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<b>What else would you like us to know about Belmont's Parks?</b>	<b>What else would you like us to know about Belmont's Open Spaces?</b>	<b>What else would you like us to know about Belmonts Outdoor Recreation Programs (this includes youth sports, outdoor exercise, etc)?</b>
Open-Ended Response	Open-Ended Response	Open-Ended Response
<p>I love the parks. Especially twin pines and Water Dog.</p>	<p>I love the Open Spaces</p>	
<p>I used to use the neighborhood park at lot more with young children. After they left home, I prefer going to water dog.</p>	<p>Over the year, I can see gradual deterioration of water dog trails. Now the ruts and gravel surface replaced the top soil making it hard to walk. I believe much of the erosion is caused by mountain bikes as many other open spaces found out. I am sure it is not due to water related soil erosion as we have not had a good rain in years. We need to limit the number of mountain bikes using open space and designated the wide trails for them. The walking trails are too narrow for them and I have seen them widening the trails by riding on the vegetation. The number of bikers have also increased dramatically. Many of them dresses to kill in full armor outfit to protect themselves in case of a bad fall. I almost feel that I need to dress like them in case we have a collision. I had too many close calls. I hope you consider banning bikes on hiking trails and at the minimum limit them to certain day of the week or certain hours. I witnessed a hiker knocked down by a bike, he zipped away in no time before we got a good description of him. If the current trend continues, I may not be going back to water dog.</p>	

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	<p>I enjoy living next to Water Dog. I hike there a lot. On the weekend, it is not safe to hike in Water Dog. There are too many bikers. My family would rather drive to open spaces in the surrounding community, hike there and eat dinner there before coming home. Lately because of the pandemic, there are a lot of bikers during weekdays also. It becomes a safety problem for me. I would like to see bikes restricted to riding on the wide trails and leave the narrow trails for hikers to walk slowly and appreciate the flora and fauna. Bikers go so fast that they can only focus on the trails or they might fall into the canyon. They go too fast to appreciate any scenery. It is a waste of scenery to have bikers going down the trails. My suggestion is to ban bikes from narrow trails.</p>	
<p>There is nothing in the survey regarding community gardens so I'm not sure why you are sending this to me.</p>		
	<p>My family really enjoys the open space for bike trail riding. This is a very good activity with proper social distancing and exercise.</p>	
<p>No tennis courts with lights</p>	<p>As a Mt Bike enthusiast I have helped maintain and build trails. And I am a responsible, courteous biker. Do not let the one bad apple spoil it for the responsible people.</p>	
	<p>I oppose restrictions on all kinds of bikes in waterdog open space</p>	
	<p>Keep them open to dogs on leash</p>	
<p>Water dog lake should be left open to dogs and bikers!</p>		
<p>Community center seems pretty run down and not inviting.</p>		<p>Lacking compared to neighboring towns of San Carlos and San Mateo</p>
<p>Hoping that some changes happen before my kids outgrow plans.</p>		

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	<p>Open spaces promote the biodiversity of other species which makes the earth habitable for all life, most especially humans. Our open spaces are being destroyed at an alarming rate by humans transforming habitats for their own purposes, e.g., resource-extractive industry practices, like clear-cutting trees, drilling for oil and gas, and mining; real-estate development in places that have been off limits before; and overuse for recreation. Combined with Climate Change our natural and necessary open spaces are more threatened than ever, which means their protection through conservation should be prioritized. Our local open spaces should be managed first and foremost for conservation and recreation should managed around that goal.</p>	
	<p>Leave Waterdog as it is and don't limit it as there should be different activities allowed.</p>	
<p>love waterdog open space for mountain biking, has been a staple of mine since starting to mountain bike 20 years ago, trails and hikers and mountain bikers all in harmony</p>	<p>keep mountain biking allowed on the trails, genuine gem of the city of belmont, brings in lots of neighboring riders of the city and includes their stimulation of the local economy</p>	
	<p>Bikes and walkers cannot share narrow trails. We have come close to being hit by speeding bikes at Hidden Canyon.</p>	
	<p>We have no trails near our neighborhood.</p>	
<p>Not enough athletic sports court (new Barrett will help). Need more basketball and tennis courts.</p>	<p>Beautiful. Right now, good balance for hikers/bikers, etc. Lived next to Waterdog for 15 years and have not noticed environmental problems that a few, highly vocal citizens bring up. I do not mountain bike.</p>	

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<p>I do not feel safe walking the trails at Water Dog lake, especially on weekends when there are so many bicyclists,</p>		
	<p>I was born and raised in Belmont and have been visiting Belmont's open spaces for as long as I can remember. I have been riding the trails in these open spaces for nearly 30 years, and the condition has barely changes in that time. Hikers and cyclists can coexist on the trails, everyone just needs to remember to consider their neighbor.</p>	
<p>Keep them clean and safe, please</p>	<p>Nature rules</p>	<p>no opinion</p>
	<p>I would like to ban all bikes from Belmont Water Dog Hidden Canyon Open Space. Bikes are noisy and going too fast. They like to go off trails and gradually creating new trails and bypass. They have no respect and no appreciation for the environment. They treat the open space as their amusement park. They might have a lot of fun using the trails for free. The environmental damage they created will deprive future generations of Belmont residents from enjoying natural surrounding that is close to home. By the way, many of the bikers come from all over the bay area. Why should they be able to come and mess up our open space backyard?</p>	

