



CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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National Parks Service
Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

RE: MCRPD Regional Park Request for RTCA Assistance

To Whom It May Concern:

The Fort Bragg City Council would like to offer its support for the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District's (MCRPD) request for assistance from the National Park Service's River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. The MCRPD is requesting assistance for planning a 586 acre Multi-Use Regional Park located east of the City of Fort Bragg, California.

As you know, Mendocino County is home to some of the most stunning coastal vistas in the state and therefore is a popular tourist destination. However, it is also home for approximately 15,000 people who live in the coastal and near inland towns that are served by MCRPD. We have many gorgeous state parks but we lack areas where people can recreate in other ways. Our towns and communities do not have enough baseball, softball or soccer fields to meet the needs of our citizens.

The "regional park property" which is owned by MCRPD has rare pygmy forest stands, sphagnum bogs and comprises nearly the entire watershed of Newman Gulch, a main water source for the City of Fort Bragg. Development of these lands needs to be considerate of these delicate habitats and conservation considerations are a high priority.

With the help from the National Park Services Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program MCRPD can begin to develop a Regional Recreation Park that will benefit many local and out of area people, providing a park with something for everyone.

Sincerely,

Dave Turner
Mayor

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Cc: Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District