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**From:** Catherine Lipson <clipson@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 1:22 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter in support of education programs for Roseland Creek Community Park  
**Attachments:** Lipson\_January 9 2020.pdf

Dear City Clerk,  
Please accept this letter as part of the public input for the proposed Roseland Creek Community Park. Thanks!  
Dr. Catherine Lipson  
Co-Chair, Education and Outreach Committee  
CNPS Milo Baker Chapter, Santa Rosa, CA

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**From:** Susan Kirks <susankirks@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Madrone Audubon Correspondence on Agenda Item 16.2 Jan. 14, 2020 -  
Roseland Creek Community Park  
**Attachments:** Madrone Audubon on Roseland Creek Community Park Plan and MND Dec 18 2019.doc

Please provide this in the packet for the City Council members. Thank you.

Susan Kirks, President  
Madrone Audubon Society  
707-241-5548



# Madrone Audubon Society

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**Transmitted by email 12/18/2019**

December 18, 2019

Jen Santos  
City of Santa Rosa  
55 Stony Point Road  
Santa Rosa, CA 94510

**Re:** Roseland Creek Community Park – Environmental Review/Mitigated Negative Declaration – Comment

Dear Ms. Santos:

We write to offer comments and recommendations for the “Roseland Community Park.” Madrone Audubon Society serves all of Sonoma County, and we are headquartered in Santa Rosa. Our members are very interested in the Roseland Creek Preserve property. (Please see 2 newsletter articles included with this letter.) For 20+ years, community advocates have dedicated extraordinary time and energy to enhance awareness about this property and the now, almost 20-acre Preserve is planned for a community amenity. Each year from March through August, Madrone Audubon devotes time nearby to a support project for a large heron and egret nesting colony. We sponsor the annual Nature and Bird Festival at Lincoln Elementary School on West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, near the nesting colony. This is a wonderful school-wide experience with immersion in nature for a full school day. We coordinate closely with Audubon Canyon Ranch and the Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County for the festival.

Our Board President met with you last summer to explore opportunities for enhancement of natural features, to be able to provide the community with a unique Nature Preserve in Roseland. We followed up to inquire about the Roseland Creek property environmental review, awaiting that document, and expressed interest in meeting again. We continue to be interested in meeting. Having now, once again, reviewed the City’s plan, with the initial study and mitigated negative declaration (MND), we find the need to meet to be *very important*. We are deeply concerned about the City’s revised Master Plan for the property and the MND.

Including a multi-turf field, sports courts and BBQ areas as well as what would be accompanying noise and a high level of active recreation would negatively impact natural features, birds and wildlife relying on the property for survival. By comparison, appropriate planning would include (1) passive recreation through trails of permeable, unpaved, surfaces, (2) interpretive signage, (3) understanding of and planned restoration of

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habitat types - grassland, oak woodland, riparian corridor and creek, for education and public enjoyment. Also, a picnic area, an appropriately located restroom, the Nature Center located in the Burbank Avenue house and small adjacent building, available parking at that location, permeable surfaces with very limited paving, and a community garden would be congruent, low impact, yet high use, areas – interfacing with birds and wildlife, in harmony with, not disturbing, the natural environment. Other parking lot plans and paving are not appropriate and would contribute to excessive human and vehicle activity. We are uncertain what a “shade structure” entails, but an appropriately located structure near a community garden could be congruent with low impact, passive, yet high use, recreation, concurrent with protecting the natural environment and providing an amenity in balance with natural features and public access.

When we met a year ago, we suggested a coalition of nonprofit conservation organizations, dividing responsibilities, and hosting time at the Nature Center as well as collaborating to develop and offer environmental education for the nearby school students. The Roseland Creek Preserve, as we like to describe the property, rather than a Community Park, is a location waiting to be realized -- to help students connect to studies of biology, ecology, art and nature. Career paths to specialty areas addressing climate change impacts could be incubated at this property – such a consideration is necessary in 2020, not just a thought to consider. These opportunities should not be lost in the City’s plan for active recreation and excessive human activity, contraindicated for this property, as described above.

To edify, a community garden effectively planned and located is a passive activity that could also be high use and integrated into the Preserve. A veterans healing garden is also in the category of appropriate, passive and potentially high-use. A picnic area would be appropriate, assuring the location is one where the public consistently and comfortably can enjoy an outing and picnic and birds and wildlife co-exist naturally and are not disturbed.

The City’s Document Description reads: “The proposed project would develop an approximately 19.49-acre project site on four contiguous parcels located between Burbank Avenue and McMinn Avenue in the Roseland neighborhood in southwest Santa Rosa. The park is designed to preserve and enhance the habitat values of the existing grassland, oak woodland, riparian and purple needle grass habitat areas on the site. The project includes trails and interpretive signs, two pedestrian bridges, a nature center, restrooms, picnic areas, outdoor classroom or community garden, play area, multi-use turf area, shade structure, sports court, and parking lots.”

In our experience, a more appropriate description, considering the future of this property, including educational opportunities, would be: “The proposed project would conserve an approximately 19.49-acre project site on four contiguous parcels located between Burbank Avenue and McMinn Avenue in the Roseland neighborhood in southwest Santa Rosa. The park, a Nature Preserve, is designed to preserve and enhance habitat values of the existing grassland, oak woodland, riparian and purple needle grass habitat areas on the site, and provide a setting for environmental education and projects to enhance the natural setting. The project includes trails and interpretive signs, two pedestrian bridges, a Nature Center, a restroom, a picnic area, a veterans healing

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garden, and room for a community garden and shade structure. All trails will be integrated into the property with permeable materials for passive recreation and enjoyment. One parking area to accommodate # vehicles, from Burbank Avenue will be provided in the Nature Center area.”

Environmental education opportunities for nearby public schools make this location an anchor property for students to learn about native plants, habitat types of grassland, oak woodland and riparian corridors, including the creek, and habitat restoration and enhancement, birds, wildlife, and climate change impacts and how to address those. Just one example of nature study is trees that may be aging or in less than optimal condition. Such trees are often selected and used by cavity nesting birds; selecting tree portions to remain and monitoring to understand how birds and wildlife rely on sometimes overlooked natural features will contribute to learning. The property is one with appeal to all ages, and for our youth especially – this property offers the potential for an enjoyable outdoor experience, connecting with many facets of nature, and sparking that interest and connection to educational pathways.

The Nature Center would provide an opportunity for a real Nature Center, to support environmental education and could be coordinated and offered by a coalition of nonprofit organizations with areas of expertise and shared participation. The Laguna Foundation is currently involved in a restoration project along Roseland Creek in immediate proximity to the Roseland Creek property. We understand the Sonoma County Water Agency is interested in involvement with creek restoration projects. We also understood the Sonoma County Ag and Open Space District is creating a new conservation easement, combining the prior easements; the entire property, especially given its special conservation values and the presence of Roseland Creek, would benefit from a cohesive single Conservation Easement document.

In the Initial Study, the Biological Resources review reveals diverse birds and wildlife relying on the Roseland Creek Preserve. Table 4.4.2, page 37, lists several special status avian species anticipated to occur on-site and in the area: Allen’s hummingbird, Loggerhead shrike, Nuttall’s woodpecker, Tricolored blackbird, White-tailed kite and Yellow-breasted chat.

This natural setting, currently with passive walkers and bikers for human encroachment, supports a perceived safe setting for avian nesting and nutrition. We observed an active Red-tailed hawk nest in one of the tall trees, visible from Burbank Avenue, on one of our visits. During that same visit, a Barn owl flew overhead as we were walking. On another visit, a black-tailed jack rabbit was observed hopping through the oak woodland area. Even the non-native vegetation, including non-native grassland, provides cover and areas for forage for existing wildlife and birds who rely on this only remaining open space with grassland, riparian corridor, creek and oak woodland. The vision of community advocates for a Nature Preserve is a statement of fact in terms of what the Roseland Creek property represents.

In addition, remarkable is the listing of Table 4.4-3 of bat species, including Fringed Myotis, Hoary Bat, Long-Legged Myotis, Pallid Bat, and Townsend’s Big-eared Bat, Western Red Bat, and Yuma Myotis. Table 4.4-4 identifies Western Pond Turtle as likely to occur on the property and in the area.

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Experienced conservationists, naturalists and community members dedicated to environmental review of biological resource lists such as these recognize their significance. It highlights the need to further identify and document bird and wildlife species, how they are living and co-existing in diverse habitats and areas of the property, and then consider how to enhance and restore those areas, over time, while providing appropriate passive recreational uses and developing a meaningful education program to serve the public school community. Add to this the community garden, veterans healing garden, picnic area, a potential shade structure, and trails that are permeable and natural, with the Nature Center - and this is the Roseland Creek Community Park, or more appropriately named Roseland Creek Nature Preserve.

The veterans healing garden is a good example of the opportunity for visitors with reflection and passive recreation, as well as volunteers to help maintain and enhance the garden.

We urge the City of Santa Rosa to embrace and not lose this opportunity -- it is unique and it *is* this land. Please engage our organization and other conservation organizations to collaborate, and move in a direction to honor this acreage, including a new conservation easement and its terms, to ensure an uplifting experience for community members, one with a vision to the future while sustaining and enhancing the current environment for people and birds and wildlife. This combination of approaches can produce a balanced plan to support low impact, high-level use, and a stellar and contemporary-to future educational program for the local schools.

We would appreciate scheduling a meeting with you. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,

*Susan Kirks*

Susan Kirks, President  
Madrone Audubon Society, Sonoma County

[susankirks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susankirks@sbcglobal.net), 707-241-5548

cc: Sonoma County Water Agency  
Sonoma Co. Ag and Open Space District

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**From:** The Lochners <4lochs@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 4:53 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Neighborwoods Park

Hello: I have been on this large parcel several times and remain amazed that so much nature is left in so much city. I would love to see it developed as a preserve rather than a park. That is, **no roads, pavement, lights, grass. etc.** Just let the small trees make their magic for the people to wonder through on foot trails. **Underdevelopment is the key** to keeping the nature preserve quality to this acreage, rather than just adding another "park" in Santa Rosa.

Sincerely, JAN Lochner

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**From:** Susan Dean <susanepdean@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 11, 2020 10:41 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Roseland Creek Park

Please include my letter to Jen Santos in the information given to the City Council members.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Susan Dean <susanepdean@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Dec 18, 2019, 4:12 PM  
**Subject:** Roseland Creek Park  
**To:** Jen Santos <jsantos@srcity.org>

Susan Dean  
1722 Barlow Lane  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Jen Santos, Deputy Director of Parks  
City of Santa Rosa, Parks Division  
55 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Dear Ms Santos;

The new Roseland Creek Community Park provides an irreplaceable opportunity to provide wildlife habitat in an urban environment. Roseland Creek, especially as it is restored in future, provides a corridor to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, which leads on down to the Russian River and the ocean. A park with a creek bed could provide wonderful habitat for wildlife that otherwise would be crowded out of existence.

The people of Santa Rosa should be able to see hawks and foxes and salamanders in real life and not just on the television.

Excessive development, including too much lighting, too much pavement, turf, too much digging for unnecessary infrastructure just drives away nesting birds and other critters.

I have been on several walks in the land intended for this Park. Even though much of it was recently personal residences it still has a very woody feel, and with restoration of the creek and planting of more native plants it would be truly lovely.

Sincerely,

Susan Dean



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**From:** Patricia Krueger <patriciakrueger@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Petition Signatures for All Nature in the Roseland Creek Park

Dear City Clerk,

Please include the following in the file containing the public record of documents sent to the City Council members in preparation for the agenda item having to do with the Roseland Creek Park at this Tuesday's January 14th meeting.

