Unincorporated	0.07

The purpose of this scorecard is to measure the per capita land conservation of each city in Contra Costa County.

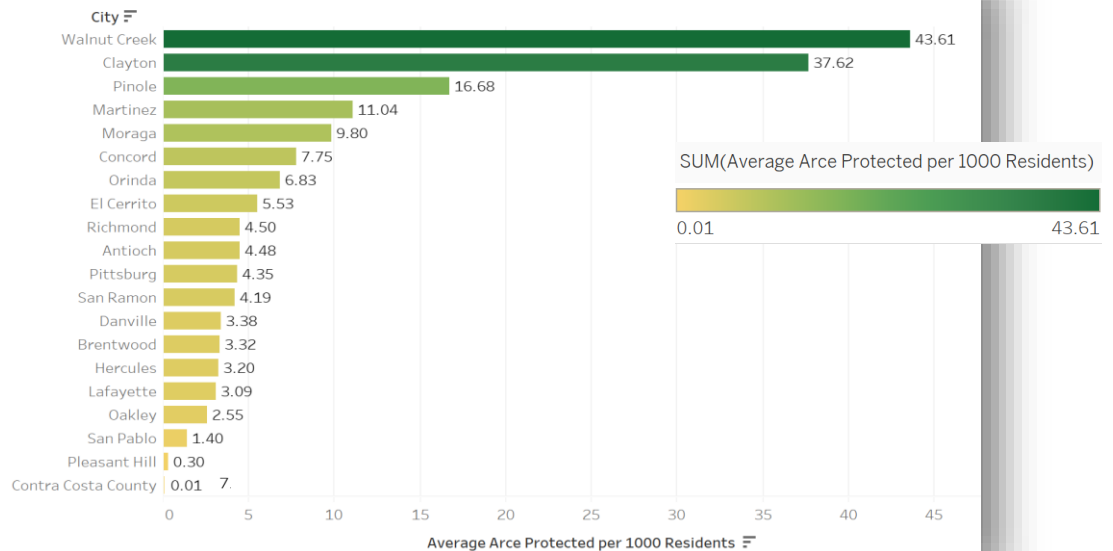
The data originates from [GreenInfo Network's California Protected Areas Database \(CPAD\)](#).

"A GIS inventory of all parks and other open space lands that are owned in fee by agencies or nongovernmental groups for the purpose of maintaining their use as open space resources. CPAD includes neighborhood parks, wildlife refuges, regional and county parks and preserves, some land trust holdings, and state and federal parks, trust lands and forests – over 950 agencies own the 49 million acres of land in the CPAD inventory."

Source: [GreenInfo Network's CA Protected Area's Database](#), [US Census](#)

Last update September 2020

City Owned Protected Land per 1000 Residents



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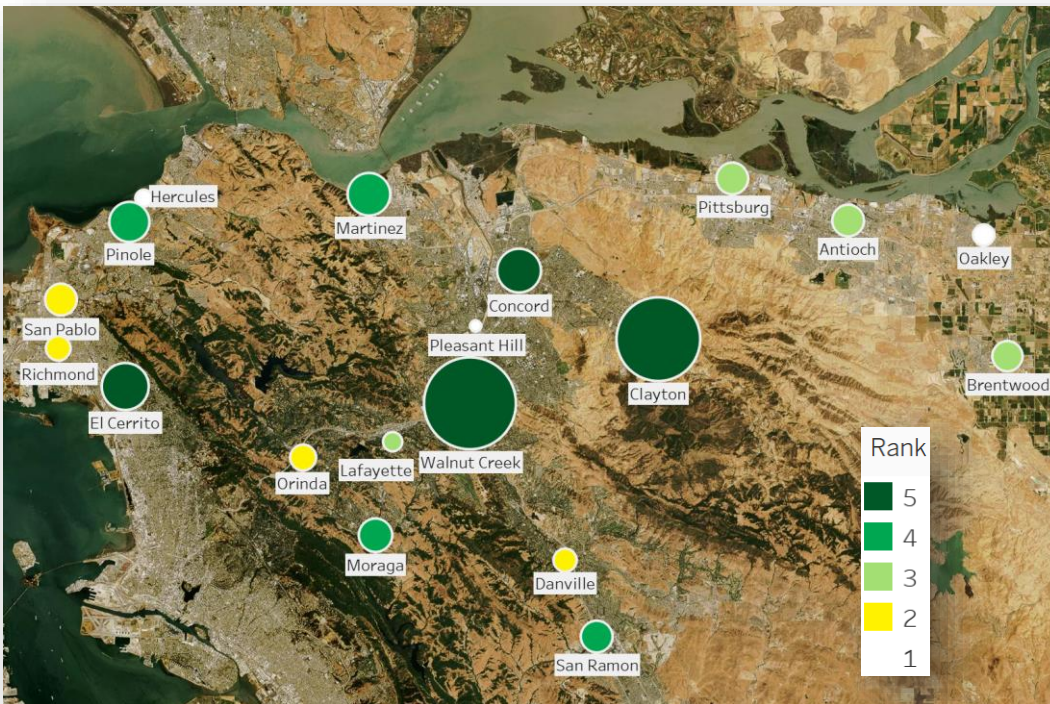
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### Percent of Total Acres Protected

Rank	City	Total City Protected Acres	Area of City in Acres	Percent of Acres Protected
1	Walnut Creek	3077.52	12652.8	24.32
2	Clayton	467.44	2329.6	20.07
3	El Cerrito	141.48	2350.08	6.02
4	Concord	1012	19545.6	5.18
5	Martinez	425.35	8723.2	4.88
6	Pinole	322.02	7526.4	4.28
7	San Ramon	318.17	11980.8	2.66
8	Moraga	176.41	6051.84	2.91
9	Antioch	503.28	19302.4	2.61
10	Pittsburg	325.06	12614.4	2.58
11	Lafayette	83.21	9734.4	0.85
12	Brentwood	222.76	9510.4	2.34
13	Orinda	137.68	8236.8	1.67
14	Richmond	496.42	33414.4	1.49
15	San Pablo	43.63	1676.8	2.60
16	Danville	150.62	11571.2	1.30
17	Oakley	112.23	10348.8	1.08
18	Hercules	82.53	12793.6	0.65
19	Unincorporated	11.24	4531.2	0.25
20	Pleasant Hill	10.56	4531.2	0.23



Each Color Ranking Given  
4 Cities  
Ex. Rank of 5 which is the best has the top Four Cities



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### Official GIS Map

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 804 square miles (2,080 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 716 square miles (1,850 km<sup>2</sup>) is land and 88 square miles (230 km<sup>2</sup>) (11%) is water.

However, the Contra Costa cities— especially those to the east—lack effective urban growth boundaries, putting thousands of acres of lands at risk of sprawl development.

City policies on affordable housing, density, and park proximity could be strengthened to increase smart growth scores.

Suggested GIS Map [http://www.mapcollaborator.org/cpad/?base=map&y=37.93107&x=-121.71907&z=13&layers=mapcollab\\_cpadng\\_cpad\\_ownlevel&opacs=73](http://www.mapcollaborator.org/cpad/?base=map&y=37.93107&x=-121.71907&z=13&layers=mapcollab_cpadng_cpad_ownlevel&opacs=73)

