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**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2011 6:38 AM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: I support a Pogonip multi-use trail

Re: Multi-Use Trail

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**From:** John Hillstrom [<mailto:jhillstrom@bcorporation.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2011 8:40 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Cc:** City Council  
**Subject:** I support a Pogonip multi-use trail

Hi,

I think a connector trail through Pogonip is a great idea. I also think it should be carefully engineered to keep speeds down and to truly act as a connector and not as a destination. I'm a die-hard mountain biker and Pogonip should not become a bike destination, but it should have an legal, safe, route through it given its location between the City and points North. I've ridden Highway 9, and it's truly terrifying (I'd love to see more speed enforcement on that road, whether or not there's a Pogonip trail).

Thanks,  
John Hillstrom

251 Marnell Ave  
SC, CA 95062

**From:** Thorne <thorneb@cruzio.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 9:02 AM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** Protect the Pogonip no multiuse

Dear Mauro Garcia,

Please protect the Pogonip. I no longer walk on West Cliff the multiuse mostly bicycles are too stressfull and just scary. I often use the Pogonip to walk and walk my leashed dog. Almost run over by illegal bike riders already. Please there are so many off road trail for bike to go fast and fun furious. Please keep me safe no legal bikes on the Pogonip. Thank you. Karen Binnings. 127 Anita Street Santa Cruz, 95060 460-1655

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**From:** Tara H. Leonard [\[mailto:TaraHLeonard@comcast.net\]](mailto:TaraHLeonard@comcast.net)

**Sent:** Sunday, March 04, 2012 11:25 AM

**To:** Parks and Rec

**Subject:** YES to pogonip multi-use trail

Dear Parks and Recreation Officials,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the proposed multi-use trail in Pogonip. As a runner, I have shared area trails with bikers and horses for over a decade. Never once have I had a negative experience with either. I have, however, had scary encounters with unsavory characters in lower Pogonip, an area I now avoid. Illegal campers and drug users are unquestionably causing more environmental damage than any mountain bikers would. Let's try demonstrating a lesson we teach every kindergarten child and SHARE our wonderful natural resources with all responsible outdoor enthusiasts.

Yours,

Tara Leonard  
129 Ladera Drive  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: Kim Kern [<mailto:kimkern@pacbell.net>]  
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 11:09 AM  
To: Parks and Rec  
Subject: YES to Pogonip multi-use trail

I support the proposed multi-use trail in Pogonip.

I am a female runner and frequent Pogonip four times a week. I would feel much safer sharing the trails with mountain bikes than the illegal campers.

Currently I avoid the lower Fern trails.

Please vote Yes!

thank you,

Kim Kern  
Santa Cruz, CA

From: City Council  
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 1:24 PM  
To: David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
Cc: Dannettee Shoemaker  
Subject: FW: Yes pogonip multi use trail

Re: Multi-Use Trail

-----Original Message-----

From: Frank DeSimone [<mailto:frank@dandrinsurance.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 12:13 PM  
To: City Council  
Subject: Yes pogonip multi use trail

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

From: City Council  
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 7:11 AM  
To: David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
Cc: Dannettee Shoemaker  
Subject: FW: Proposed Pogonip Multi-use Bike Trail

Re: Multi-Use Trail

-----Original Message-----

From: rick parfitt [<mailto:rick@parfitt.info>]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 2:42 AM  
To: Mauro Garcia  
Cc: City Council  
Subject: Proposed Pogonip Multi-use Bike Trail

I support the proposed addition of the Pogonip multi-use bike trail. I'm an avid environmentalist and feel this is an appropriate use of our open space.

Sincerely,

Rick Parfitt  
23243 Summit Rd  
Los Gatos, Ca 95033

**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 1:23 PM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: Pogonip

Re: Multi-Use Trail

**From:** Christine Palochak [<mailto:cpalochak@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 12:46 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Pogonip

I am in favor of the Pogonip multi-use trail. It will provide increased recreational opportunity and provide a safer environment in the Pogonip area.

**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2011 7:20 AM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: pogonip trail

Re: Multi-Use Trail

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**From:** Carl Primavera [\[mailto:carlprimavera@comcast.net\]](mailto:carlprimavera@comcast.net)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2011 8:47 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** pogonip trail

Please approve the pogonip trail to help dissapate the problems on heroin hill.

Please help us improve our community.

**From:** Maria Gardner [<mailto:waddellfive@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 12:07 PM

**To:** Parks and Rec

**Subject:** YES to pogonip multi-use trail

Dear Parks and Recreation Officials,

Please say Yes to the Pogonip Multi Use Trail. As a runner I am encouraged when I see other people taking advantage of this wonderful environment. There are so few walkers and runners using the area now, it can be uncomfortable being a solo runner at times. Sharing running trails with bicyclists (and unicyclists on occasion) in Nisene Marks and Wilder has never been a cause for concern. Let's make this an inclusive recreational area. Thanks.

Maria Gardner  
Santa Cruz

From: erin murphy [<mailto:erin@one-em.com>]  
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 4:48 PM  
To: Parks and Rec  
Subject: YES to Pogonip multi-use trail

I support the proposed multi-use trail in Pogonip.