Patricia Krueger

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**From:** Patricia Krueger <patriciakrueger@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** SR CC Mayor Tom Schwedhelm <tschwedhelm@srcity.org>; SR CC Vice Mayor Chris Rogers <crogers@srcity.org>; John Sawyer <jsawyer@srcity.org>; Ernesto Olivares <eolivares@srcity.org>; Jack Tibbetts <jtibbetts18@gmail.com>; SR CC Victoria Fleming <vfleming@srcity.org>; SR CC Jack Tibbetts <hjtibbetts@srcity.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020, 08:39:40 PM PST  
**Subject:** Petition Signatures for All Nature in the Roseland Creek Park

Dear City Council Members,

Yesterday I left for each of you at the city manager's office a hard copy of the petition signatures we have gathered in support of the maximum preservation of nature in the Roseland Creek Park, which you will be reviewing and approving at your January 14th meeting.

You will see that we have the support of a large percentage of the residents immediately surrounding this park on Burbank, Hughes, McMinn, Sunset, Rose, Mesa Court and Delport, as well as environmental experts and activists from Land Paths, Pepperwood, the California Native Plant Society, and several teachers and administrators in the Roseland School District who are already utilizing the park for environmental education purposes.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this material prior to the Public Hearing.

Patricia Krueger  
for *Friends of the Roseland Creek NeighborWood Preserve*

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**From:** Patricia Krueger <patriciakrueger@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Cc:** Dowd, Richard  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Signed Petition  
**Attachments:** Roseland Creek Park Petition, January 2020.pdf

Dear City Clerk,

Please include the following signed petition pages (13) in the file containing the public record of documents sent to the City Council members in preparation for the agenda item having to do with the Roseland Creek Park at this Tuesday's January 14th meeting.

**Mr. Dowd was not a council member when hard copies of these petition pages were originally brought on Jan. 2nd to the city manager's office for distribution to individual council members, so would you mind calling to his attention that this is now available to him digitally?**

Thank you so much,

Patricia Krueger  
573-3076

**PETITION FOR ALL NATURE IN "THE NEIGHBORHOOD"**



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Melissa Newter		
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Christina DeMedica		
<i>[Signature]</i>		
Jenny Jones		

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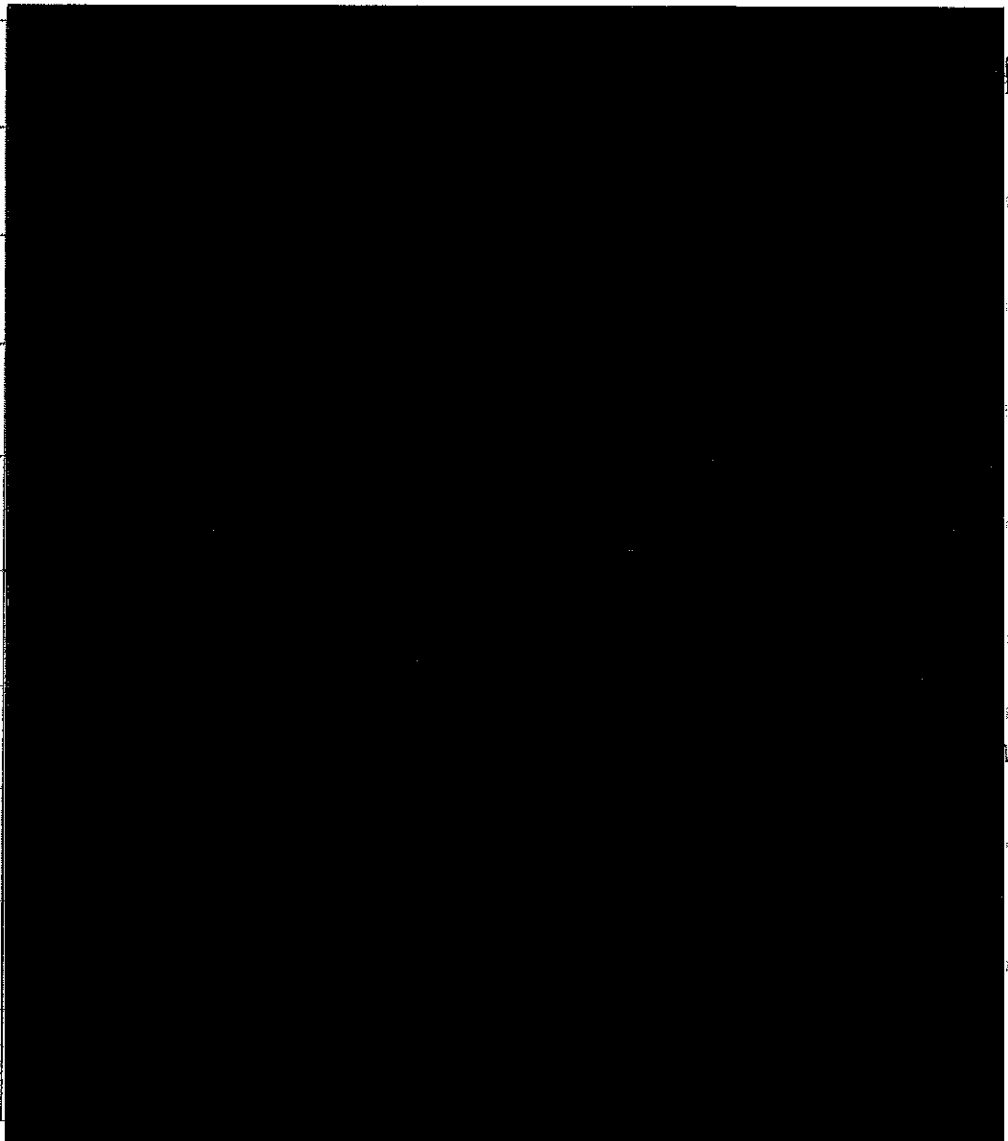


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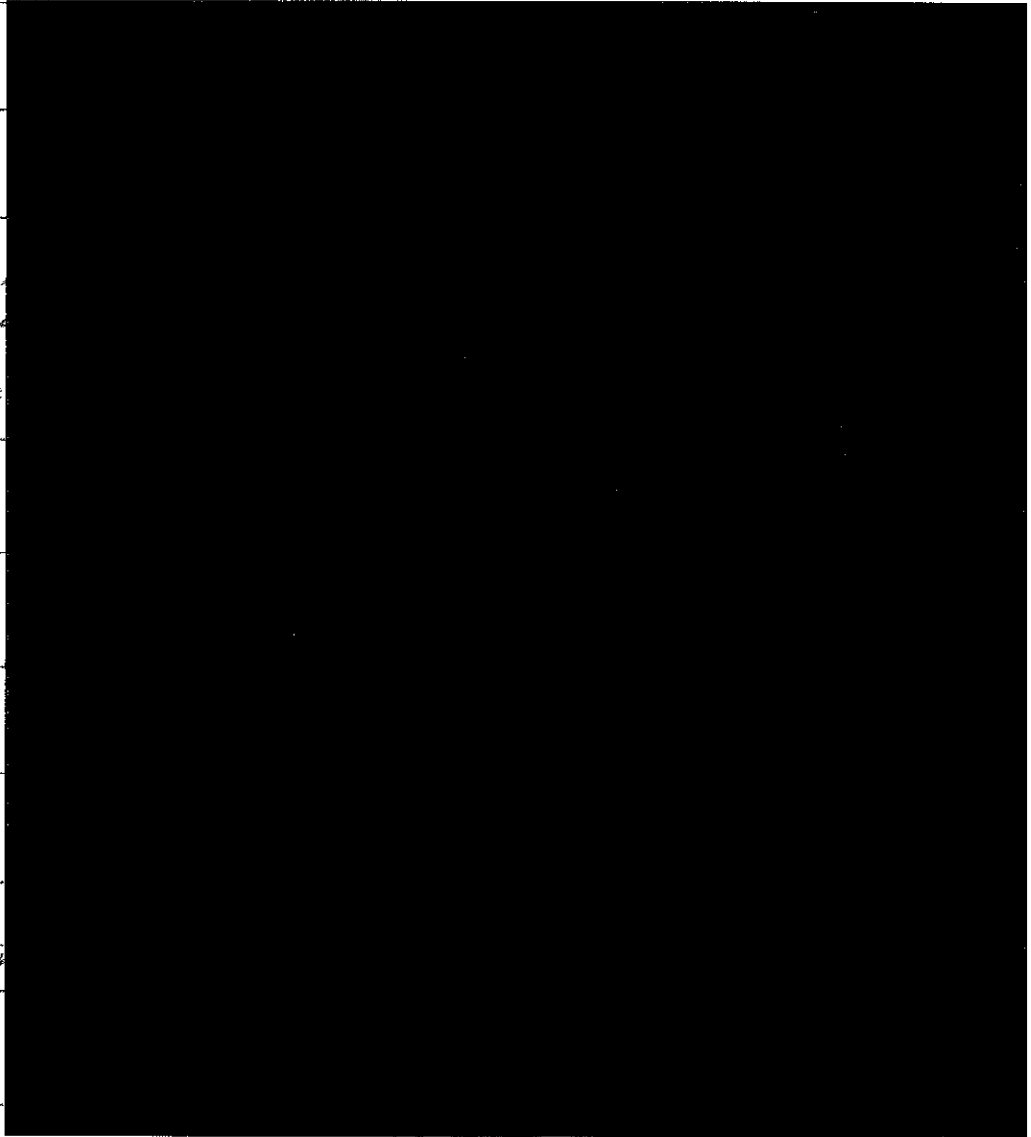
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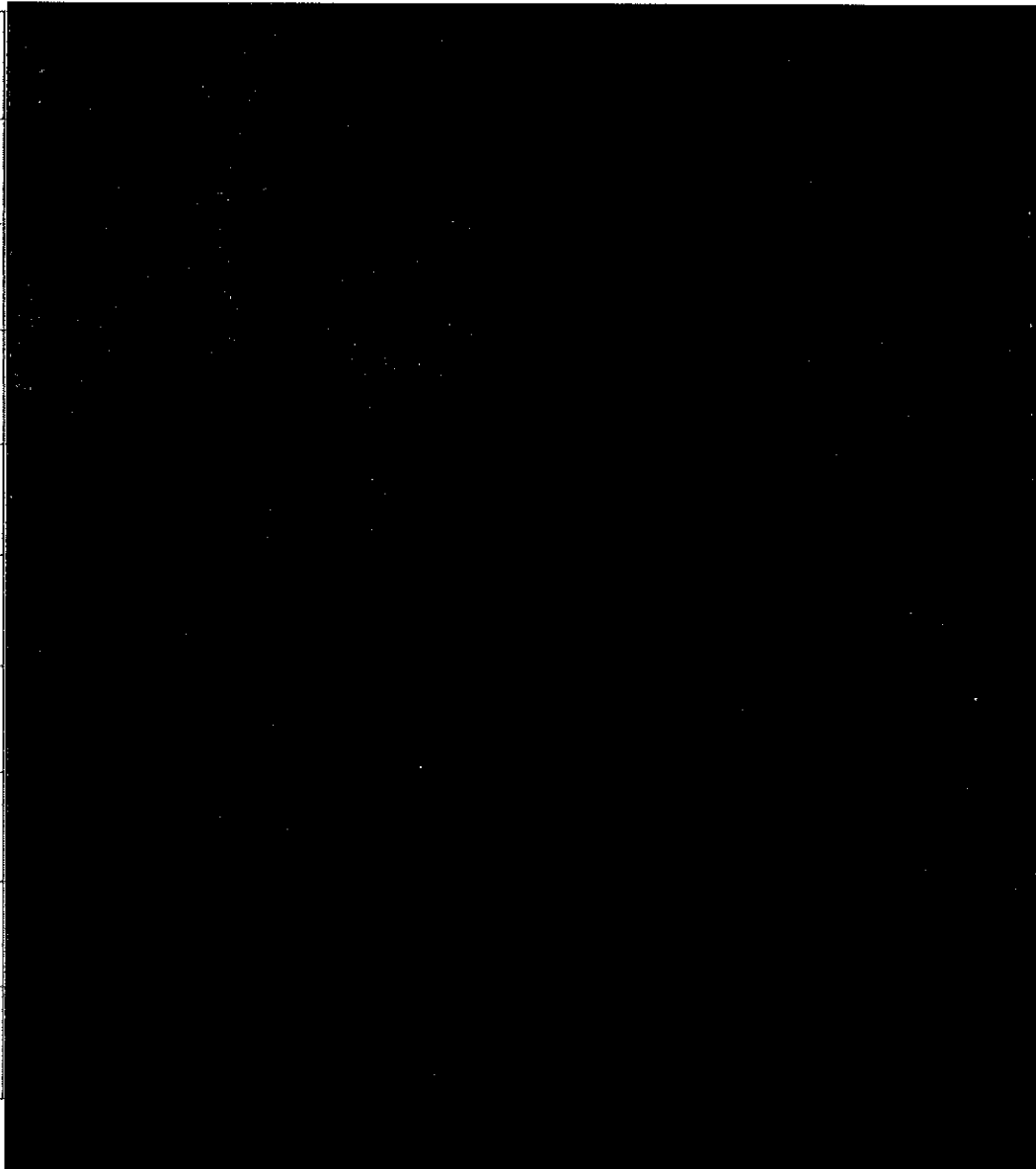


