

Lemos, June

From: George <george@mcn.org>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Albin-Smith, Tess; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Lemos, June
Subject: a few words and thoughts for the packet
Attachments: Time For A Re-Set.CCv.doc

Friends on the Fort Bragg City Council,

You may have received this already. I am sending it now to be sure it gets into the City Council amended packet for this Saturday's meeting. To be clear, when I say we need to be thinking of a "re-set" I am not calling for a halt of the LCP planning process, but as I enumerate, there are a number of things falling through the cracks. The Climate Crisis for example. This current plan is almost completely out of touch with current science and California Coastal Commission thinking about coastal adaptation, managed retreat, bluff erosion, sea level rise impacts on and on. Also, some of the language being used is inadequate to the challenges facing our community. A thorny issue is how to describe trashed parts of the former mill site that could be restored to once again be a healthy coastal bluff and estuary. If a full clean-up is not accomplished quickly, Mother Nature will be destroying the beach berm and taking pond 6 and 8 out to sea and up and down our coastline. This would be a travesty. If, on the other hand, we clean up the remaining toxic sites and begin the long and community building process of restoration out on the Noyo Headlands, this will bring us economic support from State and Federal agencies as well as non-profits from our own community and the larger world. We must do this.

George

Time For A Re-Set On The LCP Process

Dear Friends on the City Council,

Many of us in the coastal community have been following this LCP process closely. We have the utmost respect for the tremendous amount of work involved, and the high quality of much of this effort. It is however becoming quite chaotic, at times feeling rushed. With two new owners of what, until recently was accurately called "G-P's former mill," it is time to think of a re-set in how we are approaching this process. Not necessarily a halt, but a recognition that everything is changing very quickly. If there is any disagreement with our assessment that recent days have been chaotic we can give many examples.

We would like to make a few points that support a re-set of community strategy with regard to the planning for the Fort Bragg Headlands.

1. Our community has spoken forcefully through a recent petition signed by over 4000 people that the cleanup is of the highest priority.
2. The cleanup and restoration of open space and wetland areas should have just as high a priority as any hotel specifics.
3. A significant wildlife corridor is essential for any successful healthy restoration of the open space and wetland areas. We need a vision for planning around open space.
4. Connecting of all the wetland areas by designating the "donut hole" as a "restoration zone" — (not sure of the right designation and we appreciate the need of clarity in this.)
5. A "rolling easement" is one tool in the planning tool kit. This has become part of the CCC planning because of rapid coastal erosion. A significantly larger width should be considered for the wildlife corridor.
6. Area "P" is too big to be designated as "parking."
7. The daylighting of Alder and Maple creeks is supported by much of the coastal community, science and the necessity for coastal adaptation and sea level rise. And therefor:
8. The small strip of development in back of Mendo Mill should go away.
9. No assumptions about the impossibility of ANYTHING out on the Headlands should be made because of asphalt.
10. Just about anything can be restored and many exciting and creative opportunities exist for our community to do this.
11. The vision enumerated above is fundable and supported by a large constituency here on the coast and around the world.

Thanks for your consideration.

George Reinhardt
(I am sending this to the California Coastal Commission)

Lemos, June

From: Nina Ravitz <ninabo@mcn.org>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 11:09 AM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: Mill Site Natural Habitat

Dear June,

Please do everything you can to preserve the Mill Site property as an open space wildlife corridor! Please save the minimal mount of forest that is left there. It is precious land for our community and the only work done there should be for restoration. There are other better areas for development that are not located on headlands along side the ocean.

Thank you for your consideration,
Nina Ravitz
Benson Lane
Fort Bragg, CA

Lemos, June

From: Jacob Patterson <jacob.patterson.esq@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 1:00 PM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: Public Comment for 7/20/19 Special City Council Meeting
Attachments: Land Use Map 7-20-19.pdf

map suggestions

Mill Site Reuse: Land Use Map



Highway Commercial	Parks	Light Industrial	Low Density Residential
Low Cost Visitor	Open Space	Mill Site Industrial	Medium Density Residential
Coastal Dependent	Ponds	Mill Site Employment	High Density Residential
Central Business District	Urban Reserve		Public Facilities

Honorable Members of the City Council

I was unpleasantly surprised when I viewed Att 2 – Land Use Map 7-10-2019 PC, based on the most recent Planning Commission meeting, which I was unable to attend. I have only been able to watch the first half of the video of that meeting, so I admit that I do not understand the reasoning behind this version. However, it seems to be a step back from the decisions you made at your meeting on June 15th, 2019 reaffirming the establishment of a wildlife corridor to the north and the preservation of the forested area across from Starbucks on the south. There are several other areas of concern, which I will also address below.

