

# ROSS VALLEY REPORTER

VOLUME 48, ISSUE 5

A MARIN SCOPE COMMUNITY WEEKLY

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5, 2001

## Fairfax makes it easy to recycle

*Bins placed  
in town parks  
more planned*

The City of Fairfax got a bit greener and a bit cleaner last week with the launching of an innovative downtown recycling program initiated by Sustainable Fairfax.

The first two of what will be several recycling bins were placed in the community — one in the park on Bolinas road and the other in the picnic area of Peri Park.

The Fairfax Downtown Recycling program was originally planned last year and was made possible through support by a coalition of Sustainable Fairfax, Marin Conservation Corps, the Town of Fairfax, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Fairfax Refuse and Recycling and local artists and school children.

White Hill School art teacher Gray Dean and Sustainable Fairfax member Odessa Wolff coordinated the project. Other members of the Recycling Committee are Town Councilmember Lew Tremaine, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce staff person Molly Graham and Green Party candidate for Congress Justin Moscoso. Ardis Ashton and Kimberly Fox organized the involvement of the Marin Conservation Corps.

Sustainable Fairfax has obtained seven sets of public recycling containers to be built, installed and maintained by Marin Conservation Corps job training programs. The containers are constructed of plastic recycled from container jugs.

A group of local children, teachers, parents and artists are creating



Among those helping to bring new recycling cans to Fairfax are, left to right, Councilmember Lew Tremaine, Odessa Wolff from Sustainable Fairfax, Manuel Gordo from the Marin Conservation Corps, Molly Graham from the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and Reyna Alia Silvo from the Marin Conservation Corps.

*Photo by John Jackson*

nine mosaic plaques depicting native species of plants, animals and insects to be installed on the bins. Tilly Nysten, the mosaic artist who organized the artwork for Millennium Park in San Anselmo has worked with artists and middle school children on the project.

In addition, the bins for the parks, Sustainable Fairfax has worked closely with the town of

Fairfax to obtain a grant from the California State Department Office of Waste Management to provide an additional three sets of recycling bins for the downtown business area.

The bins will be serviced by Fairfax Refuse and Recycling and are also made from recycled plastic jugs.

"This really is a coalition of sev-

eral groups from different parts of town who came together," observed Wolff.

Tremaine said not only does the project make recycling easier downtown, it sets an example for Fairfax citizens.

"Fairfax is taking a more creative approach to recycling and I think we will build community support for recycling."