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Environmentalists  
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**From:** Patricia Krueger <patriciakrueger@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Upcoming Review and Approval of Roseland Creek Open Space Preserve  
**Attachments:** Roseland Creek NeighborWood Ideal Plan - Final July 2019.pdf

Dear City Clerk,

Please include the following in the file containing the public record of documents sent to the City Council members in preparation for the agenda item having to do with the Roseland Creek Park at this Tuesday's January 14th meeting. Can you please be sure to include the attachment to this email?

I know that this original email is addressed only to Councilman Schwedhelm, but I also wrote virtually the same letter to all of the council members at that time.

Thank you,

Patricia Krueger

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Patricia Krueger <patriciakrueger@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** SR CC Mayor Tom Schwedhelm <tschwedhelm@srcity.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 07:36:11 PM PST  
**Subject:** Upcoming Review and Approval of Roseland Creek Open Space Preserve

Dear Councilman Schwedhelm,

I am part of a group of Roseland residents who have been working for 20 years to preserve park land along Roseland Creek as an Open Space preserve. Our vision always has been to preserve and enhance the natural community and features of this land, allowing residents of all ages to have proximity to an area where they can experience the renewal of being in nature, as well as provide a setting for environmental learning for the children of the surrounding schools and community.

One of the exciting new developments in this effort is that we are currently working with the biology teacher at Roseland University Prep to take her students out into the Open Space for hands-on learning opportunities in biology and environmental science. Also there are several elementary teachers from the adjoining Shepherd School walking their classes to the open space for outdoor learning experiences.

Through our connections with the larger environmental education community of Sonoma County, this fall we asked Pahlada Papper, a professor of biology at Santa Rosa Junior College and doctoral student in Integrative Biology at UC Berkeley, to work with Ms. Neuffer and her biology students in the field to instruct them in the art and science of biological community observation, data compilation, and generation of scientific reports based on their findings. They have been having a great time learning from this very knowledgeable and generous biological scientist.

After more than half a year of delay the Parks Department finally released the environmental study for this project to the public for a 30 day comment period from Nov. 19 - Dec. 18. The City Council review and approval of this study and plan is scheduled tentatively for Jan. 7, 2020. At various times over the last 20 years, the City staff supported this, but the current Master Plan does not align with this vision.

After reviewing the November 1, 2019 Master Plan, **the elements that concern us are the following:**



1) *The large picnic area just north of the creek (with 7+ picnic tables)* – this activity is inappropriate for the proposed nature and education park. **The noise and activity of picnic parties will disrupt the natural setting.** Nearby Bayer Farm Park and Southwest Community Park both provide facilities for this kind of picnicking.

2) *Two restrooms and a covered sink* – the homeless issue is at a crisis point in Roseland. Installing a public restroom before addressing this issue is unwise, as it will only encourage and increase the usage of this park for habitation by the homeless population, already a chronic problem for many years now. **We believe that one restroom is sufficient, and it and any outdoor sink would need to be locked at night.**

3) *A total of 36 parking spaces* – **The parking area north of the creek should be kept minimal in size, and a smaller one south of the creek should be restricted to Handicapped and Emergency Vehicle Use Only.** The Roseland Creek Elementary School is located across the street and can provide parking on the weekends. During the week, school groups and adults can and do walk to the park. **The Nature Center and Outdoor Classroom in this environmentally sensitive location is appropriate.**

4) *A shaded group picnic area and sports courts located south of the creek* – **These are two excessively noisy activities along the environmentally sensitive riparian corridor.** There are three school campuses and two other parks within a quarter mile which provide soccer fields, basketball courts and group picnicking. **We agree with the nature-themed playground and a small cluster of 2 – 3 picnic tables placed as close to the southwestern edge of the park as possible, to allow for visibility and monitoring by public safety officers from Burbank Ave., an impossibility if the picnic area is located further north closer to the creek.**

***We do not believe that the natural community of plants and animals should be compromised in order to make this park try to be "all things to all people."***

**I am attaching a copy of the community-generated Roseland Creek "Neighborwood" Preserve, Master Plan Proposal, July 2019** which prioritizes preservation, restoration and education.

**We have also collected signatures on a petition in support of this community-generated plan** amongst the residents of the area most closely surrounding this park. **I will be submitting hardcopies of those to you and the other council members later this week through the city manager's office.** Also you should be receiving via email over the next few weeks, other letters of support from various community members and public officials.

I know this is a very busy, distracted time year...we would have preferred a different timing as well!! I hope that you can make time to read these extra materials. **Whatever time you put into this, we deeply appreciate.**

Merry Christmas,

Patricia Krueger



# ROSELAND CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVE

## MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL

JULY 2019

\*TO ENHANCE ECOLOGICAL SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Emmert, Gretchen**

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**From:** Cynthia Corona Valencia <ccoronaValencia22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:19 AM  
**To:** Cynthia Corona Valencia  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Park Comment

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a sophomore currently attending Roseland University Prep High School and I would like to express my point of view about the Neighborwood Preserve and the ideas the council has about the development of it. As a member of the community, and as part of the next generation, I am interested in seeing what happens to the preserve. I appreciate you for taking the time out of your day to send my teacher an email addressing all questions, concerns and clearing things up.

I have gone several times to the preserve for field trips, involving learning about nature and the effects climate change has on my community. I find it useful to get out of class and learn about a subject first hand. I've learned more about the preserve, the cause and effects climate change has and the animals inhabiting it. When my Biology teacher first introduced me to the idea of building a park, I thought it was a good opportunity for the community to get out more without issues, like poison oak, inhabitants and open space filled with trash.

Personally, I found it a good idea of how the animals will have a free space where they will not get disturbed. But with that, I have some concerns regarding the habitats of animals. When the building of the park occurs, what will happen to the animals in the way of construction? Or the ones being disturbed by the noise? Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read my ideas about the Neighborwood preserve. I can't wait to see how they preserve will turn out.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Corona

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**From:** Roxana Cano Robles <rcanorobles21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:19 AM  
**To:** Roxana Cano Robles  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Woodland Park

Dear City Clerk,

Hello, my name is Roxana Robles and I am a student at Roseland University Prep. I have seen what your plan is for the neighborhood park in Roseland. I have gone through the neighborhood park with my class and also out of school. It is a wonderful and amazing place to de-stress yourself. Sometimes school and my personal life can give me anxiety and stress me out, just by sitting down while either drawing or reading can really help me out. I learned many new facts about that park-like the different types of species and the variety of plants. Therefore, it is the choice of the neighborhood to what happens to that park. Roseland is not only an all Hispanic culture neighborhood but it is also a place where they care about their surroundings. In what way can this master plan for the neighborhood park help our community?

The city council's plan will be destroying nature. If we cut down all those trees, it can affect the amount of rainfall and it can be destructive to our earth. We all depend on trees to give us oxygen. Do you plan to leave us without oxygen? That park is the only place that has naturally made itself without anyone else helping. With the council's plan, there will be many trees cut from there. There are all types of species that rely on the neighborhood park and with this master plan, those species will either die or leave. Will Santa Rosa be proving the money for their master plan?

Sincerely,

Roxana Cano

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**Manis, Dina**

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**From:** Silvia Langan <slangan@roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 8:44 PM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter in Support of Nature and Education – An Urban Wilderness in Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am an AP Spanish Teacher at Roseland University Prep. Since the fire devastations in Sonoma County, we have been learning more about Climate Change in my class and preparing action plans to help the community. For that reason, I have taken my students to the Roseland woodlands to observe how natural ecosystems work and the effects of climate change on it. It's been a great experience seeing my students interact with nature and enjoy it. **The Roseland woodland is a treasure that we need to preserve.**

We learn that there are two master plans for the woodlands. One from the city and one from the Roseland neighbors. **I agree with the vision to preserve and enhance the natural features of this land allowing residents of all ages to have a sanctuary from urban pressures and experience the renewal of being in nature. The City supported this effort for years, but the current Master Plan does not align with this vision.**

After reviewing November 1, 2019, Master Plan, **the elements that concern us are the following:**

- 1) *The large picnic area just north of the creek (with 7+ picnic tables)* – this activity is inappropriate for the proposed nature and education park. **The noise and activity of picnic parties will disrupt the natural setting.** Nearby Bayer Farm Park and Southwest Community Park both provide facilities for this kind of picnic.
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**We do not believe that the natural community of plants and animals should be compromised in order to make this park try to be “all things to all people.”** I am in support of the attached Community-generated *Roseland Creek “Neighborhood” Preserve, Master Plan Proposal, July 2019* which prioritizes preservation, restoration, and education.

Thank you,

Silvia Langan  
 Spanish Teacher

Room # 18  
Roseland University Prep  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95407

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**From:** Nicholls, Mary Lou  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 7:56 AM  
**To:** Manis, Dina  
**Cc:** Buffo, Kristi  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Community Park Comments

Dina- RE FILE 20-0045

If we are to amend Attachment 1 – Correspondence for Roseland Creek Master Plan, please unlock the record. Up to what date/time are to continue adding correspondence? It goes to council tomorrow.

Thank you.

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**From:** Buffo, Kristi <KBuffo@srcity.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 3:05 PM  
**To:** Nicholls, Mary Lou <MNicholls@srcity.org>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Community Park Comments

Hi Mary Lou,

I hope you're having a good day off 😊. Here is another citizen comment for the correspondence folder. Is there still time to include these?

Thanks,  
kb

**From:** Kevin Anderson <[kevin@theclimatecenter.org](mailto:kevin@theclimatecenter.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi <KBuffo@srcity.org>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Community Park Comments

Kristi,

I just wanted to pass along this to you:

I have heard frustration voiced from a number of high school students that I work with at both Roseland University Prep and Roseland Collegiate Prep at some of the proposed amenities for Roseland Creek Community Park specifically the amount of space being designated for parking and turf/sports play areas. The students would like to see the space kept as natural as possible and have pointed out that Southwest Community Park has ample space for new sports fields and courts as well as parking and have all expressed interest in a reimagining/redesign of this underutilized community space.