Before I proceed with my comments I'd like to acknowledge the time and effort put into this by the City Council, the Planning Commission, and by City staff, in addition to all the input from community members. Clearly this area is important to us. However, we all have different ideas and visions and trying to determine what those are, let alone rectifying them, has been a Sisyphean task. In addition, the map is not the territory, so I appreciate the time you all have taken to walk the land and think deeply about the implications of your decisions. I also appreciate the recent effort made by Marie to inform us about zoning and land use. It has been very educational for me, and reminded me that this is a political process. So, while my focus is the ecological health of the environment on the headlands, and options for restoration, I am much more aware of how zoning decisions are made. Unfortunately, natural processes, wildlife, and habitats are not political – they just are. The decisions made on maps have real world consequences and the devil is in the details (of zoning, land use maps, overlays, and other political and legislative processes).

So with that as the background I will plunge into some of those details.

Setting aside space for a wildlife corridor is essential to the health of the headland ecosystem. Without it, the habitats there become more isolated and less resilient. The fact is, wildlife already moves between the headlands and Pudding Creek watershed and MacKerricher. I recently spoke to someone who regularly runs the coast trail in the morning. He frequently sees wildlife trapped along existing fences not knowing which way to go when approached. Att 2 moves Visitor Serving and Public Facilities zones west – perhaps right to the boundary with the City-owned property. I've heard talk about setbacks and overlays, but don't really know how those will work. My concern is with placement of fences or other barriers to movement of wildlife. Another concern is management of the wildlife corridor – making sure that it is restored with local native plants in a way that facilitates movement north and deters interaction with people and/or movement into developed areas. Let me give you one example: the ground squirrels living along the coastal trail are too acclimated to humans. They are cute and fat and come up to beg for treats. This is ultimately not good for them and not good for the bluff habitat (more ground squirrels mean more burrows, mean more bluff instability). Interaction with humans and their activities affect the behavior of wildlife, including how animals move, how they forage, how they live, and their reproductive success. Is the property owner willing to put time and money into maintaining a wildlife corridor or will they just ignore that area. Should the wildlife corridor be turned over to an entity with expertise in such areas – an entity that can apply for grants and/or raise funds to manage it. Finally, what plans are being made for bluff retreat, which will continue and probably accelerate over the coming decades. Will the trail and wildlife corridor disappear into the sea or will there be conditions placed in these areas allowing for rolling easements or other accommodations?

Another area of concern is the Parking Lot by the bathroom at Alder Street. This may not seem like a candidate for restoration, but it is. Not only that, it is probably essential to daylighting Alder Creek, which needs some kind of meander down to the estuarine area. The depth of the asphalt in that area is not an impediment to restoration and the needed parking could be placed just west of businesses on south side of Alder in a way that will not impinge on the Alder Creek meander or Pond 5. Related to this is the proposed CBD just north of Alder St. It is almost always wet in that area because Alder Creek has broken out of its culvert there. I have not seen any discussion of how Alder Creek will need to be rerouted so that it will naturally drain away from the proposed area of CBD. There are people in this community who can provide expert advice on how to do this; are you willing to hear what they have to say?

I am also advocating for the removal of the Mill Site Industrial zone and the extensions of Madrone St and Maple St onto the Mill Site. The industrial zoning is placed in an area that is surrounded by riparian habitat and wetlands. The roads crossing those areas will require bridges, culverts and armoring to contain water during the rainy season and this will interfere with the natural function of those habitats. As emphasized in the letter from the Fort Bragg Headlands Consortium, of which I am a member, the estuarine/wetland/riparian areas need to be contiguous to reach their fullest potential as natural areas, and for storm water management, storm surge and sea level rise. In addition, NGOs and agencies interested in restoration have advised us that they want to see a contiguous area open space for acquisition and management.

Though the area zoned Residential and Mill Site Employment on the south side does not directly affect the wetland habitats, I do think is a bad idea right. Perhaps it is better to zone the entire area Public Facilities or keep it Timber Light Industrial for now. That would allow for future up-zoning or down-zoning as deemed appropriate.

Finally, I want to discuss the Honer property. Att 2 shows it zoned highway commercial up to riparian area. The area to the north is riparian and is unbuildable up to Maple (the Honer property extends up to Hazel). There is also additional Highway Commercial zoning to the west. The City Council affirmed their commitment to preserve the forested area, and supposedly City policy prevents the removal of trees regardless of the zoning. However, owner made it clear that he needs the entire area for a shopping center as he doesn't plan on a stand-alone store. How resilient will City policy and/or an overlay be to the demands of a property owner?

