

# Old Oak Way Firewise



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# Agenda

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# Santa Clara County FireSafe Council

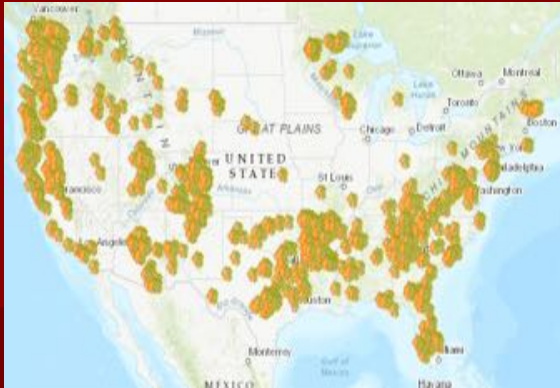
Why go Firewise?

Fire across the bay, Paul Hansen



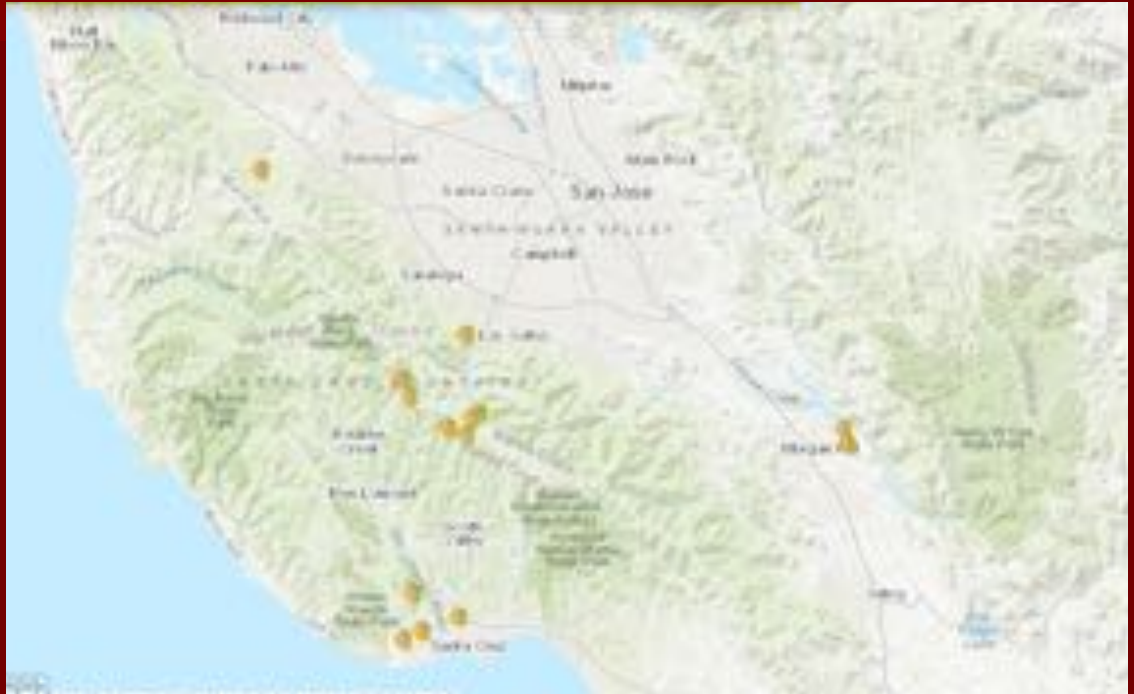
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- National Program-active in 42 states
- Over 1500 sites
- Increased growth in areas recently affected by wildfire



- Since 2017, Santa Clara & Santa Cruz Counties have >12 Firewise communities. In 2020, 8 are in process.





