#### Saving Deer Park Ridge How to Donate

We need your help now to ensure that Deer Park Ridge is protected and set aside for future generations.

There are two simple ways to donate:

CONTRIBUTE ONLINE: Go to deerparkmonastery.org and click on "giving".

**CONTRIBUTE BY MAIL: Please** send check or money order to:

Attn: Saving Council Ridge Deer Park Monastery 2499 Melru Lane Escondido, CA 92026

(make check payable to **Deer Park Monastery** with "Saving Deer Park Ridge" on note)

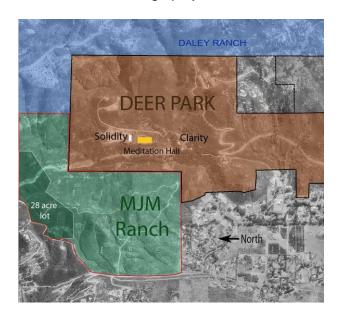
#### All donations are tax deductible.

If you are donating by check, we will send you a letter of donation receipt upon receiving your check and address.

If you are donating electronically, please email us *(phapdung@dpmail.net)* your name and information and we will send you a receipt.

#### Project Details

Map showing borders of the lands involved in the Deer Park Ridge project.



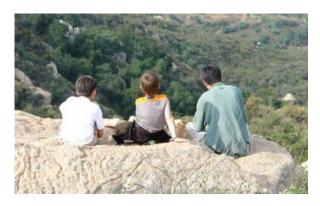
Brown: Deer Park Green: MJM Ranch

Deer Park: 400 acres; MJM: 220 acres (neighbor to the west of monastery who is a willing seller if we can purchase the land);

Once protected, the land will form a significant expansion of contiguous open space for the wildlife connected to Daley Ranch Open Space Reserve. Most of this land is in pristine condition and forms the headwaters of local creeks that feed Escondido Creek tributaries. Preservation of this wildlife corridor and this watershed are important to the region and local environmental groups are offering their help to make it a reality.

# Protect the Peace of Deer Park Monastery

The stillness and the undisturbed natural environment of Deer Park Monastery are a treasure to all who live and practice here. But now there are plans to sub-divide the beautiful hillsides of Deer Park Ridge for development, which could have a major impact on our practice and these lands.



Deer Park provides our children—and our children's children—the nourishment of nature.

We need to act now to save the habitat around Deer Park Monastery.

#### **Dear Friends of Deer Park,**

Our community is working to preserve the adjacent open lands surrounding the monastery. We are working diligently to purchase and set-aside the lands as dedicated open space and wildlife habitat, thus protecting them from development. Combined with the existing grounds of Deer Park Monastery, this will preserve the valley as a tranquil place for all the animals, plants, minerals, and the people that take refuge here – a sanctuary for rest and healing.

Our goal is to safeguard this paradise for our children, and for their children. It is unquestionably a worthy legacy that we can all leave to our descendants.

Our "Saving Deer Park Ridge," campaign started with a hike up the ridge during one of our Order of Interbeing retreats where we witnessed several areas of the ridge, with native chaparral bush, trees, wildflowers, and large rocks, bulldozed to make way for new construction. We decided not to despair—but to act.



#### We are now at a crucial point:

The hillside visible to the west of the meditation hall and the dining hall has been sub-divided and the land owner is seeking a buyer. Development built on this mountain side would significantly change the experience at the monastery. It is critical that we purchase a key 28-acre parcel of this land now as a core linkage and first step toward protecting the valley.

We must raise an initial \$500,000 to secure this critical parcel. In addition to donations we are applying for habitat protection funding grants. The long-term intent is to



raise a total of \$3.5M in order to protect the full 220 acres of the MJM Ranch. We are fortunate to have many experienced partners helping. We are working closely with the Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC), the Friends of Daley Ranch, the City Council of Escondido, a San Diego County Supervisor, the Escondido Chamber of Citizens, and professional brokers and appraisers.

### Your immediate help and prayers are needed:

Please contribute in any way you can—no gift is too small! And if you are able to make a leadership gift of \$1,000 or more we and the greater Deer Park Sangha would be profoundly grateful. We need to raise \$500,000 in order to purchase a key 28- acre parcel to ensure success of the project.

We also need and encourage individuals and groups to help raise contributions. Please contact us if you would like help coordinating with your group.

## This is a chance to make a lasting difference for future generations of Deer Park visitors and to honor our land ancestors.

Most importantly, dear friends, please send us your energy of practice.

May the Earth Holder Bodhisattva protect us and the land as we move forward on the quest.

May everyone be at ease and content, their smiles light and sincere.

To find out more please contact:

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