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The Northcoast Regional Land Trust has announced a new community partner at its Freshwater Farms Reserve property on Myrtle Avenue.

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The Freshwater Farms Reserve houses the ¾-mile Freshwater Nature Trail, a kayak boat launch with carts, the Kneeland Glen Farm Stand, Freshwater Gardens and now the North Coast Chapter CNPS' Native Plant Nursery.

CNPS raises native plants in its nursery for two annual fundraisers that support its education and advocacy efforts. Its next fundraiser is a spring wildflower show and native plant sale held at the Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St. in Eureka May 5 and 6.

The new nursery location has significantly more space than its previous home at the Jacoby Creek Land Trust's Kokte Ranch, making it much easier to work in and maintain plants. Freshwater Farms Reserve also has a 1,800 square foot hoop house that CNPS will use, serving as a home base for nursery operations, providing on-site storage and offering a warm, dry, indoor space in which to work and for native plant starts to flourish in. CNPS also plans to establish a demonstration garden, adding another educational experience for visitors to Freshwater Farms Reserve.

Native plants grown by the North Coast CNPS chapter are available for purchase at the Kneeland Glen Farm Stand at Freshwater Farms Reserve from noon to 6 p.m. daily. The Farm Stand also sells vegetables and locally made goods.