

Friday, August 9, 2019

Subject: Willow Glen Trestle  
Re: Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern ....

We support the San José Parks Foundation for Willow Glen Trestle grant application to Research and Document the History of the Willow Glen Trestle.

Born here in San Jose over 70 years ago, the valley floor was lush with apricot, prune, cherry and walnut orchards. Change was slow and we took our heritage for granted. After World War II that changed and the building boom began.

In the older, now historic and protected neighborhood of metes-and-bounds property lines, this trestle over Los Gatos Creek was left tucked away out of sight from streets and thoroughfares.

As the area grew from orchards and canneries and the "*Valley of Hearts Delight*" to now the "*Capital of Silicon Valley*", this trestle still stands as a testament of what was once defined as a farm town.

Our city, now in the crosshairs of giant corporations, hyper development and skyrocketing property values needs to preserve this nearly 100yr old structure standing over Los Gatos Creek. Its strength and unique design should remain for the service and enjoyment of all ages; whether on foot, bike, scooter, or in wheel chair or stroller.

Saving this iconic trestle as part of the Los Gatos Creek Trail will inform, instruct and fascinate generations to come. Built from native nearby timbers, this weathered but strong trestle should be allowed to proudly bridge our city's rich history and its high tech future.

We strongly support the San José Parks Foundation for Willow Glen Trestle grant application to Research and Document the History of the Willow Glen Trestle.

Respectfully,

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