Currently the entire area is zoned Timber Light Industrial. The owner knew that when he bought it. I was in a meeting with him where he stated that he went to GP wanting 5 acres, but 15-acre plot was proffered because already a legal lot. He said it was a take it or leave it offer, so he took it. He said he also knew about the unbuildable riparian area. He also said he was aware that the city council voted a while back to zone the forested open space (discussion and vote occurred Jan 22, 2018, about 3 hrs into the City Council meeting). He said he went in with 'eyes wide open' knowing the purchase was somewhat risky. In addition, he said he would rely on the studies he was having done before making any decision about what he would build there.

At the recent Planning Commission meeting he said that he will donate half his property to another entity and that he needs the other half for a shopping center. That was his idea of net zero zoning. Otherwise, he stated that all bets were off and obliquely mentioned 'taking.' To donate half his property to another entity is generous, but disingenuous. This is land he can't build on, and I'm sure he'd rather not manage. I have no doubt that he will design and build a state-of-art shopping center, perhaps one

with unique design elements that will make it a destination place to shop. But to insist that he must cut down the forest to make room for parking is not visionary. In fact it invokes a line in a famous song by Joni Mitchell: "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

Given the political nature of zoning it is possible that the city could make a counter proposal that also results in net zero. That would be to keep the riparian/wetlands as Timber Light Industrial, since already unbuildable. Then the forest could be down-zoned to open space and the remainder could be up-zoned to Highway Commercial. This is not favorable to the owner, but preserves the forest. It might be preferable to work a compromise that includes a land swap and lot line adjustment to include land to the west of his property so that he can build his vision. As proposed, cutting down the forest is neither good for the community nor for the owner's business model.

One last thought: Preserving the forest must be done in such a way that it can be managed for optimal health. Some of the trees are long lived and some are not. Councilmember Tess Albin knows more about trees than all of us combined, so I am confident she can help craft an overlay that will allow for the forest to be curated in a way to maintain the long-term health of the forest and its function as a wildlife refuge while allowing nature trails.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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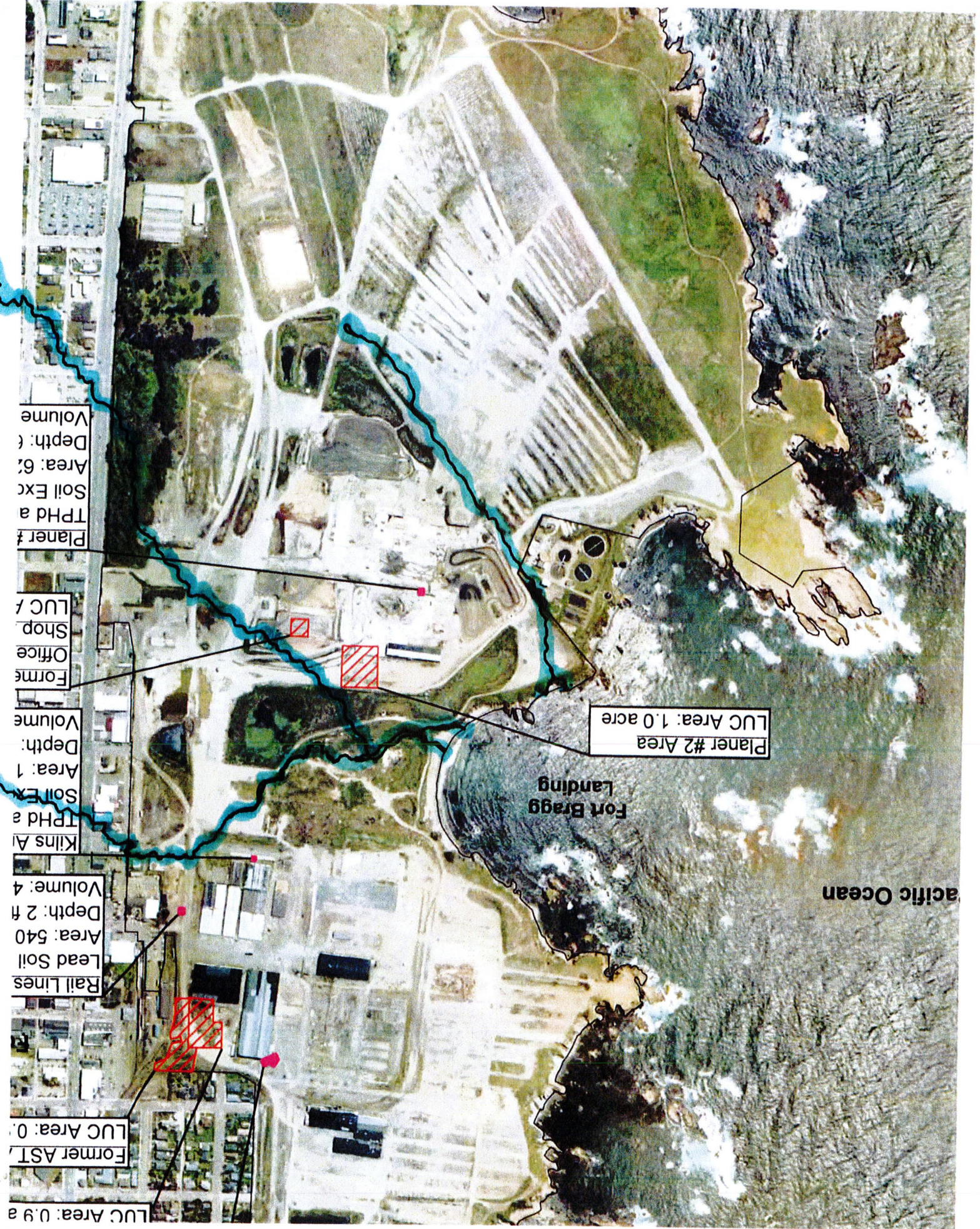


