

An Overview of Windsor Creeks

There are five major creeks which flow through the Town of Windsor. These creeks are:

- Windsor Creek
- East Windsor Creek
- Pool Creek
- Pruitt Creek
- Starr Creek



Scroll down below to view the image of the total watershed area of these creeks (shaded in orange) and the Town of Windsor (shaded in red). There are also a few additional creeks which flow through the Town of Windsor close to its edge or flow just outside the town limits but contribute to the town's overall watershed. These creeks are:

- Gumview Creek
- Sotoyome Creek
- Redwood Creek
- Ordinance Creek
- Airport Creek

Combined, these creeks have a total watershed area of approximately 7,320 acres. All of these creeks meet at a point of confluence on Windsor Creek just southwest of Windsor. Additional creeks continue to flow into Windsor Creek until it eventually drains into the Russian River just north of Forestville. The total water shed area draining to the Russian River through Sonoma and Mendocino Counties is approximately 950,000 acres.

Therefore, Windsor's contributing watershed to the Russian River accounts for less than 1% of the total watershed area to the Russian River. This might seem to be a small contribution but the impacts can be comparatively more severe if our runoff into the Russian River is polluted. If the citizens of Windsor paid no attention to what is deposited into the gutters, storm drains and open waterways, just imagine what the quality of the storm water would be at the point where all of these creeks meet. Fortunately the citizens of Windsor do care, as do many others within the towns and cities of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.



Windsor's intent, through the Storm Water Quality Ordinance and other Public Works programs, is to improve the quality of its creeks. If Windsor accomplishes this it will also directly accomplish improving the quality of the Russian River for many future generations to enjoy.

