

Town of Los Gatos Benefits

What is the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Renewal?

The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program funds upgrades to pipelines, dams, and critical water infrastructure to improve water supplies and prepare for the risk of natural disasters and climate change. The updated program will also continue to reduce toxins, hazards, and contaminants in our waterways, provide county-wide flood protection, and protect and improve our natural environment for the overall benefit of residents and wildlife.

KEY RENEWAL BENEFITS

- Provides funding to support approximately \$2 billion for local capital infrastructure projects that will spur economic activity and is estimated to create approximately 40,000 jobs for the local and regional economy.
- Provides \$53.1 million in grants and partnerships for local governments, agencies, organizations and individuals for water conservation, pollution prevention, creek cleanups and education, wildlife habitat restoration and wildlife corridors and crossings, flood-inducing blockage removal, and access to trails and open space.
- Provides \$3 million, as part of the overall \$53.1 million of funding for grants and partnerships, for small towns like Los Gatos who may have had fewer grant and partnership opportunities in previous years.
- Restores and maintains healthy fish populations by providing \$44 million for environmental stewardship projects, including identifying and helping to remove priority barriers to fish passage, and improving habitat with instream gravel, boulders, and large wood on streams such as Los Gatos Creek.
- Provides \$38.7 million to continue the ongoing coordination with local governments and agencies to help clean up large creekside encampments that may contaminate waterways. This cooperative effort includes working with local municipalities, social services, and nonprofit advocacy groups that will help provide housing alternatives to the unhoused population.
- Continues emergency response planning and preparedness while providing funding for critical projects that protect our communities through vegetation control and sediment removal activities on Valley Water lands to reduce flood and fire risk.
- Provides \$54 million to the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit project that protects Santa Clara County from inundation and destruction in the event of a dam failure, makes us more resilient in the event of a natural disaster, enhances the valley's water supplies, while also providing additional habitat benefits downstream.
- Provides \$9.8 million in infrastructure reliability by rehabilitating pipelines to allow Valley Water to isolate sections of pipelines for scheduled maintenance and repairs following an event, such as a major earthquake to ensure residents in Los Gatos have access to safe, clean drinking water.

