

To Whom it May Concern:

I support the "San Jose Parks Foundation for Willow glen Trestle" grant application "to research and Document the History of the Willow glen Trestle.

I have lived in Willow Glen my entire life and grew up on Milton Way. Milton Way parallels the railroad tracks and is about one half mile from the Willow Glen Trestle. This iconic piece of history has been a part of Willow Glen almost 100 years. I remember hearing the trains day and night rumble along the tracks carrying the fruit harvested from the Valley of Hearts Delight to their destination. My Grandfather was born here in Santa Clara Valley and once worked at the cannery nearby and dried the prunes that were eventually loaded onto train cars and traveled over the trestle.

This trestle is very much a part of Willow Glen history as well as the history of San Jose and this valley. To lose this treasure never to be seen again or reproduced is a great lose. We can always tell the stories of the trestle and what part of history it played but we would never be able to actually visualize the structure itself if it was to be demolished. It would be lost forever. Once it is demolished it will be just gone.

Please consider the request for the grant which would research and document the history of the Willow Glen Trestle.

Best Regards

Jim Carter

Resident of Willow Glen for over 70 years.