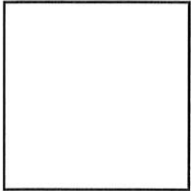
I have given the students your contact info and have been encouraging them to reach out to you themselves but you never know with these highly impacted and overworked high schoolers. Some teachers have also voiced concern but I'm assuming they have or will reach out to you directly.

Thanks for all you do and talk soon.

In joy and gratitude,

Kevin Anderson

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**From:** jim-jody <jim-jody@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Community Park

Hi Kristi,

I am an owner of the property at 1450 Burbank, just south of the park project. My family has owned this property for over 60 years. I do have some questions/concerns:

1. Will there be trail lighting for security?
2. South parking lot and trail on southside of purple needle grassland appear close to/right next to property line. Will there be any fencing to separate the park from our property. It appears our property line is the only boundary without a fence. Without adequate separation, people may attempt to use our driveway to access the park during non-operating hours, or trespass across our property to access the park.
3. The driveway to south parking lot is right next to our driveway. Will there be adequate signage clearly marking the park entrance to prevent people from trying to use our driveway to access the park.

I feel it is important for the public to have open spaces for their enjoyment. However I feel the project design should ensure that park guests and activities are contained within the park boundaries and prevent trespassing and unauthorized use of private property.

Please consider these concerns in your review of this project.

Thank you,

Jody Fairfield  
707-228-9807

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

## Manis, Dina

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**From:** Lino Mondragon Reyes <lmondragonreyes22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:26 AM  
**To:** Lino Mondragon Reyes  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a member of the community that wants to make some suggestions of how the Roseland community nature preserve. it should be left as a nature preserve instead of a park that is not as safe for the ecosystem that lives there.

A few days prior to the writing of this letter I went with my peers to the Roseland Community Nature Preserve. We saw an abundance of living creatures in that area like lizards, birds, and more. It was also a really nice place just to take a walk in the early morning. In addition, we found out that the Roseland Community Nature Preserve was filled with great benefits that one might need.

The first being health benefits, the air found in the Roseland community nature preserve is a lot cleaner because there is less pollution. Studies show how being outside in nature can lower depression and it can also lower stress levels. Furthermore, there are also many living creatures and plants in that area. For example, the Native grass that lives there is very important because most of the plants that we have around us are not native and that makes this plant very special.

We also learned that there are a bunch of trees in that area making it a place with lots of clean and fresh air but there are creatures already being affected by climate change in this area. One of them being the birds that live there because the climate affects the weather and the birds base their lifestyle or yearly routine on the weather.

I would suggest this being more of a nature reserve than a park because we already have many parks around us that are for nature. If we made a park and cut down most of those trees, we are not helping the problem. I hope this can suggest a way to help the community and thank you.

Sincerely,  
Lino Mondragon

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**From:** Rahasya Hernandez Diaz <rhernandezdiaz22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:25 AM  
**To:** Rahasya Hernandez Diaz  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Woodland Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am currently a student at Roseland University Prep. I think that you should choose to keep the Roseland Creek Preserve because I think that we need more places to go out and enjoy nature. Enough places have already been distorted from nature and as time keeps passing we have less and less of it. This is a sad reality but if we can do a little thing like this and keep the Roseland Creek Preserve in order to help with climate change, why not do it?

Thank you for your time,  
Rahasya Hernandez

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**From:** Alexander Jacuinde <ajacuinde22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** Alexander Jacuinde  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Mrs. Buffo,

I am a Roseland University Prep student in tenth grade and I am in support of having the Roseland Neighborwood Preservations. I have recently gone to the area surrounding Roseland Creek and I enjoyed the time I spent in the wilderness it made me feel as though I was in a whole new area of Santa Rosa; this feeling of truly being in nature was a pleasant feeling. As being in nature has proven to reduce anxiety, which many high school students experience, and increase creativity along with many other benefits.

I believe that by creating a nature preserve this experience of being in a whole new area could be magnified. In addition to the area being so close to many schools, it could be used as a way to teach students about wildlife, ecosystems and about the importance of protecting the ecosystem which many animals call their home. Although a turf field, sports courts, and picnic areas would be nice to have for our community, I believe that with all the other parks and schools we have within a quarter of a mile radius of Roseland Creek, these will suffice for children entertainment and sports. Additionally, with the very important dilemma that climate change is nowadays partly destroying areas will not mitigate the consequences of climate change in any way because we are destroying more nature and creating parks; when there are parks and basketball courts within the vicinity of half a mile<sup>4</sup>. But with a nature preserve and limited area for picnic areas, we will slowly improve our habits of destroying the place we call home.

As a member of the Santa Rosa community and part of the future of Santa Rosa, I agree with making the area around Roseland Creek a nature preserve. Thank you for taking the time to read this card and I hope you the best in making the important decision of deciding the future of the area surrounding the Roseland Creek.

Sincerely,  
Alexander Jacuinde

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**From:** Araceli Hernandez <ahernandez22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** Araceli Hernandez  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a student attending Roseland University Prep, in Roseland and I would like to address you my opinions about the Neighborwood Park. Your master plan that you built is lovely, but I think creating an environment where students are able to learn about nature in a peaceful place is better. I am all for the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve.

I have been to the Neighborwood Park before and it is beautiful just the way it is. It is easy to learn about nature and be focused when there are not that many people there. Adding benches, basketball courts, and turf will bring more noise, causing birds and other animals to hideaway. Minimizing picnic tables and man-built buildings will help preserve the Neighborwood Park just the way it is, but still, allow people to enjoy the outdoors. Here in the Roseland Community, we already have two parks nearby, Bayer Park and Southwest Park. Instead of using money to add yet another park, it would be best to use the money to fix or upgrade our current parks. We can upgrade our current parks by adding better fields or more picnic tables. It is also a smart decision to use the money to invest in programs and events that could be held at the park. Some events that can be held at the park can be park cleanup or a nature club. Most kids today don't spend a lot of time in nature or outside. When they do spend time outside, it is usually on a play structure or a soccer field where students can not learn a lot about nature. Keeping the Neighborwood as a preserve will encourage more members of the community, especially young children and even teenagers, to come out and learn more about trees, plants, habitats, and animals.

In conclusion, making the Neighborwoods a preserve will not just be beneficial to the environment, but it may also bring our community closer together. Once again, I think making the Neighborwoods a preserve is the better solution. Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,  
Araceli Hernandez

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**From:** Eliseo Pachuca Lazo <epachucalazo22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:23 AM  
**To:** Eliseo Pachuca Lazo  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Dear Ms. Buffo,

The Roseland Creek Neighborhood Preserve is an excellent idea as it would allow adults and children of all ages to enjoy their community and learn about the plant and animal life that call Roseland home. While I do like the idea of picnic tables and turf, I would like to argue that we should aim for a nature preserve that would be as minimally invasive as possible and that could promote the wellbeing of the community and the animals that live there.

The Roseland Creek Neighborhood Preserve proposal is something that I feel allows the plant/animal population to thrive while allowing humans to observe and appreciate them in their natural habitat. Habitat restoration would encourage animals that have been in our communities for years, to come back in. There are other parks nearby that provide everything this plan tries to offer like Bayer farm and South West community park but the noises and human activity created by park-like features would discourage animals from even coming close in the first place, defeating the whole purpose of the preserve.

Parks have a tendency to attract homeless people and other illegal activities, so my question would be, how would you address the homeless population and illegal camping? And the dumping of garbage was also common so how would that issue be dealt with?

Many thanks for allowing the community the opportunity to express our opinions on this project. The conservation of species has never been more important and we need to act now. I hope you come to a decision that benefits not only us but the plants and animals that live there

Sincerely,

Eliseo Pachuca Lazo

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**From:** Cesar Sanchez Franco <csanchezfranco21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:23 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I would advise that you take a more nature oriented approach and chose a more beneficial plan that would not invade the ecosystems and would aim to conserve as much natural space as possible in order to keep the present ecosystem stable.

The Santa Rosa City plan may have a nice recreation area and can be beneficial to the overall usability of the space, but the amount of noise that may be created from these activities may interfere with the animals that call this place their home. I would suggest the Roseland Neighborhood plan be taken into action because although it does not have a picnic area, it will be beneficial in invading less space in this ecosystem. It will also require less trees to be cut down, thus leaving a more habitable area and more space for animals to live. Creating picnic areas as mentioned in the Santa Rosa City plan is not necessary because there is a picnic area already at Bayer Farm as well.

The Roseland Neighborhood plan could also be more beneficial for educational purposes as there will be more of a wilderness aspect to the area, where students can make observations and learn about ecosystems and their effects, from their visits to their local natural areas. It is next to Roseland Creek Elementary and can serve as a place to learn and spend time in nature. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my opinion about this decision and hope it helps give insight into the pending decision.

Sincerely,

Cesar Sanchez

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**From:** Alexander Jacuinde <ajacuinde22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** Alexander Jacuinde  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Mrs. Buffo,

I am a Roseland University Prep student in tenth grade and I am in support of having the Roseland Neighborwood Preservations. I have recently gone to the area surrounding Roseland Creek and I enjoyed the time I spent in the wilderness it made me feel as though I was in a whole new area of Santa Rosa; this feeling of truly being in nature was a pleasant feeling. As being in nature has proven to reduce anxiety, which many high school students experience, and increase creativity along with many other benefits.

I believe that by creating a nature preserve this experience of being in a whole new area could be magnified. In addition to the area being so close to many schools, it could be used as a way to teach students about wildlife, ecosystems and about the importance of protecting the ecosystem which many animals call their home. Although a turf field, sports courts, and picnic areas would be nice to have for our community, I believe that with all the other parks and schools we have within a quarter of a mile radius of Roseland Creek, these will suffice for children entertainment and sports. Additionally, with the very important dilemma that climate change is nowadays partly destroying areas will not mitigate the consequences of climate change in any way because we are destroying more nature and creating parks; when there are parks and basketball courts within the vicinity of half a mile<sup>4</sup>. But with a nature preserve and limited area for picnic areas, we will slowly improve our habits of destroying the place we call home.

As a member of the Santa Rosa community and part of the future of Santa Rosa, I agree with making the area around Roseland Creek a nature preserve. Thank you for taking the time to read this card and I hope you the best in making the important decision of deciding the future of the area surrounding the Roseland Creek.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Buffo

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**From:** Kailey Hernandez Garcia <khernandezgarcia22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Woodland park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I love the idea, the nature preserve. I personally would really enjoy it being more green and fresh because I love nature and being able to sit and just talking with my friends and family or play a sport outdoors is great. I have been in the Roseland district for nine years. I definitely do think that Roseland needs a park like this where there would still be a lot of nature surrounding this area. I think this would impact us in a positive way because kids will feel safer to go around there because it will be a safer environment. Personally I don't like walking alone around that area. Another way this idea will impact us in a positive manner is the trees and plants will most likely be taken care of and won't be as dead as they are now. I think it's great that there are certain areas that there will be no construction like the purple needle grass to preserve more of its nature. Lastly, I think it will be a more pleasing area to look and admire. It will feel safer for me and the rest of the community. With great thought,

Kailey Hernandez

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**From:** Roxana Cano Robles <rcanorobles21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:18 AM  
**To:** Roxana Cano Robles  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Woodland Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

Hello, my name is Roxana Robles and I am a student at Roseland University Prep. I have seen what your plan is for the neighborhood park in Roseland. I have gone through the neighborhood park with my class and also out of school. It is a wonderful and amazing place to de-stress yourself. Sometimes school and my personal life can give me anxiety and stress me out, just by sitting down while either drawing or reading can really help me out. I learned many new facts about that park-like the different types of species and the variety of plants. Therefore, it is the choice of the neighborhood to what happens to that park. Roseland is not only an all Hispanic culture neighborhood but it is also a place where they care about their surroundings. In what way can this master plan for the neighborhood park help our community?

