


Fw: Oyster Cove - Public Comment

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Oyster Cover project - FOPR Comments.pdf;

Hello Evelyn,

Please see this public comment regarding the Oyster Cove project scheduled for PC tomorrow night.

Thanks,
Daniel**Planning Division**City of Petaluma | Community Development
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From: stephanie@friendsofthepetalumariver.org <stephanie@friendsofthepetalumariver.org>**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2023 4:26 PM**To:** Petaluma Planning <petalumaplanning@cityofpetaluma.org>**Subject:** Oyster Cove - Public Comment

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Hello City Planning Team,

I'm writing to submit a comment regarding the Oyster Cove project on behalf of Friends of the Petaluma River. Please find the comment attached.

Best,
StephanieStephanie Bastianon, Executive Director (she/her)
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May 5, 2023

City of Petaluma
Planning Department
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RE: Oyster Cove Housing Development

Dear Planning Department,

The McNear Peninsula has long been an open space area and home to Steamer Landing Park, a place to connect to and learn about the Petaluma River and Marsh. The historical David Yearsley River Heritage Center sits at the entrance to the Park and serves as a hub for events and programming linking our community to the wonders of the Petaluma Watershed. It is the site of the much-beloved Green Heron Nature Camp, a summer camp for youth, as well as field trips for Petaluma students participating in the Watershed Classroom program.

It is a key part of the mission of Friends of the Petaluma River to protect and conserve the habitat within Steamer Landing Park and throughout the Peninsula and riparian zones along the Petaluma River. With that in mind, we recognize and appreciate the work the Oyster Cove Mixed Use project has done to integrate the Petaluma River into it's design.

The natural and open space character of Steamer Landing Park is fundamental in preserving sensitive riparian habitat and providing open space and recreation opportunities for the community. We are writing today to ensure that this project retains that character, especially in interface areas between the development and the Park. Any parking along the Park, should be for Park use and include landscaping that will integrate with the natural habitat of the Petaluma River riparian area and buffer the Park from activities at Oyster Cove and vice versa.

Steamer Landing Park will provide a ready amenity for residents of Oyster Cove. With a dock being installed later this summer and ongoing recreational and cultural activities, it offers many opportunities enriching the neighborhood and greater community. It is Friends' hope that we can work together with the Oyster Cove development to maintain and secure this area into the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Bastianon
Executive Director