

**From:** [Daniela Leyva](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for 06/20 General Plan Advisory Committee  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 12:15:23 PM

---

You don't often get email from danielarleyva@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024: The Petaluma River Park will be a destination spot that could be a part of all that defines Petaluma. I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel River is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

**Daniela Leyva**

**From:** [Wm. Brian Sheridan](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** General Plan Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 4:31:37 PM

---

You don't often get email from sheridan555@hotmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

General Plan Advisory Committee

My wife and I have been long time Petaluma residents. Petaluma has provided us with a positive quality of life and a quality place to raise our family. During our time in Petaluma, we have experienced great development and change in town.

It now appears the future development will focus on housing. Existing housing is primary single-family residents whereas the future housing appears to be high density housing, condos or apartments. These alternate housing residents will have different needs that the city must address if Petaluma is to maintain the present quality of life. These residents will require open space to walk, bicycle, and picnic to have positive family time. Petaluma River Park will fulfill this need, as Golden Gate Park does for the SF residents.

By including Petaluma River Park in our General Plan, the city will be making a strong statement of enhancing future residents' needs to obtain a quality life in Petaluma.

Thank you, Brian and Deb Sheridan,

**From:** [Matt Stone](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** General Plan Update - Petaluma River Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 2:07:36 PM

---

[You don't often get email from [m.stone@petalumariverpark.org](mailto:m.stone@petalumariverpark.org). Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification> ]

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

I am writing to urge the city to specifically include the Petaluma River Park in the City's General Plan update.

The PRPF now owns 64 acres of riverfront property in the heart of the city comprising 2 parcels. The 24 acre McNear peninsula is zoned park and the 40 acre 500 Hopper St parcel is the mostly defunct 'river facing industrial zoning'. Combined these properties represent a magnificent opportunity for park, residential and other amenities in the heart of the city. In short the River Park properties could have a transformative impact on the City and future development.

Among other things the linking of these properties by a bridge across the McNear Canal will create a much needed off street pedestrian and bike route that would connect all the way from Lynch Creek to Shollenberg....making the city eminently more bikeable

On another front Sea Level rise will necessarily require strategies and common planning. The extensive shorelines of the park and the Hopper property make it a key component of any mitigation effort....the City's general plan ought to specify what its mitigation goals are and what criteria to prioritize.

The PRPF has raised over 15 million dollars to pursue this vision. Citizens of Petaluma have joined this effort with their pocketbooks and their volunteer hours effectively voting with their wallets and their labor in support of the Park. The General Plan should recognize this and enumerate the ways that the City can support and participate in the effort.

It would therefore be a terrible oversight for the General Plan to remain silent on the River Park and its integration into our City.

Matt Stone  
415-902-1819  
[m.stone@petalumariverpark.org](mailto:m.stone@petalumariverpark.org)

**From:** [Vasanti Jayaswal](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 2:03:34 PM

---

You don't often get email from vasanti.jayaswal@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

May I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024:

The Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel River is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

Additionally this Park will serve as the best community outdoor gathering place for this beautiful city. It will also be quite an attraction for visitors.

Vasanti Jayaswal

**From:** [Matt Stone](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Pls include Petaluma River Park in General Plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:44:30 PM

---

You don't often get email from m.d.stone@icloud.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

Petaluma River Park comprises 64 acres of riverfront land in the heart of our city. The combination of the McNear Peninsula and the 500 Hopper parcel have the potential to be transformative for our downtown:

A bridge connecting the parcels will be the crucial link in a broad network of bike and pedestrian trails from Shollenberg to Lynch Creek.

The stream bank restoration envisaged by the foundation will enhance habitat and help reduce siltation

The park responds to multiple long held city goals and the city should embrace the effort of citizens who have raised over 15 million to create this opportunity for all. The new general plan must clearly support the Petaluma River Park and, ideally, describe the city's role as a partner to bring this amenity to fruition.

Matt Stone

415 902-1819

Matt Stone  
415 9021819  
[M.D.Stone@me.com](mailto:M.D.Stone@me.com)

**From:** [Deborah Flagg Smith](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24. Petaluma River Park  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:46:59 AM

---

You don't often get email from dflaggsmith@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

To: [hgurewitz@cityofpetaluma.org](mailto:hgurewitz@cityofpetaluma.org)

Subject: Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24. Petaluma River Park

**I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024:** The Petaluma River Park is a vibrant, welcoming central park located in the heart of Petaluma which provides the greater community a shared public space that celebrates people, art, and nature. This unique centrally-located property is a remarkable opportunity for our community and should be prioritized, fully embraced by leadership, and supported to ensure its sustained success as the Petaluma River Park provides access to nature, open space, and recreation; unifies our community as a park for all; offers cultural access to art; and attracts visitors from our city, county, the greater Bay Area, and beyond.