U.S. COASTAL SURVEY 1873, OVERLAIN ONTO AERIAL MOSAIC 2010

All 1873 map features indicated below have been color enhanced for clarity.

- Dirt Roads As Shown On 1873 Coastal Survey Map
- Structures- Houses, Barns, Work Buildings Etc. Circa 1873
- Telegraph Pole Locations





Creek Daylighting Proposal Fort Bragg, CA

Highway 1

Skunk Train
Depot

Redwood

Oak St.

Alder Creek

Maple Creek

Pond 5

Bridge

Bridge

Wetlands

Wetlands

Daylighted creeks
with a restored
mill pond area.

North Trail

Fort Bragg
Landing

South Trail



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Lemos, June

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To: Lee, Will
Cc: Norvell, Bernie; Albin-Smith, Tess; Jmorselhay@fortbragg.com; Peters, Lindy; Lemos, June
Subject: Mill site clean-up

Dear Fort Bragg City Council members,

The reason people love to live in and visit Fort Bragg is because of its natural beauty and proximity to the coastline. Now more than ever communities long for a deeper connection to the natural world and we have a distinct opportunity to foster that through eco-tourism and revitalize our local economy with restoration jobs right here in Fort Bragg at the Mill site.

Clean-up is essential, but preservation and restoration to establish functional habitats in open space is just as important. We urge you to move on the following issues:

Save Starbucks Forest “it is literally on the “chopping block” again Preserve the wildlife corridor from Starbucks Forest up to Pudding Creek “it is off the proposed map Restoration should be a priority, and will bring money and jobs to the coast.

Thank you for your service to our beautiful community.

Sincerely,

Teresa Kadan
PO Box 457
Albion, CA

Lemos, June

From: George <george@mcn.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 2:05 PM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: The reports and article I received from the Coastal Commission.

Hi June,

This might all go under the heading of Costs and impacts of climate change. g

LA Times article on municipal responses to the climate crisis:
The California coast is disappearing under the rising sea. Our choices are grim
<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-sea-level-rise-california-coast/>

What is all this going to cost? By County.
http://climatecosts2040.org/files/ClimateCosts2040_Report-v5.pdf

Climate changes in cities by 2050

https://www.sciencealert.com/one-in-five-cities-is-about-to-inherit-an-alien-climate-unknown-to-any-city-on-earth?utm_source=ScienceAlert+-+Daily+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=b5ced08017-MAILCHIMP_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fe5632fb09-b5ced08017-365894469

Lemos, June

From: George <george@mcn.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 1:57 PM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: Possible funders of restoration and regenerative planning.
Attachments: Prospective Funders Daylighting.docx

Hi June,

Thanks for letting me consolidate these lists. The assembled is by no means exhaustive. There are potentially 100's more. The key is that our community and elected officials agree on an area and objectives. Maps must reflect this. Policies and zoning must also. We need to show climate awareness including sea level rise, changing habitat, habitat stressors and carbon sequestration opportunities. We need to reflect an awareness of Environmental Justice issues. We need to up-date our storm water and municipal storm drain water system. Water polishing and ocean impacts must be central. Our Public Works department is already studying this and recently received a memo from CalTrans that they were looking at "daylighting" as a possible wetland mitigation opportunity for them.