I am a female runner and frequent Pogonip twice a week. I would feel much safer sharing the trails with mountain bikes than the illegal campers.

Currently I avoid the lower Fern trails.

Please vote Yes!

Erin Murphy  
1504 King Street  
Santa Cruz

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831.423.0847 : p

831.334.0430 : c

[erin@one-em.com](mailto:erin@one-em.com)

From: City Council  
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 9:31 AM  
To: David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
Cc: Dannettee Shoemaker  
Subject: FW: Pogonip

Re: Multi-Use Trail

-----Original Message-----

From: Greg Robertson [<mailto:gregontheweb@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 8:04 AM  
To: City Council  
Subject: Pogonip

Please approve the proposed pogonip trail if for no other reason than the same of safety.

Sincerely,

Greg Robertson  
805 215 3726

from rotary phone

**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2011 7:19 AM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: Pogonip

Re: Multi-Use Trail

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**From:** Clytia Fuller [<mailto:clytia@cruzio.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2011 6:09 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Pogonip

Please approve the Pogonip multi-use trail! Let's take back the space that is so precious and beautiful.

thank you,

Clytia Fuller

"Carefully watch your THOUGHTS, for they become your WORDS. Manage and watch your WORDS, for they will become your ACTIONS. Consider and judge your ACTIONS, for they have become your HABITS. Acknowledge and watch your HABITS, for they shall become your VALUES. Understand and embrace your VALUES, for they become YOUR DESTINY."  
-Mahatma Gandhi

**From:** Tom Graves **On Behalf Of** City Council  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 7:57 AM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: Please do NOT amend Pogonip Master Plan to include East Multi-Use Trail.

Re: Multi-Use Trail



Tom Graves  
Deputy City Clerk  
420-5035  
Please think before you print.

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**From:** Craig Nell [<mailto:cnell@earthlink.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2012 2:18 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Please do NOT amend Pogonip Master Plan to include East Multi-Use Trail.

**Subject: Please DO NOT AMEND Pogonip Master Plan to include East Multi-Use Trail.**

## **4. Pogonip East Multi Use Trail – pg. 7**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend City Council 1) adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, 2) Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, 3) Amend the Pogonip Master Plan to include the East Multi-Use Trail and 4) Approve the East Multi-Use Trail Plan and direct staff to begin construction of the trail.

**Dear City Council -  
Please read and let us know your  
opinion on changing the Pogonip Master  
Plan.**

**Thanks -  
Craig and Patricia Schroeder-Nell**

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Craig Nell <[cnell@earthlink.net](mailto:cnell@earthlink.net)>  
**Date:** February 29, 2012 4:25:17 PM PST

**Subject:** [Please DO NOT AMEND the Pogonip Master Plan to include East Multi-Use Trail.](#)

**Dear City Council & Mr. Garcia,  
Superintendent of Parks,**

As residents of 124 Jewell Street below the Elk's Club for the past 12 years, we are pretty boxed in with busy streets (Hwy 1, Hwy. 17, Graham Hill Rd., Ocean Street & River Street & Ocean Street Ext.) and a lots of vehicles traffic including bikes & , yes, more development is on the way in this area.

Also less & less recreation is available. The Harvey West Pool is not viable, and the surrounding area has become a commercial area. Children at the homeless shelter, and at the Tannery Housing Project have extremely limited options. Harvey West is no longer a safe recreational area.

To actually go for a walk near by, that you do not have to walk defensively YOU ONLY HAVE the POGONIP. We can now easily get there by the bridge over the River, and the path under Highway One, and then by

crossing River Street, and up Golf Course.

Our recreation relaxation only begins when getting on Pogonip Land.

Until then we are dodging cars and bikes and skaters who are all in a rush!

The expression 'Multi-Use Trail' makes us as a pedestrian and casual hiker FEARFUL.

Out on Multi Use Trails, we, the pedestrian/casual hikers, are considered a BARRIER - AN OBSTACLE - A PAIN IN THE BIKER'S BUTT! Multi Use does not promote equitable sharing & caring OR SAFETY.....

**MULTI-USE TRAILS** speed things up.

We already attempt to share the River Path, Ocean Street Extension, and the rest of Santa Cruz with **MULTI-USE TRAILS**

(more multi-use trails in the pipeline).... & We have to walk to be extremely alert.... hyper vigilant to bicyclists at all

times... from bike clubs to bike commuters to dirt bike users to small engined bikes & on and on..... Yes, we have had some close calls & still we walk many places & take the risk.

There are other Multi Use trails to get to and from UCSC to River Street. We know because we have stepped on them & almost got run down!

Is there a single dedicated walking route other than Pogonip?

Where can we go for a walk without being seen as an obstacle?

The only place we can think of is the cemetery across the street from me.

We also do not think Multi Use will deter drug use and sales.

By the time we get to Pogonip, we have passed many folks using or selling or under the influence. It actually gets mellow in Pogonip.

Let us walk together from Denny's and have an actual experience of what a respite Pogonip offers the walker & casual hiker.

We know that we maybe insignificant in the eyes of change, however, we are relevant.

The walk offer is sincere! We wish more economic development & status could come simply from walking.

