Volunteers in the community of Ramona, in conjunction with the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, have embarked on a project to talk to property owners in the Santa Maria Creek Corridor about granting easements for a 3-mile Greenway Trail.

The proposed multi-use trail system for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians would take advantage of an existing staging area off Montecito Road.
The Santa Maria Creek Greenway Connection, when complete, will provide a safe trail to further the healthy concepts of walking, hiking, biking and horseback riding; events which have become very popular in the diverse Ramona community. It will be an aid to further the development of our economy by providing a clean path to many stores and services which may be out of the way or overlooked by residents.

– Sally Westbrook, Realtor at Judson Real Estate, immediate past president of the Ramona Chamber and past president of the Ramona Real Estate Association

It would link up with Wellfield Park, Ramona Grasslands County Preserve, and the downtown business district – enhancing regional connectivity and supporting safety and regular upkeep via County and volunteer patrols.

“The Santa Maria Creek Greenway has been a vision of Ramona community leaders for over 30 years. Some of those leaders are already gone. We need to make it reality.”

– Don Wendt, Ramona Trails Association, Trails Committee Chairman and the immediate past president of Ramona Trails Association

The Greenway Trail project is the latest in a long line of efforts to enhance recreation opportunities while protecting land and local wildlife in the unincorporated community of Ramona.

A committee, made of local residents, is working to secure property easements along the creek, to turn this vision into reality. Interested land owners should contact John Degenfelder, Project Visionary and Volunteer Coordinator, at 760-500-1907, or Meg Diss, County Trails Program Coordinator, at 858-966-1372.

Currently, the County is securing trail easements and initiating an environmental review. Trail design and implementation will follow. More information can be found at sdparks.org.