I find that an intriguing and encouraging intersection of the issues out on the Headlands.

And circling back to the always central clean up issue. If G-P remains the property owner, they are NOT responsible for restoration. BUT A FULL AND THOROUGH CLEANUP IS ESSENTIAL. That is their responsibility. And if the cleanup is coordinated with the restoration plan the clean up cost might be lower. A coordinated stepwise plan clarifies liability and functionality while lowering the overall costs. It is often difficult to get reluctant property owners to understand this.

And here is the start of a list.

Many thanks for all your diligent work on this.

George

California Climate Investments—The Urban Greening Program
California Strategic Growth Council
California Coastal Conservancy
CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
CA Department of Water Resources
The Packard Foundation
The Morgan Foundation
Resource Legacy Fund Foundation
Wildlife Conservation Board
California Wellness Foundation
Clarence E. Heller Charitable Fund
Cliff Bar Family Fund
Conservation Land Trust
David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Foundation for Deep Ecology
Ishiyama Foundation
James and Rebecca Morgan Family Fund
Joseph and Vera Long Foundation
Moore Family Fund
Mulago Fund
PG&E Corporation Fund
Resources Legacy Fund Foundation
Schmidt Family Foundation
Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs
Sustainable Conservation
Thomas and Stacy Siebel Foundation
Tomkat Foundation
True North Foundation
Wildlife Conservation Board
DWR Riverine Stewardship (specifically includes daylighting)
DWR Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Program
(includes storm water management, climate change...
Department of Conservation (local and regional planning grant)
EcoAdapt Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Funding (DWR I think)
Urban Sustainability Directors Networks Partners of Places RFP
CalTrans wetland mitigation funds – Mitigation Banking

Lemos, June

From: Annemarie <aweibel@mcn.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 12:32 PM
To: Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Albin-Smith, Tess; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Lemos, June; Miller, Tabatha
Subject: input about reuse plans for Local Coastal Program (LCP) with a focus on the southern portion of the Mill Site

To Tabitha Miller, June Lemos and City Council members,

Unfortunately I could not attend your special meeting today.

I understand that during this meeting the City Council will be discussing the Reuse Plan Local Coastal Program (LCP) with a focus on the southern portion of the Mill Site.

Many local people heard/watched the presentations that members of the Fort Bragg Headlands Consortium gave at your meetings. Why are you not considering their input?

I attended many City Council, Planning Commission, and DTSC meetings, wrote letters and signed the petition to clean up the Mill Site along with many other locals that did the same. I hope that receiving petitions with over 4,000 signatures will make you realize that we (who elected you) are counting on you to do what is right. So far the planning process is, in my opinion, heading in the wrong direction.

It is critical that you (the City Council) and also the Planning Commissioners listen to your community and not just to the developers who are buying land and planning to build on the Mill Site, GP or the Koch brothers. This area is a precious and rare jewel and must not be squandered.

Clean-up is essential. Preservation and restoration to establish functional habitats in open space is also important.

The reason people love to live in and visit Fort Bragg is because of its natural beauty and proximity to the coastline. Now more than ever communities long for a deeper connection to the natural world and we have a distinct opportunity to foster that through eco-tourism and revitalize our local economy with restoration jobs right here in Fort Bragg at the Mill site.

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- Save Starbucks Forest! It is literally on the "chopping block" again.
- Preserve the wildlife corridor from Starbucks Forest up to Pudding Creek! So far it is off the proposed map. Why are city council members not realizing that it not only preserves the environment, but also brings more money to the coast.
- Restoration should be a priority, and will bring money and jobs to the coast.

Sincerely,
Annemarie Weibel

P.S.: Please check out this web site.
<https://www.fortbraggheadlandsconsortium.org/>

Lemos, June

From: alland <alland@mcn.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Lemos, June
Subject: GP site

Dear Ms, Lemos

How the GP site is developed will have a huge impact on the success of Fort Bragg's venture into cultivating a tourist based economy. Our biggest and only asset to attract tourist is our spectacular environment. Restoring a large portion of the mill site to its original condition would certainly add to that attraction, the new coastal trail along the mill site attests to what tourist what to experience when coming to this area. The town of Mendocino is a perfect example of what having a natural environment next door to the downtown area can do for the economy of our town. I certainly understand that the site will have to accommodate some housing and commercial endeavors. But please keep in mind what tourist seek out when coming to our community.

Respectfully yours,

Allan Droyan

445 North Harold St.

Lemos, June

From: Marylyn Scott <motherbearsconfig@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 10:26 AM
To: NHUDG
Cc: Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Albin-Smith, Tess; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Lemos, June
Subject: restoration in Fort Bragg at the Mill site.

