

“Open space” is a zoning designation used to preserve environmentally sensitive areas and maintain a high quality of light, air and scenic beauty in the community. There are 259 acres of open space in Hillsborough which are owned and maintained by the Town. None of the spaces are open for public access. The largest areas are described below:

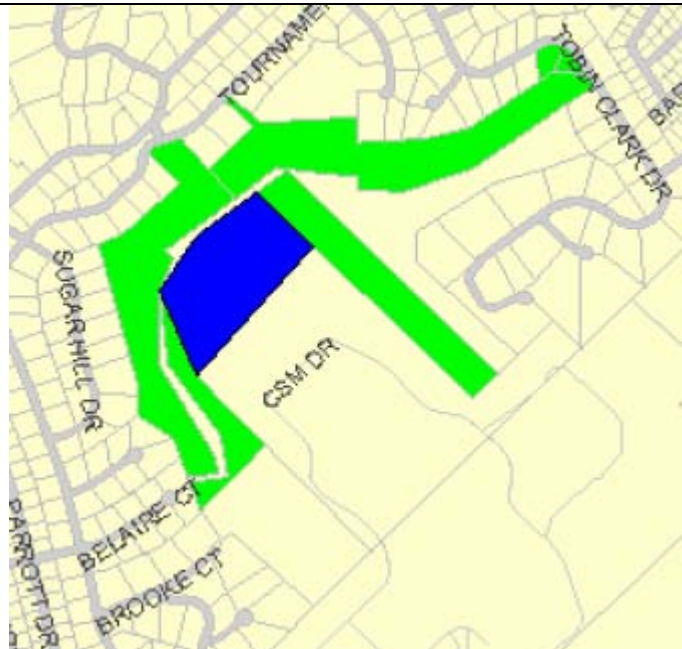
Crocker Lake – (60 acres, 3 parcels)

This large canyon area is the most scenic of the Town’s open spaces and includes Crocker Lake which was created by a dam in 1895. Water rights for Crocker Lake were assigned to the Burlingame Country Club in 1974, and water from the lake has been used to irrigate its golf course since the 1950s. The lake supports a variety of aquatic life and is the home to a wide array of bird life, including Great Blue Herons. The water quality of the lake is declining rapidly due to problems with siltation. Gates at the open space entrances discourage entry into the space. Water and sewer infrastructure are located in the open space. The

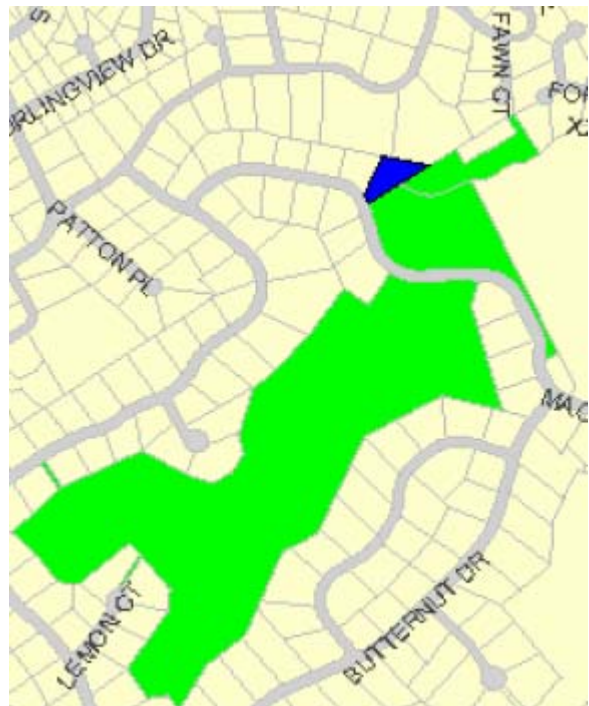
property was deeded to the Town in the late 1970s by a land developer and there are several restrictions on the use of the property contained in the deed.



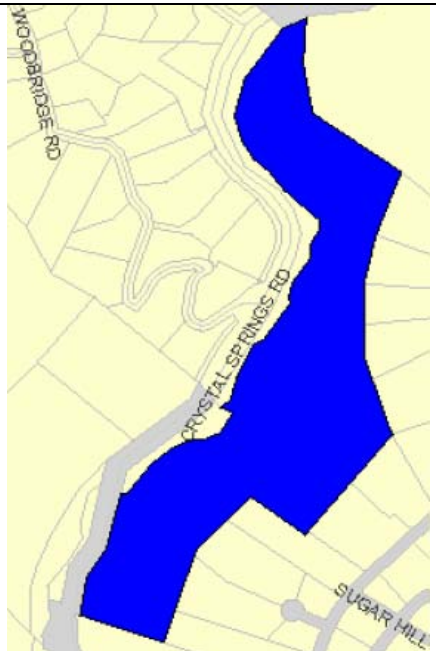
Tobin Clark – (57 acres, 6 parcels) This open space is located in a steep canyon that spans from Tobin Clark Road in the east to Tournament Drive in the west. It surrounds the College of San Mateo. Several of the parcels are used to manage storm waters from the canyon watershed. There are some minor trails and roads in the area. The deeds contain no restrictions on use.



