

Priority Conservation Area Application Form

Enter information in the spaces provided. E-mail this completed application form and attachments requested as part of this form to joannab@abag.ca.gov by **May 30, 2015**. If e-mailing is not possible, a hard copy of materials can be mailed to PCA Applications, Association of Bay Area Governments, P.O. Box 2050, Oakland, CA 94604-2050.

PART 1: AREA INFORMATION

Proposed Name	Hill Recreation and Arroyo Avichi Creek Area
Description	The Hill Recreation Area is one of Novato's community gathering places. The Hill Recreation Area is comprised of 12.395 acres, which includes three outdoor multi-purpose athletic fields, a quarter-mile walking track and several small grassy playing areas. The Arroyo Avichi Creek area encompasses a total of 10.654 acres and is primarily comprised of both small forested areas as well as grassy fields. The property also houses a handful of buildings and the creek beds around Arroyo Avichi Creek. Approximately 9 acres of the Arroyo Avichi Creek area are currently privately owned, however the City of Novato is in the process of acquiring the property and fully expects to obtain ownership by the end of the calendar year.
Location (include map and text description)	The Hill Recreation and Arroyo Avichi Creek Area are located approximately 2 miles east of Highway 101, almost directly in the center of Novato. The Hill Recreation Area is located at 1560 Hill Road, Novato, CA 94947. This property sits adjacent to the Margaret Todd Senior Center, the Hill Education Center and the Hill Gymnasium. The Arroyo Avichi Creek Area is located at 1521 Hill Road, and sits directly across the street from the Hill Recreation Area. The Arroyo Avichi Creek area also leads into the Arroyo Avichi Park, Babe Silva Little League Field and Rancho Elementary School.
Total Acreage	23.18

PART 2: SPONSOR(S)

Lead Nominating Agency/Organization	City of Novato
Staff Person	Heather Hafer
Address	922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA 94945
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Partnering Agency(ies)/Organization(s)	

PART 3: DESIGNATION

Selected Designation – Select one or more designation for the proposed PCA

Natural Landscapes **Agricultural Lands** **Urban Greening** **Regional Recreation**

PART 4: BENEFITS

Primary Benefit(s) – Select one or more benefits and co-benefits for the proposed PCA

Primary Benefits: Recreation, Community Health, Agricultural Resources, Terrestrial Ecosystems.

Co-Benefits: Wildlife Habitat.

PART 5: ATTACHMENTS

Required

1. Copy of adopted resolution by City Council, Board of Supervisors, or Open Space or Park District Board.
2. Attach a map showing the proposed general area boundaries and location. Include other relevant information, such as topography or an aerial photograph, to show the context for protection of this area.
3. Provide text, data/maps that demonstrate primary benefit(s) of the relevant designation and co-benefit(s).
4. Copy of public notification of meeting at which resolution was adopted
5. Copy of notification of PCA nomination to jurisdictions in which PCA is located

Optional

6. Letters of Support from partner agencies or organizations (*not required*)
7. Additional data, maps, supportive local policies (*not required*)

For questions regarding the application form, please contact JoAnna Bullock at 510 464-7968 or joannab@abag.ca.gov.