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- Individual responsibility
- Neighbors working together
- Voluntary participation
- Means to decrease risk for residents and first responders
- Increases compliance with fire protection regulations Ch 49, sec B7-12 for defensible space



# Benefits – Why Participate?

- Framework for action
- Risk reduction
- Evacuation Planning
- Get peace of mind
- Community-building
- Access to professional assistance and potential grants



*Sunset Ridge work party*

- Potentially improve ISO insurance rating

# Steps to Achieving National Recognition

- Form a board/ steering committee comprised of neighborhood residents and other wildfire stakeholders
- Obtain a wildfire risk assessment from the Fire Department with your jurisdiction or designated representative
- Host a minimum of one wildfire risk reduction educational outreach event, or related activity per year



# Steps to Achieving National Recognition

- Develop a multi-year action plan based on the site's risk reduction priorities and community assessment
- Meet the minimum wildfire risk reduction investment- 1 hour per residence per year (2020 equivalent=\$35)
- Create a Firewise USA® Portal account and submit an application to your state Firewise USA liaison





# Potential Neighborhood work days

- Education Day
- Evacuation Practice
- Chipping Day
- Chain saw day
- Paint water risers reflective
- I Spy the house number game
- Neighbor assistance
- Tour the 'hood
- Pack Your Go-Bag event



# Additional Potential contributions



- Watching the kids
- Lunch
- “beer run”
- Paperwork
- Extra green bins
- Event Organizer
- Meeting minutes
- Tracking work investments

A screenshot of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. The title bar reads 'Firewise (CommonPlan)/USA Recognition Program'. The spreadsheet has columns for 'Name', 'Address', 'APR', 'Family', 'Hours', 'Total', 'Value of Work done by Homeowner', 'Cubic yards removed', and 'Feed Services'. The 'Value of Work done by Homeowner' section includes sub-columns for 'Family', 'Hours', 'Total', 'Cubic yards removed', and 'Feed Services'. The 'Feed Services' section includes sub-columns for 'Service at event including branch removal' and 'Cost'. The spreadsheet contains multiple rows of data, with the first row showing a total of \$25,402.00 for the 'Value of Work done by Homeowner' section.

# Recognize and Celebrate



# FireSafe Council Support Program -Your Firewise coach-



SCCFSC assists communities in their grassroots process. We offer:

- Education and planning for the six steps
- Scheduling risk assessment w/ fire agencies
- A moderated steering committee Groupsio forum
- education day programs, chipping program
- liaison with regional coordinator
- accountability and momentum

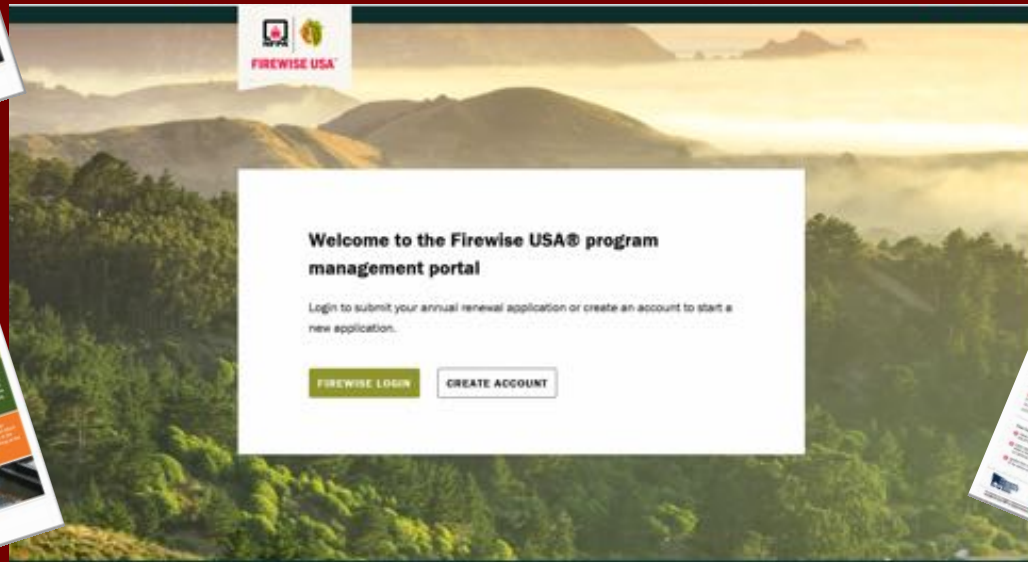


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# Firewise USA® Website

## Steps and resources to assist new and renewing sites



<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>



**Q & A**



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