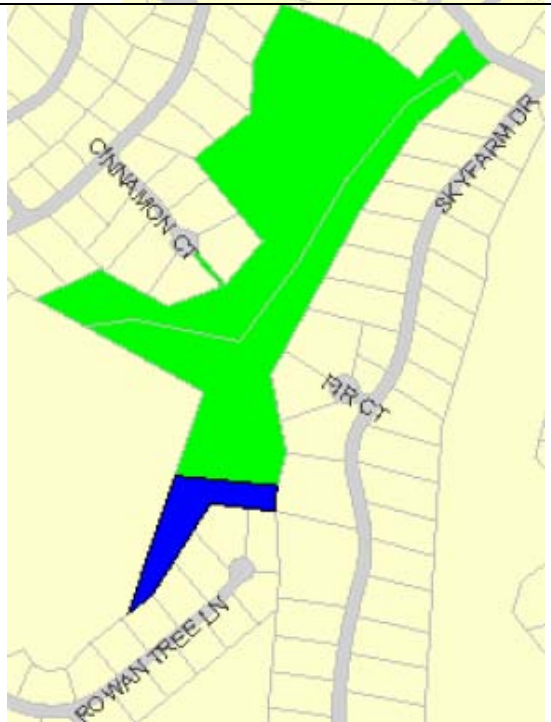
Spencer – (43 acres, 6 parcels) This canyon is located to the east and west of Macadamia Drive. The area features a small lake created by a dam built in 1895. The lake is visible from Macadamia Drive. In the winter the lake serves as a storm water detention pond. Spencer Lake is roughly 20% of its original size, and waters are in an advanced eutrophic state, and cannot support aquatic life. A large marsh area exists to the west of the lake. The property was deeded to the Town in the late 1970s by a land developer, and several restrictions on the use of the property are contained in the deed. Gates at road entrances discourage entry into the space. Sewer and water infrastructure is located in the open space.



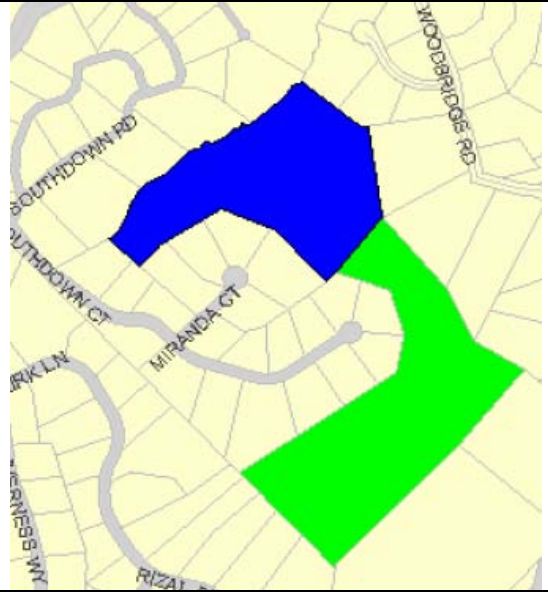
Crystal Springs – (33 acres) This open space is located on very steep hillside immediately south of Crystal Springs Road and San Mateo Creek. The property was deeded to the Town as part of the Baywood subdivision on Parrot Road. The deed contains no restrictions on use.



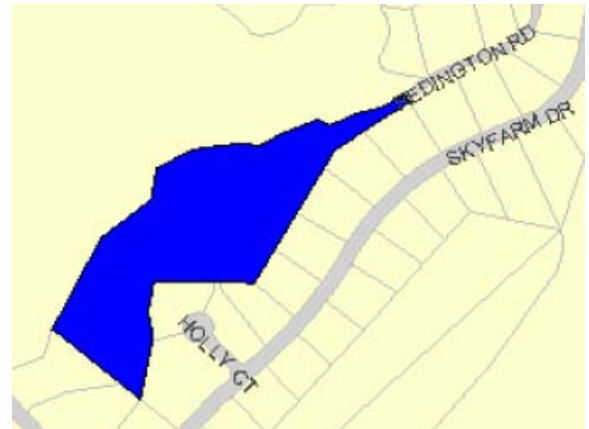
Nueva/Macadamia – (24 Acres, 3 parcels) The canyon area is immediately to the east of the Nueva Day School. It contains some road improvements that are remnants of the original Crocker estate. A creek that flows year-round is featured in this area. The property was deeded to the Town in the late 1970s by a land developer, and several restrictions on the use of the property are contained in the deed. Gates at road entrances discourage entry into the space. Sewer infrastructure is located in the space.



Southdown – (21 acres, 2 parcels) This open space is located on a steep hillside immediately south of Southdown Road. Gates discourage entry into the space. The deeds contain no restrictions on use.



Stawberry Hill – (9 acres) Adjacent to Reddington Road, the parcel is located downstream from the Nueva Open Space and features a year-round creek. Gates at road entrances discourage entry into the space. Sewer infrastructure is located in the space, as is an access road.



Rowan Tree – (5 acres) Located on the steep hillside east of Rowan Tree Court. Gates discourage entry into the space. Sewer infrastructure is located in the open space.

