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Property Profile: Carnadero Preserve

Just south of Gilroy, Carnadero Preserve stands as one of LTSCV's most strategically important landscapes. Spanning 285 acres of working farmland and sensitive habitat, the preserve sits just above the confluence of Carnadero Creek and the Pajaro River—an ecological crossroads where riparian corridors, fertile soils, and wildlife movement routes come together.

These habitats support songbirds, raptors, amphibians, and small mammals, while also providing essential stopover and movement areas for wildlife navigating the valley floor. Protecting this habitat is especially important as development pressure continues to push southward.



Part of a Larger Conservation Landscape

Carnadero Preserve is not an isolated property—it is a key piece of a much larger conservation puzzle. LTSCV holds conservation easements on several surrounding properties, including Mission Organics and Taylor Ranch.

Together, these protected lands form a contiguous block of more than **1,000 acres** of conserved farmland and habitat along the Pajaro River corridor.

This concentration of protected land provides multiple long-term benefits:

- Keeps farmland in production by preventing fragmentation and maintaining large, viable agricultural blocks.
- Strengthens wildlife connectivity along the Pajaro River, allowing species to move safely across the landscape.
- Buffers waterways from encroaching development, helping maintain water quality and riparian health.
- Supports climate resilience by preserving open space that can absorb floodwaters, recharge groundwater, and maintain ecological function.

Carnadero's protection reinforces a regional vision: safeguarding the agricultural and ecological integrity of southern Santa Clara County for generations to come.

A Lasting Investment in Gilroy's Agricultural Future



Carnadero Preserve embodies LTSCV's mission: protecting working lands, conserving wildlife habitat, and preserving the landscapes that define Santa Clara Valley. As we continue stewarding this property, we remain committed to enhancing habitat connectivity, supporting sustainable agriculture, and ensuring this special place endures for generations.



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