The city council's plan will be destroying nature. If we cut down all those trees, it can affect the amount of rainfall and it can be destructive to our earth. We all depend on trees to give us oxygen. Do you plan to leave us without oxygen? That park is the only place that has naturally made itself without anyone else helping. With the council's plan, there will be many trees cut from there. There are all types of species that rely on the neighborhood park and with this master plan, those species will either die or leave. Will Santa Rosa be proving the money for their master plan?

Sincerely,

Roxana Cano

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**From:** Karla Maldonado <kmaldonado22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:19 AM  
**To:** Karla Maldonado  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a student at Roseland University Prep and I would like to explain my perspective on your plans for the Roseland park. First I would like to thank you all for caring about the people who live in the community but you have not taken into consideration how much wildlife could be negatively affected by your plans for the Roseland park. I had the honor of visiting the Roseland park and it is a beautiful place that is just surrounded by nature.

The draft master plan concept that you have created for this place is very flawed in my opinion because the lives of many innocent animals would be affected. If anything is removed, it would most likely destroy many homes and if you add all the cement, it would cause even more pollution that would impact everyone. Not only would the animals be affected, but so will the many plants that grow there. They are very crucial to the environment so cutting down any of these plants would not be the best idea. The picnic tables that are planned to be added would attract many more people but that is not good for this environment. This park was not made for big groups of people to be walking in and out of all the time, it was made to habit animals.

I think that the Roseland Creek Neighborwood preserve is the best option because there is not as much pollution as the draft master plan concept but there are still things that could be improved. Adding the bathrooms would cause more pollution because of all the cement being added which would not be safe for the creatures that have to breathe in the chemicals plus and the animal's lives could be put in danger in the process. Instead of creating building bathrooms, porta potties can be added. How many more proposals are you taking until you make your final decision? Thank you for reading what I have to say and I hope you take it into consideration.

Sincerely,

Karla Maldonado

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**From:** Cynthia Corona Valencia <ccoronaValencia22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:19 AM  
**To:** Cynthia Corona Valencia  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Park Comment

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a sophomore currently attending Roseland University Prep High School and I would like to express my point of view about the Neighborwood Preserve and the ideas the council has about the development of it. As a member of the community, and as part of the next generation, I am interested in seeing what happens to the preserve. I appreciate you for taking the time out of your day to send my teacher an email addressing all questions, concerns and clearing things up.

I have gone several times to the preserve for field trips, involving learning about nature and the effects climate change has on my community. I find it useful to get out of class and learn about a subject first hand. I've learned more about the preserve, the cause and effects climate change has and the animals inhabiting it. When my Biology teacher first introduced me to the idea of building a park, I thought it was a good opportunity for the community to get out more without issues, like poison oak, inhabitants and open space filled with trash.

Personally, I found it a good idea of how the animals will have a free space where they will not get disturbed. But with that, I have some concerns regarding the habitats of animals. When the building of the park occurs, what will happen to the animals in the way of construction? Or the ones being disturbed by the noise? Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read my ideas about the Neighborwood preserve. I can't wait to see how they preserve will turn out.

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Cynthia Corona

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**From:** Nathaly Hernandez Cortes <nhernandezcortes22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:19 AM  
**To:** Nathaly Hernandez Cortes  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am currently a sophomore at Roseland University Prep and I agree with the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve Master Plan Proposal July 2019. I think this is a better way to preserve the park and not destroy habitats and trees. What I think we should do to the park is not to do much to it like build turf, sports courts, a play area, and picnic areas when we already have three elementary schools, a high school, middle school, and a park surrounding the area. When I visited the park with my biology and AP Spanish classes it was relaxing and it felt good to be in nature while learning about climate change and what different types of plants, trees, leaves, and even animals live and are planted in this land. Being in nature made me forget about all the stress I had and about life because I was relaxed and enjoying the beauties of the park.

My opinion on this issue is that you should not do the Draft Master Plan Concept because it would destroy most of the parks and the animals will lose their homes. Due to climate change, the birds or other animals living in the park won't have anywhere else to go since that was a park that was quiet and not touched by humans. During my visit to the park since it was quiet and there weren't a lot of sounds so people we got to see some animals. If we build a big park there or even something similar to the Draft Master Plan Concept, the animals will be affected because if we had loud noise the animals who aren't used to it or are sensitive to noise along the environment will leave. We shouldn't be kicking wildlife out of their homes.

I think you as the City Council should go with the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve Master Plan Proposal because there would be less noise and we would be able to keep the majority of the park and it does not move the animals from their habitat. In this plan, they are planning on keeping more of the nature of that building. The fewer amount of trees the more heat that will be sitting on the land and making the park a hotter temperature and make it hard to find shade. If there were more trees there would be more shade and make the park cooler since I learned that in the forest it gets 15 degrees cooler than in other areas in the open without trees. If you decide to do the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve Master Plan Proposal July 2019 how much time would it take to do it and when would the park be finished by? If the City Council can't make a decision on which option to do for the park can we as the student's vote on which park we want to be made?

Sincerely,

Nathaly Hernandez

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**From:** Angel Oliveros <aoliveros21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:19 AM  
**To:** Angel Oliveros  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Mrs. Buffo,

My name is Angel Santiago and I am currently a student attending Roseland University Prep. We recently reviewed your master plan for the upcoming Roseland Community Park in my AP Spanish class as an assignment. Because of this, I would like to offer my opinion regarding your master plan and the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve Master plan.

First and foremost, I think that although your original master plan has an exquisite design, there are some things that could be changed. As shown in the other provided master plan, there can be a lot of alternatives that would help preserve that area of Roseland. My AP Spanish class also visited the area as a part of an assignment to better understand you visions. . During this visit we learned about the various parts of the land and how they work together. I believe that with the new installation of the park, the biodiversity and nature currently there will be disturbed.

The wild life living in the area will most likely migrate because of the amount of people that will be visiting the park. And although there is a specific designated location that will be untouched by constructions, there will still be an enormous chunk of trees that will be cut down and made into renovated land.

The Neighborwood plan would also be better because the installation of benches and buildings will also result in more vicious homelessness. Of course the park will not directly make people homeless, but it can serve as a space for the homeless to roam, possibly sleep, and take shelter. All of these factors contribute to the fact that the original master plan, although very well put together, should be revised slightly.

Thank you,

Angel Santiago

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**From:** Alondra Evelyn Huerta Lopez <ahuertalopez22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:20 AM  
**To:** Alondra Evelyn Huerta Lopez  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland

Dear Ms.Buffo,

I'm a student at Roseland University Prep and I've seen your Draft Master Plan Concept. Many people have worked on executing this proposal which we are grateful for. You want the families spending time in nature with the sports courts and picnic tables, but you also have to focus on the most important factor; the plants and animals.

Your Draft Master Plan Concept seems like a great plan but you have to dig deeper. I completely understand wanting a new park to get people in the community active and in touch with nature but if you add the picnic area you would need to cut down some trees in the area for that to happen. The trees being cut down would lead to less animals having a home. The picnics would cause noise and activity which would drive the animals away. Also not to mention the homeless population will most likely rise. I don't think a compromise will be the best idea, because nature should be preserved as much as possible.

The Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve seems like the better alternative. There is less construction compared to the Draft Master Concepts. While both plans have nature centers, Roseland Creek Neighborwood is planning on upland habitat restoration. Every plant and animal is not as disturbed in the plan. When will the official decision be made for Roseland Creek? Thank you for your time.

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Alondra Huerta

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**From:** Jesus Perez Cortes <jperezcortes22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** Jesus Perez Cortes  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Woodland Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

My name is Jesus Perez and I am a student at Roseland University Prep. I would like to express my interest in the Neighborhood project. I am especially interested in the nature preserve proposal as it seems to be the better idea, providing benefits in both education and the environment.

My experience with the Neighborhood park has been a delightful experience, it feels so nice to be able to leave the classroom and be able to learn about nature first hand. Overall, I really like the idea of a nature preserve as I personally believe that we have plenty of parks that fit the ideas proposed in the Draft Master Plan Concept. A preserve is not something that is so common here in Santa Rosa and I believe we should have one as it allows for education outside and brings many benefits in the fight against climate change. A nature centered park has been in the talks for over 20 years and this feels like the perfect time to do so. Keeping it as a nature preserve will also help us in the fight against the rising threat of climate change, as trees help absorb carbon dioxide and give us oxygen in the air. Cutting down some trees as proposed in the Draft Master Plan Concept will remove these trees leaving more carbon dioxide and less oxygen for everyone. Outdoor education is also very important as the children must know about the changes happening to our planet and how we can fight against these changes. I would also like to ask when the construction of this park will begin?

I thank you all for your time in reading this letter, I sincerely hope you consider these ideas when it comes time for your vote on the future of the Neighborhood park. Thank you once again and have a wonderful day.

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**From:** Dulce Brambila Grajeda <dbrambilagrajeda21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:20 AM  
**To:** Dulce Brambila Grajeda  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo

I am currently a student at Roseland University Prep. We have seen both proposals about the Roseland park and I think that the Roseland Creek Neighborhood Preserve is a better and more natural plan. I visited the Roseland forest in a field trip and I thought it was very nice and very calming. I learned information about the animals there are in the forest. I think that the right plan to do is the Roseland Creek Neighborhood Preserve because that way, people can enjoy more natural things like the grass.

Unlike the other plan, this plan does not take over animals habitats and if benches are added, it provides a place for the homeless to sleep and hang out. What Roseland needs is a fun and safe place to enjoy nature. I also don't think picnic tables are a good idea because they would be next to the river and it would probably be really noisy for people trying to enjoy a picnic. By adding multi-use turf, it would take away part of animals' habitats. What made people want to create this plan at Roseland?

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Dulce Brambila

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**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:20 AM  
**To:** Fatima Carreno Arenas  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Park Comment

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a student from RUP and I am here to tell you some of my ideas for the Roseland Woodland Park. I would like to thank you for taking your time reading this letter. Some ideas for the preserve is to have an area to show kids more about nature. Many kids this year and the past years have been on their phones or with their electronics. They have been in a zoned-out place thinking that the world is okay when it is not. This would give the children some time to not be at their phones and learn about nature. Showing how life works and how plants grow. We could also add an area to plant things, for example, vegetables, fruits, or flowers. I have seen many people grow flowers and this could give many people an opportunity to have some space to plant. We could allow kids to learn how to plant as well. When I was a kid I wished I learned more about planting fruits, flowers, and trees, but as I grew up I never got the chance. This could show many children to give back to mother nature.

I would like to say that we shouldn't add much concrete on the ground because that could affect us from getting water from the ground. I learned this by a field trip that we took to the Roseland Woodland Park. I learned that below us, there is water but it is so deep into the ground that we have to use a well to pull up the water. Many people in Roseland use wells to get water and use that water. If we put concrete on top of the land this will prevent people from obtaining water.

