

From: [Robert Hall](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: March 14 agenda Item 7.1 Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 5:07:07 PM

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I'm a certified California naturalist, birdwatcher and biodiversity advocate asking you to adopt the Shoreline Wildlife Adoption Plan.

Wildlife is in a perilous place, according to the January 1st *60 Minutes* segment called, [Earth's wildlife running out of places to live](#). Biodiversity is collapsing at alarming rates worldwide. Heavy urbanization and shorelines threatened by sea level rise are two major conservation challenges facing Bay Area city agencies and decision makers. The importance of protecting local native biodiversity is lost upon a churning, transient population and our municipal agencies that have little knowledge of historic baselines.

Fortunately there's hope, because the solutions are local and leaders like you can help repair our damaged relationship with nature. This plan goes a long way toward protecting the species of Shoreline Park, the Egret rookery of Shorebird Way and the Charleston retention basin. I urge you to adopt it.

Bob Hall



From: [Seth Cohen](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Dear Mt. View City Council:

Although we are residents of a nearby community, Shoreline is a major attractor to Mountain View and a required stop for any out-of-town guests visiting us for a few days. Without the biodiversity on display at Shoreline Park, the attraction would be greatly reduced. Which is why I am writing to express my support for the adoption of the **Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan** including the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the urgent protection of the Shoreline Lake island critical for use by nesting birds. There are two main attractions for us when visiting Shoreline at Mt. View and they are exercise and bird watching, both of which combine into recreation. We greatly enjoy Shoreline Park as it allows us to enjoy both activities in one location without sacrificing one for the other. We look forward to learning that the **Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan** has been adopted.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Seth & Helena Cohen
Cupertino

From: [Norma Jean](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: re Agenda item 7.1 Shoreline Wildlife Mgmt. Plan
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Attachments: [Picture 2.png](#)

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Dear Mayor Hicks,

We are so fortunate that your predecessors made decisions leading to a former landfill becoming one of the area's prime wildlife sanctuaries, a place where residents and neighbors can come to enjoy viewing and photographing wildlife. I have been doing exactly that since the former landfill site was turned into the beginning of what it is now.

Since then, this important spot on the Pacific Flyway has become prime nesting ground for multiple species of concern that deserve ongoing protection. Curiously, the island amidst the boating lake is favored by several of the scarcer species and deserves new actions to permit their continuing to successfully nest and rear young there.

For me, personally, seeing buildings permitted to be constructed on burrowing owl habitat has been wrenching. The few remaining pairs in one of the few remaining nesting sites in this area deserve special protection.

The existing plan is an excellent start. I applaud the effort that went into prioritizing the need and development of this plan, and I esp. encourage adoption of recommendations made by Parks & Rec. to provide additional physical protection for the Shoreline Lake island and initiating an educational effort and signage to prevent boaters from unintentionally terrorizing nesting birds into deserting their nests as is now happening.

Thank you for considering my comments

Norma Jean Bodey Galiher, 50 yr. Mtn. View resident and frequenter of Shoreline



From: [Annie Adams](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: advocate@scvas.org
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Dear Mayor Hicks & Mountain View City Council,

I'm Annie, a Mountain View resident, bird lover, nature illustrator, mother, and Googler. I'm writing to express my appreciation for, and belief in the importance of, wildlife at Shoreline Park, the Egret Rookery on Shorebird Way, and the Charleston retention basin.

In both my personal and professional lives, these places provide moments for inspiration and meditation. Knowing that I can visit any of these protected areas to experience native flora and fauna is reassuring in the face of massive climate change. Knowing that these areas are protected in the future—that my daughter will be able to grow up seeing the insects and birds native to this area—is one of the reasons my family stays in the Bay Area.

I write to endorse the adoption of the Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan, which will go a long way to securing the long-term health of these sensitive ecosystems. I also want to encourage the City Council to adopt additional measures to support local biodiversity (Not convinced by biodiversity? Douglas Tallamy's book *Nature's Best Hope* is an enlightening and enjoyable read that will change the way you see bugs).

I also encourage the Council to adopt the recommendations by the Parks and Recommendation Commission, including an annual presentation and a quick action to protect the Shoreline Lake island from wave erosion.

Thank you for your hard work in making Mountain View a wonderful place to live and work.