All the best,

Craig & Patricia Schroeder-Nell  
124 Jewell Street, Santa Cruz,  
Ca. 95060 - 831-460-9239

**From:** zephyr [mailto:ezephyr@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 03, 2012 9:42 AM  
**To:** Ali MacBird  
**Subject:** Opposition to Multi-Use Trail

(Please distribute this comment letter to the Parks and Rec Commission Members)

Dear Parks and Recreation Commission,

I write to express my opposition to the proposed new multi-use trail in Pogonip.

The City erroneously claims that the current multi-use trail, U-Conn, has no history of conflicts between users, is well maintained, and provides a blueprint for the new trail. Since I have used U-Conn virtually every day for 11 years, I know that these claims are false.

Maintenance on U-Conn is rare. Every once in a while, the City sends someone up with a shovel to dig out a few outlets for the water that makes a river out of the trail every time it rains. When the trail becomes blocked by trees and other debris in storms, it often remains in that condition for a lengthy period before anything is done.

Conflicts between users occur on a daily basis. The trail is simply so narrow in many many spots that a bike cannot safely pass a pedestrian. And many bikers make no effort to accommodate other users. I am frequently frightened by bikers who come around blind curves at high speed and barrel directly at me. Since the trail is narrow, with one side dropping off and the other side a tall hill, there is nowhere for a pedestrian to go to escape from an oncoming bike. One section near the top is so narrow and has such poor visibility (due to blind curves) that I practically have to hold my breath throughout that section each day in hopes that I will hear a bike in time to call out warning. Many bikes fail to hear my warning ("Watch out!). I have had many many close calls on U-Conn, and it seems only a matter of time before I am badly injured by a careless biker. Many times I have had to leap away when there was somewhere to leap to (which there usually isn't). Sometimes I've had to turn around and run back down the trail in hopes of evading injury. It is hard to run faster than a downhill-racing bike! Several times I have been fortunate that the physical contact between a bike and my body was slight enough that I escaped injury.

The City seems to believe that the alleged absence of “reports” means that no incidents have occurred. I’ve never had anyone to report these incidents to. I have never seen a ranger on U-Conn, although I have seen rangers patrolling the main Spring Trail. Was I supposed to be sending a daily email to the City reporting on my encounters with these bikes? It hardly seemed likely to be helpful. I did contact Parks and Rec and discuss the need for better signage on U-Conn, but nothing whatsoever has been done to improve it. In any case, the bikes ignore the signage that exists. They explicitly tell me that it is “their trail” and I should go elsewhere. The bikes also frequently ignore any dangers to others. The trail is treated as their personal slalom course. This does not bode well for a future “multi-use” trail.

I disagree with the City’s assertion that U-Conn provides an example of how a multi-use trail can be accommodated in Pogonip. U-Conn provides a cautionary tale that should convince the City to prohibit biking on all trails in Pogonip. Unfortunately, U-Conn is simply too narrow to accommodate both bikers and pedestrians. And the new trail is projected to be equally narrow.

The City also disregards concerns about the erosion that bikes cause to the trails. The ruts on U-Conn caused by bikes ensure that the trail is a raging river in any significant rainstorm, which obviously leads to erosion. The many side trails created by the bikers also contribute to the degradation of the natural environment that Pogonip was intended to protect. I am sure also that the bikers who would take the new multi-use trail would also create side trails and trespass on the many other trails in Pogonip where they are currently prohibited. Of course they will, as they do now. Allowing bikes in additional areas will only encourage more trespassing of bikes on the trails that do not permit them. When I have (frequently) pointed out to bikers on Spring Trail (where they are prohibited, with plenty of signage to that effect), bikers almost always say that they know they are prohibited and don’t care. Or they are abusive in response to my polite question (“Did you know that bikes are not allowed here?”).

Finally, I am very concerned about the noise and disruption that the building of this trail will cause in an area of Pogonip that is currently very quiet and peaceful. The noise and disruption will not only disturb the many Santa Cruzans who currently enjoy walking and running in this area but will also disturb the wildlife. The joy of Pogonip is that it provides a natural area for Santa Cruzans and visitors to get away from noise and enjoy the natural environment and the wildlife that lives there. Currently, the Fern Trail, to which the new multi-use trail would be adjacent, is a very pretty contemplative trail. It will be an unpleasant place to be during construction of the new trail. The long period of construction that this trail would involve threatens the very benefit that Pogonip is intended to provide. This could end up being like Highway 1, where there is always a project ongoing to disrupt its actual purpose. Please don’t do this to Pogonip.

I urge you to reject the proposed new multi-use trail.

Ellen Zeff  
Pogonip User and City Resident

**From:** Margaret Ingraham <prc810@co.santa-cruz.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2011 10:07 AM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia; City Council  
**Subject:** FW: I support the Pogonip Multi Use Trail

Hello Decision Makers,

I would encourage you to move forward with Pogonip Multi Use trail as a levy connector to UConn Multi Use trail in Pogonip.

Your law enforcement, fire dept, park rangers, and recreation department all support this trail. I hope you agree with these wise and informed officials versus the selfish, ill-informed opposition.

Park Rangers and volunteers will enforce the no bike rules on the other trails.