Another idea would be to not make picnic areas around the river or the creek. The noise would affect insects and animals from getting to the creek. We should respect the insect and animals there that are trying to have a life. If you were to do this it would ruin habitats and would cause animals to migrate to another place. That would be impossible for them because they were born and raised to be there. Thank you again for having the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Fatima Carreno

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**From:** Vicente Rosas Silva <vrosasilva22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** Vicente Rosas Silva  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear City Council Members,

I am a student that is currently attending Roseland University Prep and my class and I have opinions in regards to some of the plans about the neighborhood forest. During this school year, we have visited the neighborhood multiple times covering activities about climate change. After those multiple visits, I would say that I did enjoy the time that my classmates and I have spent there.

After reviewing both the "master plans" I feel as though it would be best to go with the nature preserve proposal. This is mainly due to how its a lot more nature-friendly and it wouldn't cost the many losses of trees as compared to the second plan. I believe that both plans are very interesting except that the no nature preserve plan would cost more and waste a lot more materials than the nature preserve plan. I also believe that we should take into consideration some of the different animal species that reside and depend upon the woodlands, some of which are also endangered. For example, the Tiger Salamander is one of those endangered species. The Tiger Salamanders live in many of the gopher holes that are dug in the woodlands, they can breed a lot more successfully during the winter near areas with water. That place is the riparian that is located alongside the center of the woodlands, but with the construction of parks, this may affect how the tiger salamanders breed and can affect its population numbers.

Some advantages of the nature reserve park include the early learning experience that it will provide to many of the younger generations that attend the three local elementary schools. The nature preserve would also better the community by being able to bring a lot more families of minorities. This is important because it has been proven that many people who are of a minority are less likely to attend events and parks, but with this nature preserve, we will hopefully be able to raise the number of minorities who attend these parks. Though I hope that you will take into consideration some of the ideas that not only I presented but also of my peers. I would like to thank you for taking the time out of your day to read many of the letters that have been sent to the city council.

Sincerely,

Vicente Rosas Silva

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**From:** Ricardo Alvarado <ralvarado21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** Ricardo Alvarado  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a junior currently attending Roseland University prep and I have taken note on your ideas for the future of the Roseland Creek woods. My experiences at the Roseland Creek woods have always been great because I don't get any trouble from trash or bad care of the landscape. The woods do seem like they need a little more maintenance because they are not treated well and they are very plain. I think that the best plan for the Roseland Creek woods is the "Roseland Creek neighborwood preserve" because in this plan they are planning on keeping more of the natural things around it and they won't be building a lot. That means that the species in these habitats can survive and won't leave to find a new home and start-up from new beginnings.

The trees add a lot of character to the space because they make the creek seem very large and peaceful. The way all the land is laid is very good for nature and the species surrounding it so if you plan on taking trees or removing anything it could cause harm to the environment. The fewer trees the more heat that will just be sitting on the flat land making it really hot instead of having more trees to make shade and cooler temperatures. A lot of people prefer the cold shade and won't go to a park where there isn't any place to cool off after their activities. Also in the "Roseland Creek neighborwood preserve," they plan on restoring the riparian and that will help climate change because if they keep it and make it better the creek will attract more animals near it and the creek can sustain more nature.

The creek is necessary because when the rainy season comes by it will hold water so that the city won't flood and it keeps the weather a lot cooler because it will make breezes that can travel a mile radius. Overall I think that the better plan for the woods is the "Roseland Creek neighborwood preserve" plan because it saves a lot of the land and keeps nature happy.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Alvarado

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**From:** Estefania Rios Urbina <eriosurbina22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:20 AM  
**To:** Estefania Rios Urbina  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a high school student at Roseland University Prep and I am writing this in regards to the Roseland Creek Park. When I went to the park with my classmates, we all got to experience what it was like there. For some it was their first time visiting the Roseland Forest.

In my opinion, having a more conserved version of the park would be more enjoyable for the whole community. There are a lot more parks that the people can go to and not a lot of open land types. It would take the community a while to get to see a bit of nature and sometimes they just want to stay somewhere close to home to have a place where they can all come together without feeling that they are surrounded by a loud atmosphere.

Going with the neighborwood would seem like the better choice. Not only would you disrupt the plants around but also the animals that have claimed a home there if you decide to choose the other park than the Neighborwood Preserve. When we went to the park there were many types of creatures that have claimed the forest as their home. What would be the better alternative that would work in the long run for the whole community?

Sincerely,

Estefania Rios

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**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 8:21 AM  
**To:** Jesus Ochoa Valencia  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am currently a student at Roseland University Prep. Thank you for accepting our opinions from the outside perspectives and for us to be able to have a say in what will be added to our community. The Roseland Creek Neighborhood Preserve park looks is nice and very peaceful. I think the idea you have as to add to the park is a good idea such as adding a park, picnic tables, etc. is a good idea. This idea can bring many people from the community and allow to socialize and meet new people. This will bring more people from the community out and will allow them to have a good time. I think the homeless rates rising there will be a problem just as any other park.

Leaving a part of nature is good for those who like to be in the woods and have time for themselves. I look forward to seeing how the park turns out and hopefully has a good overall outcome. While on the neighborhood visit I learned different things about climate change and how the things at the park will be affected when one thing goes different. Some things that can be affected in the park are species becoming for extinct in that area such as a tiger salamander. For example, the food chain different animals would be affected by it. I would like to give you a thank you for listening to what I have to say and that the upcoming project goes as planned and brings good to the community.

Sincerely,

Jesus Ochoa

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**From:** Bryan Figueroa Valencia <bfigueroavalencia21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** Bryan Figueroa Valencia  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland creek park

Dear Ms. Buffo

My name is Bryan Figueroa, I am a resident of Roseland and I am very interested about the new plans coming up for the Roseland Creek neighborhood. This was my first time going to the neighborhood forest. My first impression when I got there was just normal because nature doesn't really attract my attention but I really like the place because it's calm and there is a lot of trees. When I was little, I used to be inside my house a lot and never go out and I think that's why nature is normal to me. Even though keeping trees live a better option for you and for the world.

Ms. Langan our Spanish teacher told us about you choosing between making a new park or preserve the land. In my opinion, I think you should preserve the land because if you build a park people are just going to drive instead of walking there which doesn't help the environment. Also it's better to keep the forest because animals can keep their homes and can grow more plants. I think turning the Neighborhood into a preserve is better because other students can experience the nature around there. Keeping this preserve would keep this area calm because there isn't anything around it. I also think keeping this place preserve is better because you'll save a lot of money and you are helping the world better.

Sincerely,

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Best  
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**From:** Alexis Aquino Cruz <aaquino22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** Alexis Aquino Cruz  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Alexis Aquino. I have come to tell you and give advice towards the change in the Roseland Community NeighborWood Preserve in Santa Rosa. I tell you this from the perspective of a student at Roseland University Prep from the Roseland community. I have seen the master plans for the park in Roseland for a change and I believe that there should be no change at all and preserving the nature of how it currently is. I do wonder how your opinions might be different from mine.

I have been at the park multiple times and I like the way how nature is at its estate right now. I have visited the park, especially during school hours for field trips to then see the ecosystem of biodiversity of what nature has to offer. Since I have seen the plans for the upcoming decisions of the park I see that there may be a regular park for children to play on with some other instruments of a park might have and this includes soccer field or basketball courts.

Preserving the trees and nature from this park has multiple benefits. The main example is that it helps reduce a small fraction of CO2 emissions that are produced by people. Trees luckily are there to breathe in the chemicals and release oxygen for living things in the world. Aside from chemicals, this also extremely benefits animals and of course the trees that live there. The ecosystem in which these living things exist do depend on each other. Creating a massive construction site is not the best move because the species that live there will get confused due to a construction site and not knowing what to do about it. This is important because the animals will soon forget their habitat and this can skew the food web of an ecosystem, ultimately leaving a lot of local species extinct from this area.

I do wish to continue the process of visiting the park and seeing its full biodiversity. If we do make the changes, the upcoming generations won't be able to see the full potential of what it was like to be a normal and

natural ecosystem of the Roseland NeighborWood Park. Thank you for your time and attention and please consider my options for the park.

Sincerely

Alexis Aquino

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**From:** Angelica Ruiz Rivera <aruizrivera21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** Angelica Ruiz Rivera  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a resident of Roseland and a student at Roseland University Prep. Our AP Spanish class had a small visit to the Roseland Creek Community park. When we visited the park every student talked about the natural resources provided here for the animals and the play area that is provided for the citizens of Roseland. I observed the park very well and noticed there are some things we can fix in order for the community to be more involved in it and I am happy with the plan I have chosen.

After visiting the park my best suggestion for what to do with it would be the Neighborwood Preserve. I believe this is the best idea in which to do with the Community park because it will maintain its sources like the trees, plants, and the natural creek. These sources are very important because they provide oxygen which then filters the air for us, the animals, the trees and plants. It is very important to maintain the park natural and not destroy most of what's already there.

The new modifications will provide for more people to visit the park but still have the natural resources the animals need. On the other hand, the master plan concept will not be the best choice because there are different species of animals that live here and destroying their natural habitat will fly them away along with too many people and noise. The Neighborhood Preserve is a great idea for the modification of the Roseland Community park because it will keep it the most natural. Overall, I agree with the plan I have chosen because it will bring joy to the people of Roseland and consolation to the wild life.

Sincerely,

Angelica Ruiz

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**From:** Alejandro Flores Martinez <afloresmartinez21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:57 AM  
**To:** Alejandro Flores Martinez  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a student attending RUP and a resident of the Roseland community, because of this I know what is better for my community. My visit to the Roseland forest was for a field trip where we had to learn about a part of the forest and present it to other classmates.

The park that is scheduled to be built there has two different plans. I think that by combining the city council plan and Neighborhood preserve, the park can benefit both the environment and the residents. A big problem would be that there would be an increase in littering problems which of course would affect the animals that live in or around the park. Going with the preserve park not many people would go to the park since not many activities can be performed. I think that by adding turf then people in the community will be able to have a place to play and enjoy time and at the same time restoring some part like the riparian, Juvenile Oakland, and upland habitat. A great alternative is worrying about the animals and making sure that the animals will not be disturbed. Avoiding places that are populated with animals would also be recommended. A good suggestion would be to ask the community for their opinion and to get their suggestions so that they can also be implemented into since the park is going to be for our community, so the best way to make a community park is to ask the community to voice their opinion. On that note, thank you for reading this letter and hopefully, you take the idea of combining both plans for the park and asking the community for ideas.

Sincerely,



Alejandro Flores

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**From:** Maria Valverde Cervantes <mvalverdecervantes22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:57 AM  
**To:** Maria Valverde Cervantes  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a resident in Roseland who is very concerned about the decisions being made for the Roseland Park in front of Roseland Creek. I am very interested in this topic because I am aware of climate change impacts in our community and how making this preserve into a picnic center would contribute to climate change.

In my personal experience, going to the Roseland Woods made me feel more connected to nature and made me realize how I had been living next to something so beautiful and never been aware of the plans for it. I was astonished by the amount of wildlife that flourishes there and how there is so much biodiversity in just that small area. I think that some of the best benefits that there is in having a nature preserve is that there is a quiet place in this populated area where people are able to take in nature. Another benefit that this preserve brings is that many species that live in this preserve are able to reproduce and have an area where they are at peace and can live their lives.

I recently discovered that there are decisions being made on the future of this preserve. If I heard correctly the plans for the park may include turning the preserve into a community park. I am strongly against this because we would be disturbing all the animals that live in this preserve and creating more trash. Also, in order to create the park, deforestation has to occur and this has a direct impact on us because trees are keeping our planet alive. If you want to have this place be a more public preserve, I think that something that could be done instead has more trees and plants planted as well as having a little trail so that people can go for peaceful walks in nature. However, this is just my personal thought and I hope that my input is heard and that in the decision making the benefit of the people is accounted for.

