

<p>10/11/2022</p>	<p>Dear CC members and P&R commissioners,</p> <p>I found this important and informative video that should interest the City regarding proper and sustainable trail design that I believe should be incorporated in our new Open Space Master Plan.</p> <p>Coming from an engineering background, I value and appreciate the importance of thoughtful trail design for sustainability and to minimize future maintenance costs. This smart and refreshing approach should be applied to all of the open space trails in Belmont.</p> <p>I hope you will take the time to review this quick 5-minute video, and think about how it applies to our Waterdog trails. Our trails are mostly designed by mountain bikers based on their own criteria for speed and challenge for the past 25 years, and they don't contribute to sustainability and safety.</p> <p>Watch this trail design video explained by Vox: https://youtu.be/oFidIVngeYA</p> <p>Thank you for taking this issue into consideration.</p> <p>Ken Lien Belmont</p>	<p>Ken Lien</p>
<p>10/26/2022</p>	<p>Dear Director Shearer and City Manager Oskoui,</p> <p>Subject: Belmont's Draft PROS Master Plan 2022-06-28 and OSMP 2022-06-24</p> <p>WaterdogPreserve.org was created by a group of Belmont residents concerned about the declining health and safety of Belmont's Open Space. The San Francisco Peninsula is part of one of 36 global biodiversity hot-spots; defined as a biogeographic region with significant levels of biodiversity that is threatened by human habitation[1]. Preservation of earth's natural diversity is critical not just for plants and wildlife but for human health and well-being. Waterdog is one of the few remaining natural places in urbanized Belmont, but its functional ecological balance is impaired and visitor safety is threatened by poor maintenance and failure to adhere to adopted trail-use policies.</p> <p>The PROS Master Plan presents a unique opportunity for the City to correct this unsustainable path and restore a disciplined balance between recreation and conservation.</p> <p>We herein submit comments on the Draft PROS Master Plan dated 6/28/2022.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Concerned Community Representatives of WaterdogPreserve.org</p> <p>Bob Beaulieu, Pat Braunstein, Joe Brennan, Corrine Cho-Beaulieu, Ray and Pauline Chau, Chris Collins, Coralin Feierbach, Laurent and Dana Gharda, Mimi Iversen, Bill Kurtz, Jennifer and Ken Lien, Kristin Mercer, Seid Alireza Razavi Majomard, Pam Rianda, Carol Rossi,</p> <p>Jeanette Sacco Belli, Sarah Sharafkandi, Michelle Speert, Bob and Pamela Stahl</p> <p>Cc:</p> <p>Scott Rennie, Belmont City Attorney</p> <p>Belmont City Council</p> <p>Belmont Parks Commission</p> <p>Gates + Associates (info@belmontprosplan.com)</p> <p>WRA Environmental Consultants</p> <p>[1] Center for Biological Diversity https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/about/contact/</p>	<p>Bob Beaulieu, Pat Braunstein, Joe Brennan, Corrine Cho-Beaulieu, Ray and Pauline Chau, Chris Collins, Coralin Feierbach, Laurent and Dana Gharda, Mimi Iversen, Bill Kurtz, Jennifer and Ken Lien, Kristin Mercer, Seid Alireza Razavi Majomard, Pam Rianda, Carol Rossi, Jeanette Sacco Belli, Sarah Sharafkandi, Michelle Speert, Bob and Pamela Stahl</p>