Has the UConn trail increased illegal trail use in the Park? No.

Has the Uconn trail moved out the druggies in that area? Yes.

Please vote YES on the trail.

Regards,

[Margaret](#)

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**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2011 6:38 AM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
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**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2011 8:40 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
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John Hillstrom

251 Marnell Ave  
SC, CA 95062

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**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2011 9:32 AM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: Pogonip Multi-Use Trail

Re: Multi-Use Trail

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**From:** Chris Parsons [<mailto:cparsons07@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2011 8:39 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Pogonip Multi-Use Trail

I would like to express my full support for the proposed Pogonip Multi-Use Trail. Everybody in town knows what a mess "Heroin Hill" is and it's time to clean it up. The multi-use trail would add another great recreational asset to the area.

Thank You,

Chris Parsons  
(Husband, Father, Concerned Citizen)

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**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:26 PM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: No Pogonip Mountain Bike Trail

FYI

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**From:** David M. Heintz [<mailto:dheintz@sprintmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:23 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** No Pogonip Mountain Bike Trail

Dear City Council,

I am vehemently opposed to putting a Mountain Bike trail in Pogonip. For the record, I've lived in Santa Cruz since 1973, I am a former business owner in the city, and I ride a Mountain Bike on-road about 70 miles a week. For over 30 years, I've lived about 3 blocks from the Spring Street entrance to Pogonip and I walk in the park frequently.

Mountain Biking is not about enjoying nature. It is about speed, angle of descent, and catching air. If you want to experience Mountain Biking at its finest, I suggest you take a weekend walk from the top of Grey Whale Ranch at Empire Grade to Wilder Ranch at Highway 1--but make sure that your life insurance policies are paid up before you do. To make it more interesting, take a small child with you. While you are dodging the hordes of 35-50 year old male adolescents screaming "ON YOUR LEFT"/"ON YOUR RIGHT" as they streak by at top speed, please note the severe soil erosion, rutting, and trail damage caused entirely by Mountain Bikers. In fact, these conditions make it more exciting and fun for the riders. Did you enjoy a peaceful, quiet, restorative walk, where you were really able to appreciate the incredible beauty of the place? I don't think so. That is why multiple use trails very quickly become Mountain Bike trails.

In an attempt to garner support for the bad Pogonip Mountain Bike proposal, someone came up with the brilliant scheme of having the bikers act as vigilantes to disrupt the Pogonip drug trade, which, by all recent accounts, has pretty much dried up.

Given the veritable ocean of dumb ideas, poor decisions, and squandered dollars that you and your predecessors are responsible for over the decades, I guess this one shouldn't surprise me too much. Hey, I've got an even better idea! Why don't we have the local Hell's Angels Chapter police the evil-doers on Pacific Garden Mall?

In all seriousness, you guys should let out the seams on your thinking caps a notch or two--the blood supply seems to be badly compromised.

Sincerely,

David Heintz

**From:** rick parfitt <rick@parfitt.info>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2011 2:42 AM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Cc:** City Council  
**Subject:** Proposed Pogonip Multi-use Bike Trail

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Sincerely,

Rick Parfitt  
23243 Summit Rd  
Los Gatos, Ca 95033

**From:** Laura Davis <lauradavis@lauradavis.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 4:47 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** pogonip

I have lived in Santa Cruz for 33 years and have been paying property taxes for 23 years. I have enjoyed walking in the Pogonip for many years and strongly object to a mountain biking trail. It would ruin, what for me, has been a place of deep solace and peace for many years.

Laura Davis  
2274 Kinsley Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

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Laura Davis  
<mailto:lauradavis@lauradavis.net>  
<http://www.lauradavis.net>

Come with Laura to Bali next June:  
<http://www.lauradavis.net/cometobali>

To receive a free inspirational quote and writing prompt in your inbox each week:  
<http://www.lauradavis.net/prompts>

Facebook fan page: <http://bit.ly/ceQR2M>

For a schedule of events, go to:  
<http://lauradavis.net/calendar.html>

**From:** Sean Gordon <gordon.sean@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 12:08 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Cc:** City Council  
**Subject:** Pogonip Trail Construction

Hello Mr Garcia,

I support the creation and multi-use designation of a new trail in Pogonip on the land dubbed Heroin Hill. I'm a hiker, cyclist and father that uses many of the trail systems in Santa Cruz with my family on foot and by bicycle. I'm not extreme. I do not jump off cliffs or delight in descending trails at speeds that would be disrespectful to other trail users. I like to go biking and hiking in the woods with family and friends and enjoy the outdoors.

I think the opportunity, economic, social and recreational, of a trail that links downtown with outdoor recreation is a win-win. People can park downtown for rides and hikes, take public transportation to safely accessible trailheads, or more easily walk or ride to recreation. At the end of their hike or ride trail users will be able to continue the ride or walk to pizza, ice cream, cookies, coffee, or any number of shops in SC. Drug use would be displaced if the trail was popular and maintained, as I'm sure it will be. I guess I understand the positions of groups that don't want to share; sharing is at times tough. The fact is there are plenty of unshared trails. This is a 'big' trail opportunity for such a small trail. The opportunities it opens up are exciting and positive.