Sincerely,  
Maria Valverde

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**From:** Laura Estefania Rodriguez Aguilar <lrodriguezaguilar21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:56 AM  
**To:** Laura Estefania Rodriguez Aguilar  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland creek park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a resident of the Roseland Community and I am also a student at Roseland University Prep. I have personally visited the Roseland Creek Community park. From my experience the park is a wonderful place to walk around and relax for a while. However, it would be wonderful to help out the park by planting a variety of new plants and add new things to create a better park for the community. I personally agree with the idea of the neighborwood preserve because we will be helping out with climate change by planting more native plants and by leaving the ones that were already there. Also, we will not disturb the animals that are living their and affect their diversity. On the plan created by the city of Santa Rosa, we are going to be taking down more trees which will affect the stability of the animals because we are taking away their homes and everything they have.

On the other hand with the neighborwood we are helping out nature and our beautiful community. We would really need the trees the park has because trees help us have oxygen and also accommodates our animals. We need to preserve the park to help end climate change and make this a better community of us. If we preserve the park, children from our Roseland community can go visit the park to learn more about nature and the community. They can learn about the types of native plants or animals we have in our park and how we, as a community, can help them out Roseland's wildlife to keep and improve their homes.

Sincerely,

Laura Rodriguez

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**From:** Luis Abarca Ortiz <labarcaortiz22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

My name is Luis Abarca and I am a student from RUP, and a resident of the Roseland Community and I've visited the Roseland Creek Preserve a lot of times, it's a wonderful preserve and it might be messy, but there's a lot of species richness, which is the number of how many total species there are in an ecosystem, for example, I've seen a hawk nest, lots of squirrels and many different types of birds.

I wanted to talk to you about the plan you want to execute in the Roseland Creek Neighborhood Preserve, your plan is not very interesting to me because people of the community would want to keep more trees and plants in the preserve while your plan says you will take off most of the natural resources and community members do not like that idea, and came up with one in their own which keeps most of the natural resources while still adding new things such as, restrooms, parking lots and play areas. The community-generated plan provides for a nature-themed playground and a small cluster of two-three picnic tables placed as close to the southern edge of the park as possible, in line of sight from Burbank ave. so police officers can keep a watchful eye on the activity there for public safety reasons.

The neighbors already have volunteers from the California Native Plant Society has started abolishing invasive plants and planting native plants. I think that the area just north of the creek lines the riparian corridor and is the most attractive area for wildlife to reside and so if the Santa Rosa City Council plan would build picnic area around here, driving the natural community away. We need to keep more natural resources in the park since we are going to need them in the future if Climate change does not stop, there is a lot of biodiversity in plants and animals, for example, there are plants that grow there and don't grow

anywhere within a 10-mile radius, I hope someone reads this and gets back to me if they would approve to execute the Roseland Community plan.

Sincerely,



Luis Abarca

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**From:** Yahir Vazquez Ruiz <yvazquezruiz22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Yahir Vazquez Ruiz  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Woodland Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

My name is Yahir Vazquez, an AP Spanish student at Roseland University Prep and a resident of the Roseland community. I have visited the park where your project is being taken place and I believe constructing a park in that preserve area is not the best idea for our community. The reason I state this is because our neighborhood is perfectly fine just the way it is at the moment, but some suggestions that I have to make our preserve a lot better is adding a few native plants to make the acreage stand out and make it seen as a place where people have the option to go and wonder in nature and discover all types of plants and animals in their natural habitats. What I wouldn't like about building a park in that specific area is you would be killing the habitats from different animals that live there, and the park would bring the attention of more homeless to come and live under tables right in front of an elementary school which would be very exotic for parents and teachers.

Another huge reason that most people agree with is the amount of pollution going on in the world and the effect that; that park would increase the pollution number because people don't care about a park they have the thought that someone will clean after them, but when in reality an animal overnight will get to that piece of trash before any park cleaners does and that one piece of trash could kill them because they don't know what it is, they see it as something you can eat and once they consume that wrapper made from plastic it will affect their bodies hurting them and destroying their inner body. Lets see this from another perspective yours, your house would be open to anyone in the community such as the park and as you let anyone in and out they begin to leave a mess, start to destroy your home, your furniture and many other valuable items from your household, I believe seeing your home being ripped apart from you and destroyed wouldn't feel very satisfying right; those creatures and animals will have that exact same feeling and reaction as you, seeing your home being demolished down by others.

Those animals are innocent they don't hurt absolutely anyone and they don't deserve their home and habitat ripped from them just like that. I beg you and your fellow companions of city council take into consideration my idea of leaving the preserve for everyone to enjoy and as time flies the city of Santa Rosa could help by adding more native plants to that neighborhood, more grasslands, and many other types of nature elements that could help grow and create an amazing preserve for the Roseland community. Thank you for taking your time to hear my ideas and hopefully these thoughts go into consideration and we really appreciate your time, again thank you very much and have an amazing rest of your day.

Sincerely,

Yahir Vazquez

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**From:** Adolfo Rios Rios <ariosrios21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Woodland Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a student at RUP and the draft master plan that is proposed in the area of McMinn and Burbank is an area I am very familiar with .I got the opportunity to explore the area and get more of a feel of the place. It was an area that was very relaxing and it felt soothing being surrounded by all the nature.

The plans being proposed about building a playground, a turf field, and also basketball courts I believe would be an amazing idea but if there were more areas in Roseland that were similar to the amount of nature available because then there are more sources for oxygen and can lead to a healthier life in Roseland. For that reason I believe it would be a better idea to keep it as a preserve and rather make a trail where people of the community can hike through.

The ideas of all the playgrounds and having picnic tables are nice but there would have to be nature removed such as many trees that are home to many natural species that have been living there for a long time. It would also affect the ecosystem as it might be to loud for animals to where they can longer find food or care for their young forcing them to leave. The problem is where would they go to seek shelter with no other area with nature available.

There also has to be efforts into making systems that could combat climate change. Even though it may not seem like a difference it can make a difference we just might not see the results instantly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I Hope you take these things into consideration.

Sincerely,

Adolfo Rios

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**From:** Roberto Riveros Santiago <rriverossantiago21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 10:00 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Community Park

Dear Ms.Buffo,

I am a student at Roseland University Prep and I am also a resident at Roseland. I have personally been to the Roseland Creek Community Park and Trail; I have also seen the plans that both the city and the neighborhood have in the Park and Trail. I think that both of these plans are good for our community but I don't think it is a good idea for all the plants and animals that are living here at the preserve.

My experience from going to the trail was a good experience because it was the first time that I saw a piece of land more preserved since everywhere I go there are houses, jobs, schools, and also parks but not a trail where it has all of the native plants still there. I was never able to find any animals near there and I think there weren't any because there is lots of noise happening and there isn't really any food for the animals. I think that a park shouldn't be made there but instead, a natural reserve for it can be a better place for plants and animals can live. What is your intake of these plans for the Park and Trail as City Council and what's your own design for the future Roseland Creek Community Park and Trail?

As the Members of the City Council of Santa Rosa, you know that climate change is affecting everyone's living environment. From building the new park ideas it will most likely harm our climate way more than it already has been. Also as a Roseland resident, I do not want the Roseland Creek Community Park and Trail to be changed but to make it look cleaner and safer for plants and animals can thrive. Also for everyone to not harm our climate but to make it better than it is now.

Sincerely,

Roberto Riveros

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**From:** Samantha Ponce <sponce22@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Woodland Park

Dear Ms. Buffo

I am a sophomore at Roseland University Prep and I am interested in the plans on what will be happening to the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve because it is so close to my school and I live in the Roseland area. Also on the fact that it will affect where I live and especially the kids in our area; as well as how it could widen our learning experiences if it was left more like a nature preserve.

I have been to the Roseland Creek Neighborwood Preserve three times for class purposes to learn more about it and the living species there. I went two times for my biology class and the area was useful to us because we did a species project on all the living things we could find and wrote about them. Then, I also went there for my AP Spanish class and we got to learn more about specific plants there and how that area has biodiversity which helped us understand that topic more.

My opinion on the Roseland Creek Neighborwood is to keep it a preserve of how the people of Roseland wanted it. I think keeping it as a nature preserve would really help many students and give them an area to learn more. Also, it would help keep the species living there safe and by planting more of the plants found there it would make the area more natural and make the species feel more at home. It would also give the Roseland Community a peaceful place that is not found a lot around all those schools and there are many other parks in that area.

Also keeping this area a nature preserve would help with the effects of climate change. The trees and plants there would be a huge help because of the oxygen they are releasing into our air and cleansing it from the carbon dioxide that is polluting our air. So not only is this area providing students a place to learn and giving the community a place full of nature, but it is also helping us with climate change. In conclusion, making this place a nature preserve would contribute to the Roseland community in many ways so I would appreciate it if you really took time to consider your decision and thank you for taking time out of your day to read this letter.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Ponce

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**From:** Enry Galindo Balbuena <egalindobalbuena21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am Enry Galindo, a student here at Roseland University Prep, and I have been to the Roseland Creek Community Park. My overall experience of the Community Park was that it was a pleasant experience, being in nature with no man made structures nearby. I am interested on how the forest will be affected because being a student nearby, it will surely affect me and everyone else, including the wild life. The plan that I believe to be the better option is the Neighborhood Preserve because not only was it the original plan for this piece of land according to Patricia Krueger, but it will be good for the people to have a natural land to be able to visit, and for the natural life living in that forest to remain untouched. Another benefit from installing a Nature Preserve would be education, learning about how the wildlife acts and functions when they are not disturbed by city-like qualities.

This would also allow schools nearby to have field trips into this park and explore topics like biology in new ways, unlike before. While the Master Plan Concept would be more beneficial to people, it would hurt the animals living in that area with the noise and littering according to Kruger's letter. Also, why would we build a park if there is one nearby which is still near most of the schools? Some ideas to help raise the environment of the forest and reduce climate change is to plant more natural plants and trees into the area to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air and have the habitat be more natural for the animals residing there. Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion about the forest of Roseland.

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**From:** Raul Gallardo Trejo <rgallardotrejo21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:59 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

Dear Ms.Buffo,

I, as a member of the Roseland school district, feel deeply troubled by the situation going on with the Roseland forest. As your plans reflect no regard for the future of the environment and can even be harmful. I myself have gone to the Roseland forest and I must say it's a beautiful place with a lot of potential if we can just make some minor changes that would be beneficial for everyone like planting more trees. Going to the Roseland forest really opened my eyes to see how preserving the Roseland creek neighborhood is the best course of action to take with that land. It's important for a park to be able both cater for the lives of humans, animals and plants but more importantly to help build a place where we can all coexist since plants and animals can't speak so we must take actions on behalf of them. And not just make it a place where children or humans can thrive but instead a whole ecosystem teeming with life.

As you can probably tell, I believe that the restoration of the forest is the best course of action not only because it helps the animals or plants but because at the end of the day things like this help us as it promotes a cleaner future. Restoring the forest would add more trees that would help clean up our atmosphere by removing CO2 that in addition would help combat the greenhouse effect. Plus make a great biodiversity so all animals can have a role to play like fertilizing crops and many more things which would all have a better effect to the Atmosphere/world than putting benches and a playground that might not even be used to their full extent. But a clean environment where all animals can find a home or place where trees can be planted that would clean up the atmosphere, now you know that would be used to its one hundred percent capability. Thank you for your time and I hope you take the preservation of the forest in to consideration.

