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## Party for Open Space Acquisition

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View of Acalanes Ridge Open Space Photos Richard Gylgayton

In an innovative collaboration, the MHLT generated a plan to combine the resources of all parties and signed a purchase agreement in February with partners the City of Lafayette, the City of Walnut Creek, and the East Bay Regional Park District. "In this agreement, the Muir Heritage Land Trust will hold title to the property, which will be governed by a conservation easement held jointly by our three partners," said Linus Eukel, Executive Director of MHLT in a statement.

"Escrow must close by the end of December, and completion of this project hinges on all partners fulfilling their part of the agreement. Our partners have pledged funds from Measure WW and other sources to purchase the land, at a price of \$1,305,500. MHLT must raise \$400,000 to cover the costs associated with acquisition, and to provide for stewardship, administration, planning, and an endowment for long-range management," he continued. Contributions are still needed to reach their goal in addition to current significant donations from the Seaborg Open Space Fund, the Walnut Creek Open Space Fund and many individuals in the community.

The festivities run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m., Wednesday, November 3 at the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Please RSVP to [ellen@muirheritagelandtrust.org](mailto:ellen@muirheritagelandtrust.org) or call 925-228-7152. The event is being sponsored by Overaa Construction and Saintsbury Vineyards. For more information, go to [www.muirheritagelandtrust.org](http://www.muirheritagelandtrust.org).



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