Thanks for your time,  
Sean Gordon

**From:** Nita nita <nitahertel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 04, 2012 10:40 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** pogonip trail changes

Hello,

I will not be able to attend the meeting and would like my comments made available to the commissioners.

I have been a patron of many city open spaces and parks for the past 30 years and one thing I have been sadly aware of is the destruction of habitat when bicycles are allowed to use the trail systems. I live close to Delaveaga Park and have watched the trails become dismally eroded and widened and off trail destruction make increasingly more side ruts and paths through the hillsides and forest.

I do not advocate banning bikes from parks but do urge the commission to keep the Pogonip one place this behavior cannot happen. Since there are many places for cyclists to ride recreationally in the city and county, I think it is prudent to protect the integrity of the Pogonip. It *will* get degraded if bikes are allowed on trails there.

I also think the idea that opening up a new trail in the undeveloped area as a way of reducing vagrant and drug use in these areas, is bogus. People riding through at high speed are not going to deter activity off trail. It is a smoke screen used to justify a recreational use.

thank you for hearing my comments.

Nita Hertel  
354 Stanford ave.

**From:** Michael Wahlers <courante@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 04, 2012 4:37 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** Pogonip EMUT Comments - Please make available for meeting on March 5

Mauro,

I hope the new year finds you well. Due to work commitments I will not be able to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting tomorrow evening so I wanted to send an email regarding the Pogonip EMUT. Please make my email available to the commission. After carefully considering both sides, I am firmly against the proposed trail. I am aware that my position is the majority position held by most of the people in Santa Cruz, despite the impressive organizational methods of the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz bike club.

I continue to be opposed to bicycles within Pogonip for the same reasons that I have outlined in my previous letters as well as vocalized during earlier meetings with you and several city council members. I will emphasize that Pogonip is the only remaining bike-free natural space in the Santa Cruz area and I am convinced that the introduction of mountain bikes (all bikes) will have a very negative impact. In addition, as an active mountain biker myself, I can nearly guarantee that bikers will illegally use the trails all over the Pogonip if this proposed trail is developed.

It is also concerning that the rail-trail idea has not been fully explored.

The fiscal expenditure for the trail also seems misguided at this time of budget austerity. The effect of the economic downturn is being felt by many of our community services, including our public libraries.

Thank you for considering my comments. I do hope that we can preserve Pogonip in its current state as it invites all denizens of Santa Cruz to enjoy a peaceful visit in a serene and biologically diverse setting. Avid bikers like myself are welcome too; just at this one location, we can leave our bikes at the gate.

Warmest Regards,  
Michael Wahlers

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Michael Wahlers, M.D.

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Michael Wahlers

**From:** Carole DePalma <caroledepalma@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2012 2:10 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** Pogonip bike trail

I do not support the new bike trail in Pogoni[. Lets keep Pogonip a quiet and safe Open Space for people and creatures who move with their feet on the ground.

Carole DePalma

**From:** Alex Work <alexwork@cruzio.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2011 8:22 AM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** Pogonip

Good day to you,

I write simply to express another citizens desire to open Pogonip as a multi-use trail that allows access to all, including cyclists, in the Santa Cruz area. Countless times I have traveled through the Pogonip area and as an able bodied adult capable of fending off attackers, still been scared of the dark nefarious presence lurking in the parks corners. I have personally witnessed drug transactions, drug consumption, rock throwing onto Highway 9, what sure appeared to be some sort of prostitution and numerous other curious sorts that were clearly not just out for a stroll.

All of the activities that truly harm society and ones self can thrive in the dark and unwitnessed realms. By allowing cyclists into Pogonip we would not only be granting more proper access to a legitimate and deserving, respectful and contributing cross-section of our community. We would be allowing access to a citizens patrol that shines the light of witness throughout the park. Cyclists can help to disband and derail those who would seek Pogonip as a realm of solace and privacy to enact in illegal activities.

Which is a more harmful scenerio: a family being startled by a friendly, healthy, life loving cyclist that they could likely hear approaching or a family being startled by any of the things I mentioned that I personally have seen in the park?

Let's open Pogonip to all and make it safer for all.

Thanks for your attentions,

Alex Work  
114 Parnell St.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
831-818-2383

**From:** Reed Searle <hrsearle@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2012 3:37 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** mountain bike trail through the pogonip,parksand rec agenda March 5

I am unable to attend the hearing of the Parks and Recreation Commission next Monday. I send this letter in lieu of personal appearance.

I am not reasonably qualified to express an opinion on the adequacy of the proposed negative declaration. I have noticed that mountain bikes frequently damage and destroy not only the paths they ride on, but on unimproved terrain adjacent to the bike trails. Many people---older people, families with children--- who otherwise would use our recreational spaces are dissuaded by the presence of mountain bikes.

I believe that the original rationale for the proposed rail---to reduce crime---has been more than adequately refuted. I see no rationale except the desire to open more of the Pogonip to mountain bicycles. Many of us want to retain the present status and use of the Pogonip, for leisurely walking. Mountain bikers want more trails to ride---not so they can commute to the University, but simply so they can use the territory. It seems to me a question of two different groups with different interests.