Sincerely ,

Raul Gallardo

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**From:** Genesis Rangel Velazquez <grangelvelazquez21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Buffo, Kristi; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland Creek Park

**Dear Ms. Buffo,**

“Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean”(John Muir). John Muir was known as "Father of the National Parks" who was very close to nature and even preserved the Yosemite National Park. So why shouldn't we be able to preserve our own park?

My name is Genesis Rangel and I am a resident from Roseland but also a student at Roseland University Prep. I enjoy spending lots of time out in nature because it benefits the mind and the body by relieving my stress from school and other problems in life. My class and I recently visited the Roseland Creek lands and determined how humans and climate change could soon affect these areas. The park seems currently in a good condition without many residents frequently visiting. Online we got the city council's idea map of modifications to the park. On the map, the city council added picnic tables, restrooms, sports courts, turf, and parking lots. That is a drastic change to the land that would hurt it and affect it in many negative ways. If they were to add these modifications, the area will start to be neglected and polluted. Trash will begin to pile up in areas, homeless people will take the opportunity to camp there and monopolize the area. The wildlife will be disturbed and could even die off since people are constantly stepping all over the grass and corrupting park areas from what I and my fellow classmates have always witnessed in the past.

I believe the best decision the City Council of Santa Rosa would make would be to preserve the park. If we preserve the park and plant more native plants, we will be able to have an area to observe and admire nature and save these plants for ourselves and our future generations of Roseland. Preserving the park will benefit the community by helping our air stay cleaner, help us young adults learn more about Roseland's Native plants and wildlife, and could even help benefit us with our mental and physical health. The wildlife will not be affected

nor the plants either and will stay unbothered. If there were to be park cleanups, ongoing trash removal, regular oversight to report crime and homeless encampment, exactly when frequently would those checkups take place during that one year?

Sincerely, Genesis Rangel Velazquez

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**From:** Laura Estefania Rodriguez Aguilar <lrodriguezaguilar21@students.roselandsd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 9:56 AM  
**To:** Laura Estefania Rodriguez Aguilar  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Roseland creek park

Dear Ms. Buffo,

I am a resident of the Roseland Community and I am also a student at Roseland University Prep. I have personally visited the Roseland Creek Community park. From my experience the park is a wonderful place to walk around and relax for a while. However, it would be wonderful to help out the park by planting a variety of new plants and add new things to create a better park for the community. I personally agree with the idea of the neighborwood preserve because we will be helping out with climate change by planting more native plants and by leaving the ones that were already there. Also, we will not disturb the animals that are living their and affect their diversity. On the plan created by the city of Santa Rosa, we are going to be taking down more trees which will affect the stability of the animals because we are taking away their homes and everything they have.

On the other hand with the neighborwood we are helping out nature and our beautiful community. We would really need the trees the park has because trees help us have oxygen and also accommodates our animals. We need to preserve the park to help end climate change and make this a better community of us. If we preserve the park, children from our Roseland community can go visit the park to learn more about nature and the community. They can learn about the types of native plants or animals we have in our park and how we, as a community, can help them out Roseland's wildlife to keep and improve their homes.

Sincerely,

Laura Rodriguez

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# Madrone Audubon Society

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**Transmitted by email 12/18/2019**

December 18, 2019

Jen Santos  
City of Santa Rosa  
55 Stony Point Road  
Santa Rosa, CA 94510

**Re:** Roseland Creek Community Park – Environmental Review/Mitigated Negative Declaration – Comment

Dear Ms. Santos:

We write to offer comments and recommendations for the “Roseland Community Park.” Madrone Audubon Society serves all of Sonoma County, and we are headquartered in Santa Rosa. Our members are very interested in the Roseland Creek Preserve property. (Please see 2 newsletter articles included with this letter.) For 20+ years, community advocates have dedicated extraordinary time and energy to enhance awareness about this property and the now, almost 20-acre Preserve is planned for a community amenity. Each year from March through August, Madrone Audubon devotes time nearby to a support project for a large heron and egret nesting colony. We sponsor the annual Nature and Bird Festival at Lincoln Elementary School on West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, near the nesting colony. This is a wonderful school-wide experience with immersion in nature for a full school day. We coordinate closely with Audubon Canyon Ranch and the Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County for the festival.

Our Board President met with you last summer to explore opportunities for enhancement of natural features, to be able to provide the community with a unique Nature Preserve in Roseland. We followed up to inquire about the Roseland Creek property environmental review, awaiting that document, and expressed interest in meeting again. We continue to be interested in meeting. Having now, once again, reviewed the City’s plan, with the initial study and mitigated negative declaration (MND), we find the need to meet to be *very important*. We are deeply concerned about the City’s revised Master Plan for the property and the MND.

Including a multi-turf field, sports courts and BBQ areas as well as what would be accompanying noise and a high level of active recreation would negatively impact natural features, birds and wildlife relying on the property for survival. By comparison, appropriate planning would include (1) passive recreation through trails of permeable, unpaved, surfaces, (2) interpretive signage, (3) understanding of and planned restoration of

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habitat types - grassland, oak woodland, riparian corridor and creek, for education and public enjoyment. Also, a picnic area, an appropriately located restroom, the Nature Center located in the Burbank Avenue house and small adjacent building, available parking at that location, permeable surfaces with very limited paving, and a community garden would be congruent, low impact, yet high use, areas – interfacing with birds and wildlife, in harmony with, not disturbing, the natural environment. Other parking lot plans and paving are not appropriate and would contribute to excessive human and vehicle activity. We are uncertain what a “shade structure” entails, but an appropriately located structure near a community garden could be congruent with low impact, passive, yet high use, recreation, concurrent with protecting the natural environment and providing an amenity in balance with natural features and public access.

When we met a year ago, we suggested a coalition of nonprofit conservation organizations, dividing responsibilities, and hosting time at the Nature Center as well as collaborating to develop and offer environmental education for the nearby school students. The Roseland Creek Preserve, as we like to describe the property, rather than a Community Park, is a location waiting to be realized -- to help students connect to studies of biology, ecology, art and nature. Career paths to specialty areas addressing climate change impacts could be incubated at this property – such a consideration is necessary in 2020, not just a thought to consider. These opportunities should not be lost in the City’s plan for active recreation and excessive human activity, contraindicated for this property, as described above.

To edify, a community garden effectively planned and located is a passive activity that could also be high use and integrated into the Preserve. A veterans healing garden is also in the category of appropriate, passive and potentially high-use. A picnic area would be appropriate, assuring the location is one where the public consistently and comfortably can enjoy an outing and picnic and birds and wildlife co-exist naturally and are not disturbed.

The City’s Document Description reads: “The proposed project would develop an approximately 19.49-acre project site on four contiguous parcels located between Burbank Avenue and McMinn Avenue in the Roseland neighborhood in southwest Santa Rosa. The park is designed to preserve and enhance the habitat values of the existing grassland, oak woodland, riparian and purple needle grass habitat areas on the site. The project includes trails and interpretive signs, two pedestrian bridges, a nature center, restrooms, picnic areas, outdoor classroom or community garden, play area, multi-use turf area, shade structure, sports court, and parking lots.”

In our experience, a more appropriate description, considering the future of this property, including educational opportunities, would be: “The proposed project would conserve an approximately 19.49-acre project site on four contiguous parcels located between Burbank Avenue and McMinn Avenue in the Roseland neighborhood in southwest Santa Rosa. The park, a Nature Preserve, is designed to preserve and enhance habitat values of the existing grassland, oak woodland, riparian and purple needle grass habitat areas on the site, and provide a setting for environmental education and projects to enhance the natural setting. The project includes trails and interpretive signs, two pedestrian bridges?, a Nature Center, a restroom, a picnic area, a veterans healing

garden, and room for a community garden and shade structure. All trails will be integrated into the property with permeable materials for passive recreation and enjoyment. One parking area to accommodate # vehicles, from Burbank Avenue will be provided in the Nature Center area.”

Environmental education opportunities for nearby public schools make this location an anchor property for students to learn about native plants, habitat types of grassland, oak woodland and riparian corridors, including the creek, and habitat restoration and enhancement, birds, wildlife, and climate change impacts and how to address those. Just one example of nature study is trees that may be aging or in less than optimal condition. Such trees are often selected and used by cavity nesting birds; selecting tree portions to remain and monitoring to understand how birds and wildlife rely on sometimes overlooked natural features will contribute to learning. The property is one with appeal to all ages, and for our youth especially – this property offers the potential for an enjoyable outdoor experience, connecting with many facets of nature, and sparking that interest and connection to educational pathways.

The Nature Center would provide an opportunity for a real Nature Center, to support environmental education and could be coordinated and offered by a coalition of nonprofit organizations with areas of expertise and shared participation. The Laguna Foundation is currently involved in a restoration project along Roseland Creek in immediate proximity to the Roseland Creek property. We understand the Sonoma County Water Agency is interested in involvement with creek restoration projects. We also understood the Sonoma County Ag and Open Space District is creating a new conservation easement, combining the prior easements; the entire property, especially given its special conservation values and the presence of Roseland Creek, would benefit from a cohesive single Conservation Easement document.

In the Initial Study, the Biological Resources review reveals diverse birds and wildlife relying on the Roseland Creek Preserve. Table 4.4.2, page 37, lists several special status avian species anticipated to occur on-site and in the area: Allen’s hummingbird, Loggerhead shrike, Nuttall’s woodpecker, Tricolored blackbird, White-tailed kite and Yellow-breasted chat.

This natural setting, currently with passive walkers and bikers for human encroachment, supports a perceived safe setting for avian nesting and nutrition. We observed an active Red-tailed hawk nest in one of the tall trees, visible from Burbank Avenue, on one of our visits. During that same visit, a Barn owl flew overhead as we were walking. On another visit, a black-tailed jack rabbit was observed hopping through the oak woodland area. Even the non-native vegetation, including non-native grassland, provides cover and areas for forage for existing wildlife and birds who rely on this only remaining open space with grassland, riparian corridor, creek and oak woodland. The vision of community advocates for a Nature Preserve is a statement of fact in terms of what the Roseland Creek property represents.

In addition, remarkable is the listing of Table 4.4-3 of bat species, including Fringed Myotis, Hoary Bat, Long-Legged Myotis, Pallid Bat, and Townsend’s Big-eared Bat, Western Red Bat, and Yuma Myotis. Table 4.4-4 identifies Western Pond Turtle as likely to occur on the property and in the area.

Experienced conservationists, naturalists and community members dedicated to environmental review of biological resource lists such as these recognize their significance. It highlights the need to further identify and document bird and wildlife species, how they are living and co-existing in diverse habitats and areas of the property, and then consider how to enhance and restore those areas, over time, while providing appropriate passive recreational uses and developing a meaningful education program to serve the public school community. Add to this the community garden, veterans healing garden, picnic area, a potential shade structure, and trails that are permeable and natural, with the Nature Center - and this is the Roseland Creek Community Park, or more appropriately named Roseland Creek Nature Preserve.

The veterans healing garden is a good example of the opportunity for visitors with reflection and passive recreation, as well as volunteers to help maintain and enhance the garden.

We urge the City of Santa Rosa to embrace and not lose this opportunity – it is unique and it *is* this land. Please engage our organization and other conservation organizations to collaborate, and move in a direction to honor this acreage, including a new conservation easement and its terms, to ensure an uplifting experience for community members, one with a vision to the future while sustaining and enhancing the current environment for people and birds and wildlife. This combination of approaches can produce a balanced plan to support low impact, high-level use, and a stellar and contemporary-to future educational program for the local schools.

We would appreciate scheduling a meeting with you. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,

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