Dear NHUSG,
To Each and All,

This is a no-brainer. Clean up the site with care and consideration for the future well-being of our people, sea-life, stream-life, wild-life, mini-cultures we, perhaps, do not even know.

To do less that make certain that the work of restoration is done with consideration and care, is to make the trust that is invested in you, less than worthy. This is an opportunity for you to do what you can, to create jobs that create a better future for all, an opportunity to make the site livable and beautiful and sustainable at the same time.

I do not need to re-state what is in the letter below. It's enough to say I agree with all the points. And more, that I'd be terribly disappointed if you do not support the points made it, and by me.

Thank you for your attention to my requests, and
to this important and critical project,

Marylyn Motherbear Scott
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Albion, CA 95410

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Restoration should be a priority, and will bring money and jobs to the coast

Sincerely,

Marylyn Motherbear Scott

Lemos, June

From: "LFK" Liquid Fusion Kayaking <jeff@liquidfusionkayak.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 9:43 AM
To: Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Albin-Smith, Tess; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Lemos, June
Subject: Please Don't Just Sell Out to the highest bidder

Dear Fort Bragg City Council,

I write to you today in hopes to spur more conscious decisions on the LCP with the people of the city's interest not just the money that developers bring.

The reason people love to live in and visit Fort Bragg is because of its natural beauty and proximity to the coastline. Now more than ever communities long for a deeper connection to the natural world and we have a distinct opportunity to foster that through eco-tourism and revitalize our local economy with restoration jobs right here in Fort Bragg at the Mill site.

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Last, as a small business owner and home owner in Fort Bragg I would like to see the above items a priority as we (the citizens) of the city of Fort Bragg move forward.

Please make your decisions for the community!

Thank you for your time as our public officials and the hard decisions you must make for the best interest to the citizens of Fort Bragg.

Sincerely,

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The richness I achieve comes from Nature, the source of my inspiration.

-Claude Monet

Lemos, June

From: Linda Jupiter <jupiter@mcn.org>
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To: Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Lee, Will; Albin-Smith, Tess; Peters, Lindy; Norvell, Bernie
Subject: Saturday's mill site meeting

Dear City Council members,
Thank you for your continued work on behalf of our town.

Unfortunately, I can't make today's important meeting.

I was sorry to hear that certain decisions made regarding the mill site have been rescinded.

1. I've heard the Starbucks Forest is about to be cut down; please, we must save it. I recall the City Council passing that resolution to save it. Please do the right thing and save it.
2. And please preserve the wildlife corridor from Starbucks Forest up to Pudding Creek. The width was small to start with and now it's off the proposed map. For the health of our community, humans and critters alike, the wildlife corridor must be maintained. Due to natural causes, we will naturally be losing parts of the cliffs so allowing any kind of building on that corridor is foolhardy at best.

Looking forward to attending more City Council meetings soon.

Respectfully,
Linda Jupiter
Fort Bragg resident

Fear is not a plan. Courage (our future) is a plan. Reject fear outright. Courage begets courage.
—Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, 2019 at the Intercept

Lemos, June

From: John Gallo <john.gallo@consbio.org>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 4:44 AM
To: Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Peters, Lindy; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Albin-Smith, Tess
Cc: Lemos, June
Subject: Please reiterate your decisions from last month

Hello City Council,

I just arrived at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, so won't be able to attend today's meeting. (Ironically, I am presenting at the Congress of Conservation Biology about wildlife corridors...)

Since I woke up there on the Coast on Thursday morning, I've only had a few hours of sleep, so am exhausted and will be brief.

I'm writing to urge you to stand strong on the decisions you made last month.

Specifically, you decided in what I remember as two 5-0 votes to (1) keep the forest across from Starbucks and Tradewinds as Open Space, and also to (2) implement the Wildlife Corridor from there to Pudding Creek. Details about what such a corridor requires are provided in a letter to you all by Leslie Kashiwada several months ago, and copied on to our consortium's website: <https://www.fortbraggheadlandsconsortium.org/wildlife-corridors.html> . Even though the science calls for a wider corridor than is politically practical here, I felt that the 150 foot setback from the coastal trail parcel was a good improvement to what was on the zoning maps previously. That is not ideal, but it will ease the tension off of the pinchpoint out at the end of Redwood Ave. The wildlife need to get past the bottlenecks, which predators learn to use as ambushes.

Both of these decisions are critical for the Ecological Integrity of the Headlands, which is good for businesses, residents, and visitors, as well as for wildlife.