The Pogonip remains one of two (Moore Creek) which prohibits bicycles. I hope the Pogonip will be retained as a refuge for those who want to enjoy the peace and beauty of the Pogonip, without being disturbed, discommoded, frightened and possibly injured. Retaining the present use most certainly is the best way to protect the Pogonip.

H Reed Searle  
114 Swift St  
Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060  
phone 831-425-8721

**From:** David Giannini <davidgiannini@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2011 5:06 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** I support the Pogonip multi-use trail.

Please count my voice in support of the multi-use trail in the Pogonip.

For the past three years I have been coaching high school age mountain bikers. Despite our many warnings, most of these children ride a dangerous route along the railroad tracks from Santa Cruz in order to get to the University Connector. The multi-use trail would give these children a safer route to the trails they ride.

Respectfully,

David Giannini

**From:** John Hillstrom <jhillstrom@bcorporation.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2011 8:40 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Cc:** City Council  
**Subject:** I support a Pogonip multi-use trail

Hi,

I think a connector trail through Pogonip is a great idea. I also think it should be carefully engineered to keep speeds down and to truly act as a connector and not as a destination. I'm a die-hard mountain biker and Pogonip should not become a bike destination, but it should have an legal, safe, route through it given its location between the City and points North. I've ridden Highway 9, and it's truly terrifying (I'd love to see more speed enforcement on that road, whether or not there's a Pogonip trail).

Thanks,  
John Hillstrom

251 Marnell Ave  
SC, CA 95062

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**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2011 7:19 AM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: Yes to the Pogonip Multi-Use Trail

Re: Multi-Use Trail

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**From:** Malcolm J. Dryden [<mailto:malcolmjdryden@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2011 5:48 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Yes to the Pogonip Multi-Use Trail

Yes Yes Yes!

**From:** Maria Gardner [<mailto:waddellfive@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 12:07 PM

**To:** Parks and Rec

**Subject:** YES to pogonip multi-use trail

Dear Parks and Recreation Officials,

Please say Yes to the Pogonip Multi Use Trail. As a runner I am encouraged when I see other people taking advantage of this wonderful environment. There are so few walkers and runners using the area now, it can be uncomfortable being a solo runner at times. Sharing running trails with bicyclists (and unicyclists on occasion) in Nisene Marks and Wilder has never been a cause for concern. Let's make this an inclusive recreational area. Thanks.

Maria Gardner  
Santa Cruz

From: erin murphy [<mailto:erin@one-em.com>]  
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 4:48 PM  
To: Parks and Rec  
Subject: YES to Pogonip multi-use trail

I support the proposed multi-use trail in Pogonip.

I am a female runner and frequent Pogonip twice a week. I would feel much safer sharing the trails with mountain bikes than the illegal campers.

Currently I avoid the lower Fern trails.

Please vote Yes!

Erin Murphy  
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**From:** stephengerow@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 7:44 AM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** Notes regarding the proposed Pogonip East Multi-Use Trail

Mr. Garcia,

If it would be possible to forward the following comments to the members of the Santa Cruz City Parks and Recreation Commission prior to their meeting this afternoon, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Steve Gerow,  
Santa Cruz, CA

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

I strongly urge that you recommend against approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and against final approval of the proposed East Multi-Use Trail through Pogonip. There are a number of problems with the proposal, not the least of which is the proximity of the trail to the Fern Trail, which passes through some of the more ecologically sensitive areas of the park. The attention being paid to this proposal by the mountain biking community suggests that a fairly substantial amount of use of this trail by mountain bikers can be expected. Experience in other local parks and on the upper UCSC Campus has shown that in such areas with heavy mountain bike use, illegal connector trails can be expected, even if they connect to trails where bicycle use is not allowed.

The trail is designed as a relatively narrow path. Such trails, when extensively used by mountain bikers, tend to discourage much use by hikers and other users, thus it would not really function as a "multi-use" path. If bicycle use were to spread from there to other parts of the park, that would be very unfortunate. It would be illegal, but I do not believe that the city will have adequate resources, at least in the near future, to enforce trail-use regulations.

I regularly lead walks the Santa Cruz area focusing on birds and other aspects of our local natural history. Pogonip is one of the very few places where it is still possible to have a relaxing walk in the forest, without significant interruptions by groups of fast-moving vehicles, and the occasional very reckless rider. I believe the intent for the creation of this park was to preserve this significant natural area, and to allow local resident to observe, study, and enjoy the natural features and wildlife of the area. I believe it is important to have a few spots where we can walk and enjoy nature without the constant stress of having to dodge vehicles. Pogonip currently is, at least for the most part, one such place, and I believe changing that would be a great loss to our community.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments.

Steve Gerow,  
Santa Cruz, CA

**From:** Richard Popchak <richard\_popchak@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:16 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** NO on the East Multi-Use Trail Plan

Dear Mauro Garcia,

Please make this message available to the Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

Dear Commissioners,

I am adamantly opposed to the efforts to put a "multi-use" trail in the Pogonip.