Regards,
Annie Adams



From: [Connie Cunningham](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Mtn Vw City Council March 14, 2023; Agenda Item 17, Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan (SWMP)
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Agenda Item 17, Mountain View City Council on March 14, 2023

Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan (SWMP)

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

My name is Connie Cunningham. I live in Santa Clara County and for 21 years worked at NASA Ames Research Center. I have taken hundreds of walks at Shoreline.

As a birder I enjoy the variety of shore and land birds at Shoreline. The Black Skimmer is a big favorite of mine! All wildlife that are the web of life at Shoreline are important to me. All are beautiful and form an exquisite web of movement and color, fragrance and sound.

I support this plan because it protects biodiversity and the species at Shoreline Park, the Egret rookery of Shorebird Way and the Charleston retention basin! Biodiversity is critical to the world, and it is declining. The good news is that local communities like ours can repair biodiversity and start turning this around.

I urge you to adopt this plan. And with it I urge you to adopt the recommendations by the Parks and Recreation Commission including: 1) a yearly presentation and 2) an urgency for the protection of the Shoreline Lake island, which is used by Black Skimmers and other nesting birds and is threatened by wave erosion.

Sincerely,

Connie Cunningham

Member, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

From: [Nancy Gittleman](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please approve SWMP and protect the island from erosion ASAP.
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To whom it may concern,

Please protect the island and shoreline from erosion.

We are the caretakers of the earth, this is very important.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Best,
Nancy Gittleman

From: [Michelle MacKenzie](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: March 14 agenda Item 7.1 Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan
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Dear Mountain View City Council

I write as an avid wildlife lover, birder and regular visitor to Shoreline Lake in Mountain View. I am so grateful to have somewhere to come to view birds and other wildlife, to practice photography and to have peace and respite from our busy society. I am a cancer survivor and find time in nature to be particularly healing.

In particular, I am writing to support the Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan. In the face of dramatically increasing extinction, it is vitally important to protect biodiversity. This is why I am so happy to see Mountain View considering the preservation of species at Shoreline Park, the Egret rookery on Shoreline Way and the Charleston retention basin. I hope that the Council will adopt this Parks and Rec Commission's Plan, including the yearly presentation and the protection of the island in the middle of Shoreline Lake. Said island is used by Black Skimmers and other birds for nesting but is threatened by erosion from waves. When boats get too close to this island, it can scare away the parents, leave the eggs or chicks vulnerable to predators.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle MacKenzie
Menlo Park

From: [Vinayak Hebbagil](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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Hello Mountain View City Council members,

I'm a resident of the San Francisco bay area for the last 8 years. For these years, the Shoreline Park, its wild inhabitants, and the natural surrounding area have been a source of joy and peacefulness, whether taking a leisurely evening stroll or a morning jog. The nearby Egret rookery has also been a wonderful way to witness nesting herons and egrets every summer.

With that in mind, I support the Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan and the need to protect biodiversity and the species of Shoreline Park, the Egret rookery of Shorebird Way, and the Charleston retention basin.

I also support the recommendations by the Parks and Recreation Commission which include

- A yearly presentation
- An urgent need for the protection of the Shoreline Lake island, which is used by Black Skimmers and other nesting birds and is threatened by wave erosion.

I sincerely hope that the City Council will adopt this plan in view of the long-term benefits of the protection of habitat for wildlife as well as the community.

Thanks,
Vinayak

From: [Katherine Xue](#)
To: [City Council](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I am a scientist working at Stanford University, and I'm writing to support the adoption of the Shoreline Wildlife Management Plan. The wildlife at Shoreline became incredibly important to me during the pandemic, when I started going regularly to Shoreline and the Baylands to birdwatch while working from home. Since then, I have brought many friends and visitors there to see the changing wildlife through the seasons and the activity at the Egret Rookery, and these areas have increased my appreciation for the beauty of the Bay area. I feel fortunate to live so close to incredible wildlife in an urban area, and I hope that the city council can vote to protect our local biodiversity. I also support the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide a yearly presentation and to urgently protect Shoreline Lake island from erosion, as it is prime nesting habitat for Black Skimmers. I hope that we can protect this wildlife for the enjoyment of our community.

Katherine Xue