I am alarmed and disheartened by the zoning map that I see here from the Planning Commission from their most recent meeting. At first it appeared to me that they were asking you to reverse both decisions, although it has been explained to me that they might not have been informed clearly about the wildlife corridor decision. (I apologize that I have not been able to find and watch that section of their meeting.) Regardless of how that map came to be for those places, please reiterate your decisions regarding these important matters.

Thank you,

John



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Lemos, June

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To: Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Albin-Smith, Tess; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Lemos, June
Subject: Reuse Plan Local Coastal Program (LCP)

City Council Members,

I would like to ask that when you work on the plan to reuse the Mill Site you work towards saving the Starbucks Forest and preserve the wildlife corridor from Starbucks Forest up to Pudding Creek.

Restoration must be a priority because this will bring money and jobs to the coast.

Please preserve the public access to this rare jewel we have right in our city.

Thank you for your consideration,

Araceli Rivas
Fort Bragg

Honorable Friends on the Fort Bragg City Council,

The Fort Bragg Headlands Consortium (FBHC) has been asking for open space to be planned as carefully as the zoned districts. Some have taken this to mean 'more open space.' That is not what we mean. What is most important is to designate the right areas as open space. This means looking at the habitats out on the Headlands and seeing how they will function to their best capacity as connected environments. This means studying the topography, the water flows, the winds and the wildlife both plant and animal. This science-based regenerative approach will lead us to the best ways to sequester carbon, prepare for sea level rise and modernize our storm water management system – all the processes that we will need to deal with in this new era of climate chaos.

Our collected knowledge, research, and consultation with agencies and NGOs involved with restoration points to a contiguous area of open space rather than open space scattered here and there (not that open space elsewhere is unwanted). This means all land designated estuarine/wetland/riparian areas and the land they surround. In addition, the forest, and the land needed to properly daylight Maple and Alder Creeks, and a functional wildlife corridor to connect these habitats to the larger natural ecosystems to the north. All the habitats in the open space have to function together ecologically. Natural habitats do not recognize artificial boundaries and zoning, so we are asking for the map to match what is needed to achieve the most advantageous ecological outcome.

What does this mean for the current proposed map? Open space with an industrial zone embedded in the middle and crisscrossed by roads and crowded by highway commercial, and public facilities, will not be as resilient to the changes wrought by climate chaos. It is better to have more core and less periphery in order to have minimal contact with developed areas. We prepared an alternative Land Use Map (see attached) showing this vision. We have not updated it, but it illustrates our point. We think it is possible to make adjustments to both the FBHC map and the current map (or maps) to meet the needs for restoration and for development.

In conclusion, cumulative open space is not the point. The point is open space in the right place with the right conditions for restoration. We are also wondering if there is a zoning designation more appropriate for restoration than just open space, which implies a more passive approach. There are increasingly more funds available for restoration; a long term process that can provide many good-paying jobs. This is not a choice between restoration or development. There is space on the headlands for both, to the benefit of our community.

We appreciate all the hard work being done by the Fort Bragg City Council, Planning Commission and staff.