- 1. Please do NOT adopt the Revised Mitigated Negative Declaration.**
- 2. Please do not amend the Pogonip Master Plan.**
- 3. Please do not approve the East Multi-Use Use Trail.**

My reasons for this are simple. The Pogonip Master Plan was done correctly the first time. I understand that things change, but there is not a need to provide mountain bikers with an additional route at this location. The creation of this "multi-use trail" will essentially become an inappropriate mountain bike freeway in public space that was set aside for the quiet contemplation of nature and peace from an increasingly hectic and fast-paced world. The addition of this trail is counter-intuitive to the purpose of the Pogonip.

While I am impressed with the mountain bike communities' effort to get Parks and Rec to do their bidding ... we must see through their shallow reasons to introduce "thrill craft" to the Pogonip.

These excuses include:

A hedge against crime in the Pogonip; Thanks but no thanks. Honestly, does anyone believe a mountain biker racing along on a trail is going to double as a narcotics officer?

There is nowhere to mountain bike: Sorry Charlie. There are already a multitude of single-track mountain bike options in Santa Cruz. The increased mountain bike usage of these trails has ruined the hiking and equestrian experience for many who once enjoyed such trails. Must we continue to provide more and more trails for bikers ... many of whom lack any etiquette when it comes to sharing a trail with other bikers, let alone hikers and equestrians?

The multi-use trail is a needed "green" route to UCSC: Nope. this trail is an out-of-the-way route to UCSC. It involves a steeper climb. The intent pure and simple is to get access for thrill craft usage in a place where it is inappropriate for most users.

Commissioners: Do the right thing. Do not relinquish our park to a use that will be detrimental to the people of Santa Cruz. We do not always have to go faster and harder. We need in fact to slow down.

Thank you for reading my message.

Regards,

Richard Popchak  
346 Getchell Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**From:** Cath George [<mailto:cath@tradeasone.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 10:22 AM

**To:** Parks and Rec

**Subject:** YES to Pogonip multi-use trail

To whom it may concern at Santa Cruz Parks and Rec~

My family and I support the proposed multi-use trail in Pogonip.

I am a female runner and frequent Pogonip about twice a week. My family also regularly enjoy Pogonip for dog-walking. We would all feel much safer sharing the trails with mountain bikes than the illegal campers.

Currently I avoid the lower Fern trails.

I encourage you to vote Yes in support of the proposed multi-use trail.

Catherine and Nathan George  
500 California Street  
Santa Cruz  
CA 95060

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**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2011 11:36 AM  
**To:** David Terrazas; Don Lane; Hilary Bryant; Katherine Beiers; Lynn Robinson; Ryan Coonerty; Tony Madrigal  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** FW: Pogonip multi-use trail

Re: Multi-Use Trail

**From:** lindsey collins [<mailto:collindsey@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2011 11:24 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Pogonip multi-use trail

To the City Council,

I'm writing to support the long-overdue approval of the Pogonip multi-use trail. This will be a fantastic addition to Santa Cruz and the county as a whole.

I teach at UCSC and have lived on the West Side for over seven years, and regularly run with my dog in Pogonip. Over the last few years, I've felt increasingly unsafe, especially as a woman running alone, due to the rampant drug problems and recent sexual assaults in the park. There are a lot of prejudices against bicyclists: they're destructive, inconsiderate, and aggressive. These are not only outdated and unfounded, but this attitude is exactly the wrong way to make policy about the future of our community's trails in the midst of the significant challenges we face.

By all standards, we're facing some new challenges as a community, with increased homelessness, drug, and gang problems. The way forward to protect public spaces is not to restrict access to law abiding residents. Instead, we need to appeal to more people, families, people who want to enjoy the outdoors, to become invested in Pogonip, to have a stake in its future. This is the only way to ensure Pogonip doesn't continue to become a shelter for dangerous addict encampments. Cyclists care deeply for the trails they ride, just as much as hikers, or people in wheelchairs, or on horseback. The only changes that will come from enabling bike access through Pogonip are entirely positive ones.

Thank you for the work you do for Santa Cruz. This trail will send a clear message: as a community, we're united, whether we hike, bike, or run. And we trust each other's good judgment and ability to be good stewards for our public land. Together, we won't sit by and let Pogonip turn into a place we fear.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Collins

**From:** Craig Nell <cnell@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 4:25 PM  
**To:** Mauro Garcia  
**Subject:** Please consider NOT amending Pogonip Master Plan to include East Multi-Use Trail.

**Dear Mr. Garcia, Superintendent of Parks,**

**As a resident of 124 Jewell Street below the Elk's Club for the past 12 years, we are pretty boxed in with busy streets and a variety of vehicles including bikes & , yes, more development is on the way in this area. Also less recreation is available. The Harvey West Pool is not viable, and the surrounding area has become a commercial area. Children at the homeless shelter, and at the Tannery Housing Project have limited options. Harvey West is no longer a safe recreational area.**

**To actually go for a walk near by that you do not have to walk defensively YOU ONLY HAVE POGONIP.**

**I can now easily get there by the bridge over the River and the path under Highway**

One and then by crossing River Street and up Golf Course.

My relaxation only begins when getting on Pogonip land.

Until then I am dodging cars and bikes and skaters and folks walking dogs who are all in a rush!

