

Four Questions Every Neighbor Should Ask the City Council Before July 28

The Novato City Council will consider the Buck Gulch Falls Creek Restoration and Trail Improvement Project on July 28. Approximately two-thirds is within Novato city limits.

This is the community's last opportunity to help inform the Council before it submits the City's position to Marin County. ***Please come at 5pm on 7/28 to 922 Manchin Ave!***

1. How will the City ensure emergency access is maintained throughout construction?

Fairway Drive is the only police and fire emergency access and the evacuation route for hundreds of homes. Construction traffic, equipment, and staging will use the same roadway.

2. How will the City ensure neighborhood safety and quality of life are protected throughout construction?

The project includes approximately 2,240 feet of trail improvements, two pedestrian bridges, four retaining walls, and streambank restoration. Construction will likely require transporting more than **300 tons of aggregate**, together with heavy equipment and other construction materials, through City streets over approximately two years.

3. How will the City ensure these permanent improvements do not increase neighborhood flooding?

The project would add approximately **11,200 square feet of aggregate trail surface**, together with bridges, retaining walls, and other improvements within the creek corridor. Much of the western portion of Fairway Drive is in the FEMA Flood Zone and residents have already experienced flooding during major winter storms.

4. How will the City ensure increased visitor use does not compromise neighborhood parking or emergency access?

The trailhead has no dedicated public parking and visitors ~~primarily~~ rely on neighborhood streets. Buck Gulch Falls visitors often park in in the Fairway Drive cul-de-sac, a designated fire lane and emergency vehicle turn around.

These are reasonable questions that deserve clear answers before the City submits its position to the County.

Please contact the Novato City Council before July 28 and attend the meeting if you are able.

Your voice matters.

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