



Public Comment- Blueprint Agenda Item

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Dear Commissioners,

The Natural Systems Chapter (p.86) is very weak, including discussion and action items about Open Space.

A mention of wildlife corridors and the Petaluma River Plan is incongruent.

A riparian corridor exists along the Petaluma River from the river bridge northward.

That is not a wildlife corridor.

As I have shared in the past, the wildlife corridor mapping project for Sonoma and Marin Counties documents six wildlife corridors in Petaluma Valley. Petaluma Valley is a relevant geographic connector for natural wildlife movement patterns of terrestrial wildlife -- badgers, mountain lions, foxes, etc

It took over 20 years of direct observations and receiving input from hundreds of observers who care about wildlife to document how wildlife mov from habitat area to habitat area, when and why.

How are you planning to map wildlife corridors and that related to a Petaluma River Plan? That makes no sense. The information about wildlife corridors in our area is already documented.

One really can't do anything about dysfunction, denial, and accepting a low level of information and awareness on the part of City of Petauna staff.

Because of my many years of conservation experience, using here in Petaluma, I feel a responsibility - to the wildlife - to give a voice for them and advise you of how inadequate, and incorrect the Natural Systems area is in this Blueprint.