The expression Multi-Use Trail makes me as a pedestrian and casual hiker FEARFUL.

Out on Multi Use Trails, we , the pedestrian/casual hikers, are considered a BARRIER - AN IMPEDIMENT - AN OBSTACLE - A PAIN IN THE BIKER'S BUTT!

MULTI-USE TRAILS speed things up.

I already share the River Path, Ocean Street Extension, and the rest of Santa Cruz with MULTI-USE TRAILS.... & I have to be extremely alert.... hyper vigilant to bicyclists at all times... from bike clubs to bike commuters to dirt bike users to small engined bikes & on and on..... Yes, I have had some close calls & still I walk many places & take the risk.

There are other Multi Use trails to get to and from UCSC to River Street. I know because I have stepped on them & almost got run down!

Is there a single dedicated walking route other than Pogonip? Where can I go for a walk without being seen as an obstacle? The only place I can think of is the cemetery across the street from me.

I also do not think Multi Use will deter drug use and sales.

By the time I get to Pogonip, I have passed many folks using or selling or under the influence. It actually gets mellow in Pogonip.

Let us walk together and have an actual experience of what a respite Pogonip offers the walker & casual hiker.

I know that I maybe insignificant in the eyes of change, however, I am relevant.

The walk offer is sincere!

**All the best, Patricia Schroeder-Nell**  
**124 Jewell Street, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060 -**  
**831-460-9239**

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend City Council 1) adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, 2) Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, 3) Amend the Pogonip Master Plan to include the East Multi-Use Trail and 4) Approve the East Multi-Use Trail Plan and direct staff to begin construction of the trail.

**From:** julie bramlett [mailto:jhbramlett@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 2:14 PM  
**To:** Parks and Rec  
**Subject:** Yes to mt. bikes

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to ask that you please open up the Pogonip area to mt. bikes. I am an avid runner and cyclist and I believe this would be the best use for everyone. Thank you. Julie Bramlett

-----Original Message-----

From: Gregg Herken [<mailto:greggherken@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 8:39 AM

To: Dannettee Shoemaker; Hilary Bryant; dterrazas@cityofsantacruz.org

Subject: support for the multi-use Pogonip trail

Hi Dannette, Hilary, and David--just a quick note to thank the panel for approving--unanimously!--the multi-use trail at Pogonip. I want you to know that our organization, with its 1000-plus membership of local residents, supports the trail, and your efforts to make it happen. On another front, Mike and I are asking to meet with Chet to discuss the future of off-leash recreation in Santa Cruz. Keep up the good work. Best, Gregg Herken

From: Shari Laroche [<mailto:laroche.shari@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 1:38 PM

To: Parks and Rec

Subject: Proposed mulit use trail @ Pogonip

To whom it may concern at Santa Cruz Parks and Rec~

I love to hike in Pogonip but feel less and less inclined to do so because of all the camping and drug use that have been found there. I am copying my good friend Cath George's note to you and support what she wrote 100%. "We would all feel much safer sharing the trails with mountain bikes rather than the illegal campers. My family and I support the proposed multi-use trail in Pogonip." I'm know all of my friends feel exactly the same way that I do.

Sincerely,  
Shari Laroche

**From:** City Council  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2012 7:54 AM  
**To:** Katherine Beiers; Tony Madrigal; Lynn Robinson; David Terrazas; Ryan Coonerty; Hilary Bryant; Don Lane  
**Cc:** Dannettee Shoemaker  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pogonip MUT - YES

FYI

Sent from my iPad. Expect typos.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Beth Moorehead <[bethpm65@gmail.com](mailto:bethpm65@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 8, 2012 10:56:21 AM PST  
**To:** City Council <[citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com)>  
**Subject:** Pogonip MUT - YES

Hello,

I am a life long resident of Santa Cruz County, approaching my 50s, and remember riding my bicycle on Chinguapin trail as a 9 year old with friends to get to their house on Empire Grade, after visiting their dad, a UCSC professor and getting candy from the vending machine at Cowell. I remember riding my bike through Nisene Marks when we were about the only people out there. I have ridden ponies on beaches, at Graham Hill and all throughout Aptos. I have taken to running in Delaveaga and UCSC.

I hike absolutely everywhere with my kids (and dogs when allowed to). I have seen mountain lions in Aptos in my mom's back yard, and at Wilder.

One place I don't go - ever - is lower Pogonip. I'd like to go back to Pogonip after lengthy hiatus. I'd also like to take my kids bike riding up to UCSC, like I did when I was 9 - but I can't ride with them up High Street because it's absolutely unsafe to ride with kids on that road. A multiuse trail through Pogonip would suffice - we can leave the van at home! I'll put in the elbow grease time and again to keep the trail nice, and will maintain my mantra of "share the road"

with horses, hikers and others. Let's OPEN up the trails, and remove the very real and dangerous heroin hill.

Please say YES to the Pogonip MUT. I'm tired of pleading and squeaking out small victories. I'm weary from campaigning for my local elementary school (charter schools, parcel taxes, etc etc!). I'm tired of dealing daily with the drug addicts in my neighborhood and calling the police and writing to you about it. Please give me this one.

Thank you,  
Beth Moorehead