I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The Petaluma River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the Petaluma River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the Petaluma River Park properties over the McNear Channel River is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the Petaluma River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long-term commitment to the project and its success.

The Petaluma River Park is our Central Park and should be immediately prioritized, generously supported, and revered so that generations to come will enjoy this treasured open space.

Sincerely,  
Deborah F. Smith  
Petaluma, CA

**From:** [Marie Fox](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:46:59 PM

---

You don't often get email from marie@ellison-fox.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

Please receive these comments for consideration by the General Plan Advisory Committee for their meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The Petaluma River Park represents the future of Petaluma and it should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel River is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

Sincerely,

Marie Fox  
Petaluma

**From:** [Ray Fort](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 8:45:05 PM

---

You don't often get email from rayfortitude@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

Hi,

**I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024**

I believe that the Petaluma River Park should be called out as a special initiative within the city's General Plan. The River Park meets many of the plan's goals of increasing recreation and access to the river, and restoring habitat along the river. In addition, the Park will also bridge the east and west parts of the city together, figuratively and literally, if a bridge is able to be built over the McNear channel.

Please make sure that the park is included in the Parks and Recreation framework as well as the Transportation Framework (because of the bridge)

The staff, board, and donors of the Petaluma River Park Foundation have made very serious contributions and commitments to creating a gem of a park in our city. Including it the general plan would signal the city's commitment as well.

thank you,

Ray Fort



**From:** [eliza.hooshia@gmail.com](mailto:eliza.hooshia@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:22:22 PM

---

You don't often get email from [eliza.hooshia@gmail.com](mailto:eliza.hooshia@gmail.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

**I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024:**

The Petaluma River Park is a going to become a destination enjoyed by generations to come. It will create outdoor spaces for play and relaxation, as well as gathering spaces for community events, Its central location has the potential to connect the east and west sides of town via safe foot and bicycle transit as well as provide additional river access and recreation. It's an important and exciting piece of our city's bright future!

I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes.

Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town "both physically and psychologically" and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway.

The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project.

The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible.

The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.



**From:** [Morgan Bellinger](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:50:40 AM

---

You don't often get email from [morgan@movephotography.com](mailto:morgan@movephotography.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024: I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

**From:** [sean.lorentz](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:32:01 AM

---

You don't often get email from pouringmetal@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel River is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

**From:** [Christian Gonzalez](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:55:13 AM

---

You don't often get email from chrisgee750@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

Dear Members of the General Plan Advisory Committee,

I am writing to provide my comments ahead of your upcoming meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024. Specifically, I wish to highlight the profound importance of the Petaluma River Park to the future of our city.

The Petaluma River Park represents not just a recreational asset but a transformative opportunity for Petaluma's future growth and community cohesion. By integrating the River Park project as a special initiative within the General Plan, we align with key city objectives, including enhanced river access, expanded recreational offerings, habitat restoration, and the development of safe, active transportation routes.

It is crucial that the River Park is prominently featured in both the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework of the General Plan. The proposed bridge spanning the McNear Channel River is pivotal in connecting the East and West sides of Petaluma, fostering physical connectivity and bolstering community unity. Moreover, it will enhance trail and greenway connections within the city and link us to regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway.

Supported by significant contributions from the Petaluma River Park Foundation and our dedicated community, this project presents a prime opportunity for a fruitful private-public partnership. I urge the City of Petaluma to seize this moment to accelerate the realization of the River Park.

Incorporating the River Park project into the General Plan not only demonstrates Petaluma's enduring commitment but also sets a clear roadmap for its successful implementation. I encourage the Committee to prioritize this initiative as a cornerstone of Petaluma's sustainable and vibrant future.

Thank you for considering my input.

**From:** [Marge Anders Limbert](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 1:28:18 PM

---

You don't often get email from marge.limbert@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024:

The Petaluma River Park is a project driven by the community to create a new central gathering place in nature for everyone. When it is built, it will fulfill a long standing commitment from the city to turn the McNear Peninsula into a river front park, and will even make it possible for people to travel throughout Petaluma on bikes without interacting with cars. The whole initiative is improving the quality of life for Petalumans and making it a healthier place to live. The community has thus far delivered this project without significant support or funding from the city, and I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan.

The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway.

The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

Thank you for your consideration!  
Marge Limbert  
619 I Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

**From:** [Alejandra Aceves](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:36:07 AM

---

You don't often get email from [alisaceves@gmail.com](mailto:alisaceves@gmail.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

To whom it may concern,

**I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024:** The Petaluma River Park is a wonderful place to be. It has helped me and so many with my mental health. It has been a hub for community making. It also helps us Latinos feel much more welcome in open spaces. I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

Please don't forget about Petaluma River Park!

Thank you,

Alex Aceves

**From:** [David Duskin](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment GPAC meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 7:55:33 AM

---

You don't often get email from david@davidduskin.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

I feel strongly that Petaluma River Park and the bridge they propose that connects the property to the east side of town should be included in the plan.