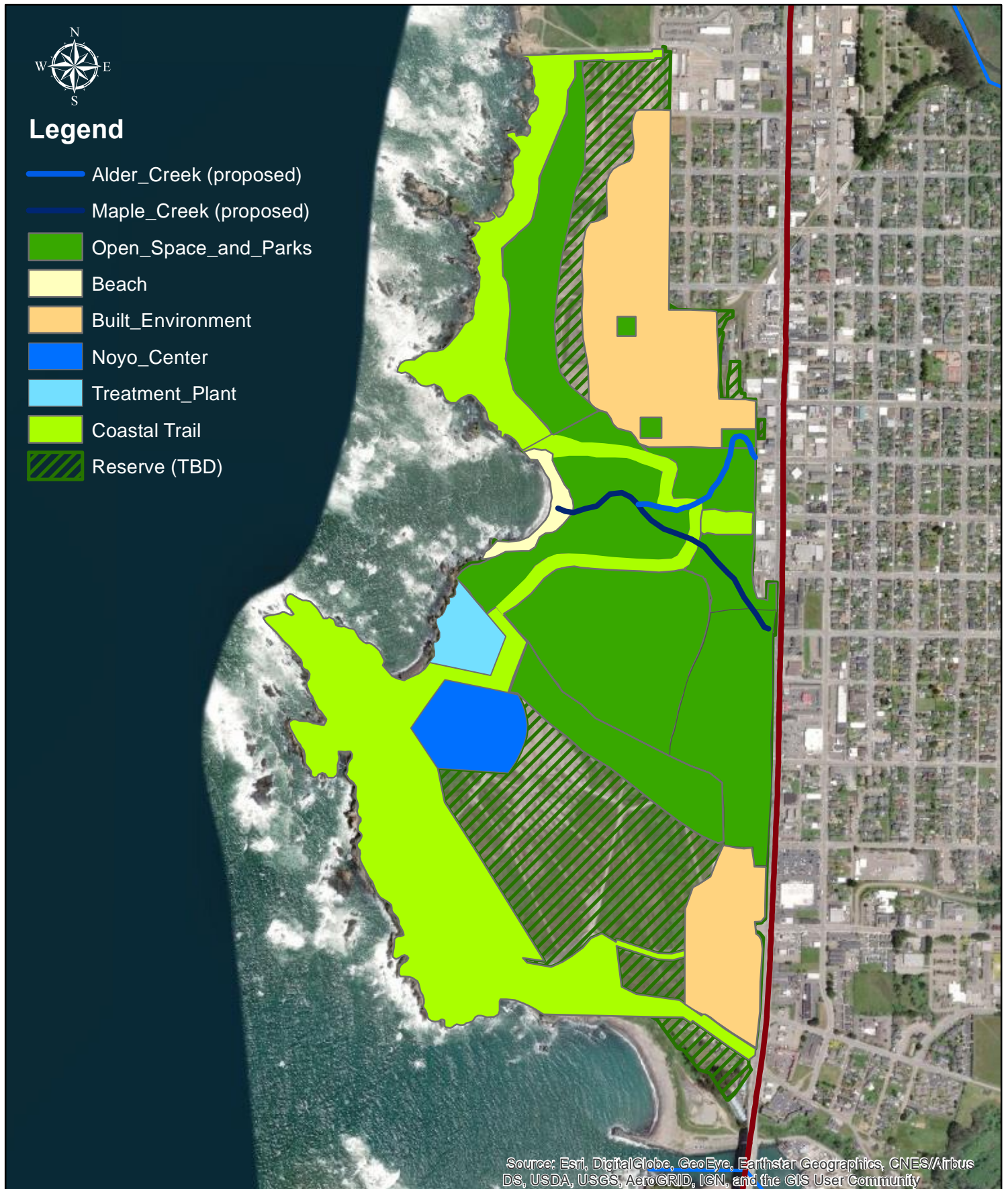
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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

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Lemos, June

From: Karen <nerak@mcn.org>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 10:07 PM
To: Lee, Will; Norvell, Bernie; Albin-Smith, Tess; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Peters, Lindy; Lemos, June
Subject: LCP for Southern Portion of Mill site

As a resident of Albion who has worked in Fort Bragg for most of the past 30+ years, I am very concerned about the southern portion of the Mill Site.

Restoration, preservation and clean up of the site should be a high priority in order to establish and maintain functional habitats in open space. As a community we must protect and restore the ecological integrity of the Fort Bragg Headlands and make a strong commitment to smart growth.

We, as a community, must commit to save “starbucks forest” and preserve the wildlife corridor from that location to Pudding Creek.

We, as a community, must commit to restorations, which will bring money and jobs to the coast.

**Thank you for listening.
Karen Rakofsky**

Lemos, June

From: Gabriel Maroney <gabrielquinn@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Lemos, June; Norvell, Bernie; Peters, Lindy; Lee, Will; Miller, Tabatha; Morsell-Haye, Jessica; Albin-Smith, Tess
Cc: CDD User
Subject: Regarding Mill Site Reuse Southern A1 19-353

Greetings June Lemos, City Council Members, and Staff,

Public comment:

Towards rezoning the Southern area of the Noyo Headlands, it could be useful to understand better the past which can be further elucidated in part by utilizing the staff and archives of the Fort Bragg Mendocino Coast Historical Society. With each parcel it should be understood the historical relevance, natural history, environmental resources, economic potential, community needs, and property owner calibration to help engender balanced and successful zoning. Ways the city can gain historical insights are by further supporting our treasured Historic Society such as paying for City Council and planning commission membership for example. Also I understand that the city handed over documents to be kept and secured by the Historic Archive, yet still requires them to pay for rent down in the musty corner of the building. Perhaps the city could absorb that cost or even help to provide MORE space. Another idea would be to request that archival staff give relevant presentations on the Old Mill Site per region.

In the Southern Region I do support zoning public use facilities, yet also want to make sure that a not for profit private college can be developed.

Please support the vision of a well endowed Hospital, University, educational, and research facilities. We need a future robust economy that supports inequity while increasing access to health and training opportunities.

Thank you,
Gabriel Quinn Maroney