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Dear City Council,

I write in general support of the Shoreline wildlife management plan, but also to point out that the city is not taking recreation at Shoreline as seriously and that how it will be affected needs to be incorporated into the plan.

The people who would potentially use the park for non-wildlife-related activities are not writing in on this item, even though they may be affected. It is the passionate wildlife conservationists who are (and who also speak at the PRC meetings). I think this leads to great strides for wildlife conservation. But I worry about impacts on recreation.

For example, the burrowing owl fencing was installed right next to the bike/ped path. It diminished the enjoyment of walking and biking along there, because fences are not natural and they signal "keep out!" Would it have harmed the owls to put the fencing an additional 5 or 10 feet farther from the path, to give humans a bit less of a fenced in feeling? In the hundreds of times I biked along the fence, I never saw a burrowing owl, but I always got to enjoy the fence.

Of all the shoreline that Mountain View has, there is just one small part, the lake, where people can enjoy water sports. My son learned windsurfing and sailing there. I don't think the plan would endanger the ability of kids to learn water sports, but sometimes endangered species measures are so extreme that it doesn't seem an unreasonable fear that the lake would get shut down to water sports due to birds or amphibians or mice having moved in there.

I urge you to put in provisions in the plan or elsewhere to preserve and enhance recreation in the park.

Thank you!

**From:** [Garth earthlink](#)  
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Mountain View City Council -

I am a resident in Mountain View and have actively appreciated the shoreline habitat in Mountain View and Palo Alto for four decades. To me, the ponds and wetlands are an essential part of what Mountain View offers to its residents and all Bay Area communities. I am a lifelong birder and also lifelong “student” of all creatures and plants.

It is good to see the City Council evaluate its opportunities for Shoreline habitat preservation.

There are several iconic bird species, including Black Skimmer, Burrowing Owl, and Short-eared Owl, that depend on very fragile habitat elements. More broadly, the ponds are important for many species of migrating duck and waders. The Grey Fox is present but vulnerable. It is good to find native shrubs such as blue elderberry. In a world of declining habitat, actions we can take locally will help avoid further decline in population.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the plan.

Garth Hall



(Also Audubon Society member)

**From:** [Mary Murphy](#)  
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Please protect area for wildlife and especially burrowing owls.  
Mary Murphy  
Mountain View resident

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