

# Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

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Ms. Deb Kramer  
Program Manager  
Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Sent via email

SUBJECT: Support for a grant application for the conceptual planning of "Coyote Meadows", as a park in an unused open space in San Jose.

Dear Ms. Kramer:

**Save Our Trails: Connecting Santa Clara County Communities** is a California Not-for-Profit Corporation whose mission is "*To promote trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all.*" On behalf of **Save Our Trails**, I am writing to express our support for your application for a grant from the Open Space Authority to enable a conceptual study for the creation of a park in the open space immediately to the north of Kelley Park and south of I-280 in central San Jose.

This particular tract of land is unique from the point of view of trails in Santa Clara County as it contains the intersection of three important trails:

(a) **Three Creeks Trail**, connecting the residential area of Willow Glen and the Washington neighborhoods with Tamien Caltrain and light-rail station and Kelley Park, a park of regional significance; (b) **Five Wounds Trail**, extending from Kelley Park north past the Five Wounds neighborhood (and future BART station) and linking to the Berryessa BART station; and (c) **Coyote Creek Trail**, a major north-south trail which currently goes approximately 18 miles south to Morgan Hill, and will continue north to the San Francisco Baylands.

Unfortunately, the area where these trails intersect is currently the site of a number of homeless encampments. Large piles of trash continue to accumulate in the area, and occasionally cooking fires get out of control. These create a severe negative impact on the enjoyment of the trails, and are likely to deter many potential users from enjoying the trails, or from using them as an environmentally friendly means of commuting.

**Save Our Trails** is certain that the creation of a park in this open space will do much to alleviate the negative impact of the homeless present, and will make it possible for members of the public to more fully benefit from the many advantages that these three trails will offer. For this reason, we are very pleased to endorse the request for a grant to **Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful** for a conceptual study to create this park.

Sincerely,

Martin Delson  
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