Petaluma River Park will be a central, life enhancing amenity for this town and therefore needs to be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan.

The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes.

Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel River is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town.

The park will also provide trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway.

The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project.

The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible.

The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

-David Duskin

Board Chair Petaluma River Park Foundation



**From:** [Polly Stone](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment- GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:44:37 PM

---

You don't often get email from polly\_stone@comcast.net. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

To whom it may concern,

i.

**I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024:** The Petaluma River Park is [THE REASON YOU THINK THAT THE PARK IS IMPORTANT TO THE CITY'S FUTURE]. I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Amy Eldridge](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** River park - On the General Plan for Petaluma  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:11:09 AM

---

You don't often get email from aceldridge711@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

**I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee's consideration in advance of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024:** The Petaluma River Park is [THE REASON YOU THINK THAT THE PARK IS IMPORTANT TO THE CITY'S FUTURE]. I feel that the Petaluma River Park project should be called out as a special initiative in the General Plan. The River Park project meets many of the City's broader goals connected to improved access to the river, expanded recreation amenities, habitat restoration, and safe, active transportation routes. Specifically, the River Park should be addressed in the Parks & Recreation Framework and the Transportation Framework because a future bridge connecting the River Park properties over the McNear Channel is a critical component for realizing the City's stated goals of connecting the East and West sides of town—both physically and psychologically—and enhancing trail and greenway connections throughout the city and with regional trail systems such as the Bay Area Ridge Trail and SMART pathway. The Petaluma River Park Foundation and its community supporters have raised millions of dollars toward the realization of this project. The City of Petaluma should take full advantage of this opportunity to form a private-public partnership to make the River Park a reality as quickly as possible. The project's inclusion in the General Plan would signal the City's long term commitment to the project and its success.

**From:** [Devery Wallace](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Include the Petaluma River Park in your general plan  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:39:44 PM

---

You don't often get email from grannydevery@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

Hi City Council Members,

I have been a volunteer for the Petaluma River Park since its inception and wanted you to know how impressed I am with the non-profits organizational skills, creative mind set, and outreach to the community for input of thoughts, concepts and vision for the park.

I have used the Lynch Creek path for years riding my bike from the Cherry Valley area to my office on Professional Drive. The paths' continual journey both on the west and east sides to join the community should guarantee that pedestrians and bicyclists will have a safe journey to the Petaluma River Park and the downtown. It's the connector.

I urge you to put the Petaluma River Park in the General Plan of our city to enhance the viability of Petaluma and to capitalize on its great resources.

Respectfully,

--

*devery*

*live in the moment*

April 18, 2024

**I offer these comments for the General Plan Advisory Committee April 18, 2024, on Agenda 6, Public Comment:**

I am writing to request that the land use designation for the property located at 500 Hopper Street, Petaluma CA be considered as part of the General Plan process. In January 2024, our nonprofit, the Petaluma River Park Foundation, acquired the 38 acres located at 500 Hopper. We are actively working to develop the property for public benefit through a robust research and community engagement process. At the core of this new place will be a public riverfront park with a series of interconnected bike and pedestrian trails and other public amenities focused on community gathering, recreation, arts and culture, and beyond.

The Foundation requests that a change in this property's land-use designation be considered as part of the General Plan process. The property is currently zoned River-Dependent Industrial. Given the Foundation's vision for the property, and that the parcel is centrally located within the city, is a critical part of the proposed Caulfield Bridge project, is within a mile of major public transportation hubs, such as SMART and the Petaluma Transit Mall, and is situated next to an existing residential development, we believe the property should be designated Mixed Use, or a combination of Mixed Use and Proposed Park.

We are available to work collaboratively with the City of Petaluma to adjust the designation, and eventually the zoning, of this land to meet the collective goals of the Foundation, the City, and our community.

Thank you for your time in considering this request.

Seair Lorentz



Executive Director  
Petaluma River Park Foundation

**From:** [Kathleen von Raesfeld](#)  
**To:** [Heather Gurewitz](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - GPAC Meeting 6/20/24  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 4:16:03 PM

---

You don't often get email from [ksanvonr@sonic.net](mailto:ksanvonr@sonic.net). [Learn why this is important](#)

---Warning: Use caution before clicking any attachments. THIS EMAIL IS FROM OUTSIDE OUR EMAIL SYSTEM.---

Please incorporate Petaluma River Park into the General Plan. It is an amazing resource for our community and will change the community for the better in the future. Our daughter took me there on a run when she came home from grad school in the spring. Things like this park will make young professionals want to move back into our community. Please add my voice to the symphony of those who LOVE Petaluma River Park.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen von Raesfeld  
21 Deer Valley Court,  
Petaluma, CA 94952