Soil Health Stewards at MALT:
Sustainable Management of Permanently Protected Land
MALT: Protecting Agricultural Land for Agricultural Use

- MALT was established in 1980 as nation’s first agricultural land trust
- 54,000 acres permanently protected
- Easements on almost half of the privately-owned agricultural land in Marin County.
- Easements with 86 farming and ranching families.
MALT’s agricultural conservation easements

- Mandatory agricultural use requirement
- Agricultural Management Plan
- Creek Conservation Area protections
- Stewardship Assistance Program
Benefits of sustainably managed agricultural land

• Soil health
• Biodiversity
• Water quality
• Carbon sequestration
Stewardship Assistance Program:
Funding sustainable management practices on protected properties.

- Direct grants to ranchers and farmers (up to $15,000)
- Participation in multi-agency funded projects (up to $50,000)
- Matching contribution to partner grant applications.

- $500,000 total commitment
- Direct grants to farmers and ranchers (up to $15,000)
- Available to all Marin farmers and ranchers.