A watershed is the land that drains to a creek, river, or other body of water. Marsh Creek watershed drains the east side of Mount Diablo and includes the cities of Oakley, Brentwood, and part of Antioch. This second largest watershed in Contra Costa County (after Walnut Creek) covers 128 square miles of rangeland, farmland, parkland, and urban land. Many tributaries including Briones, Dry, Deer, and Sand Creeks drain into Marsh Creek, which flows for approximately 30 miles from its headwaters in Morgan Territory Regional Preserve to its mouth at Big Break. It links wildlife, farmers, ranchers, and all residents into an ecological community between the Delta and the Diablo Range.

The creek is the ribbon of life that connects all things in the watershed. What happens in the watershed ultimately impacts the creek. This region’s fascinating history has changed the creek dramatically. With your support, Marsh Creek can become a cherished community amenity, a source of beauty and pride for the future.