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	<p>Waterdog is a convenient place to bring my young children for outdoor and environmental education without having to drive miles to national parks. Mountain bikes are disturbing the peaceful atmosphere. The bikers are speeding down hill making it a safety issue. Their rude behaviors are bad example for my kids.</p>	
<p>When I first moved to Belmont in 2003 with a one and three-year-old I was disappointed in the playgrounds. Coming from Redwood City where there were many interesting options Belmont had nothing new or oriented to that young age.</p>	<p>I hike and bike in Waterdog and San Juan weekly and love, love them. I am very concerned about a local group's push to limit biking. Many of us cyclists began to mountain bike due to our interest in nature and preservation so these are not at all mutually exclusive activities.</p>	<p>While I glance at the park and rec activity guide (now that my sons are adults), I am not aware of outdoor programs for adults.</p>
	<p>Why are mountain bikes allowed on all the trails instead of just the wide trails? Hikers are getting run over on the narrow trails and it is very dangerous because bikers jump and speed so we have to jump out of the way. Also, the hiking trails are damaged by the bikes and need lots of repair.</p>	
	<p>I have seen the Water Dog Open Space degraded over the year by mountain bikes. They damaged vegetation along the trails. Seedlings of invasive species were brought to Water Dog because these mountain bikers come from all over the Bay Area. I would like to see mountain bikes banned from our trails. Additionally the bikers are very rude and they ride too fast. It is a matter of time before I get hit by a speeding bike.</p>	
	<p>Do not block bicycle access. It is healthy both for the individual and the environment.</p>	

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	<p>I am very sad to see the destruction and damage to our open spaces in Belmont, and to our wildlife due to mountain biking activities and lack of respect for nature and anyone who's not on a bike. What is it going to take for the city of Belmont to prioritize protecting its open spaces and citizens over whatever it is that it is getting in return for allowing the mountain bikers to do as they wish with our trails and open spaces?</p>	
<p>Doesn't feel like a place you can sit down and relax, enjoy the sun or outdoor air. I don't even remember there is a place to sit down in Barrette outdoor. Let's not emphasize on outdoor picnic or BBQ in the park, what about just for a group of retired neighbors to sit around chatting, playing chess, poker, what have you, so a gazebo may be nice, a water fountain nearby maybe nice, and make sure the bike path not to traverse the park, maybe limited to the perimeter for bike. And I could really use a swimming pool, either open the one in high school for residents, or create a facility like the one in Highland area of San Mateo.</p>	<p>Road erosion in Waterdog Lake, with more and more trees that used to hold the road together fell down, what are we going to do about it? I wonder if biking there is to be blamed. Can we plan new trees to replace the fallen ones?</p>	<p>You have programs for seniors and youths, but nothing for working professionals. The hours the programs offer are in the working hours, and there is nothing of interest to the working professionals. I understand it could be difficult to find qualified instructors or facilitators for the programs, but I haven't seen any public call of recruitments either.</p>
	<p>Keep mountain biking at Waterdog.</p>	
<p>Why do we advertise Belmonts bike paths so people drive from distant area (example East Bay using gasoline=pollution ) to use our trails?</p>	<p>Try to keep natural quiet for residents use and for safe walking.</p>	<p>Great for recreational sports fields!</p>
	<p>too many bikes on narrow trails. too many unleashed dogs in open spaces/trails.</p>	

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	I don't like the mountain bikers speeding down water dog	
	The last 20 years has had a devastating impact on the condition of the Waterdog/Hidden Canyon open space -- increased trails, destruction of riparian areas and habitat, dramatic reduction in tree canopy, wildlife reduction ... if we do not implement measures to not only stop, but REVERSE, this destruction we will not give our children the same beautiful open space we inherited ... I'm ashamed that our generation made the world a worse place -- this same destruction we are doing in Belmont is being done on a global level ... everyone has their own excuse why they are destroying the earth and environment. This is our opportunity to reverse the destruction of WD/HC.	
I love our parks and open spaces.	Please separate bikes from hikers - it is scary and dangerous to have them on the same paths like at Waterdog.	Please add more pickleball courts with lights that are open all day and in the evening

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	<p>Waterdog to enjoy the miles of incredible shared open space trails. Recently, I’ve gone with my 10 year old son and 12 year old daughter and they both, especially the former, love it. It’s one of the few activities they enjoy involving the outdoors besides organized sports (which are severely limited at the moment due to Covid). And as you can imagine, any hour spent away from their devices is an hour towards good mental health and fitness. When I ride, I always carry a bell and “œding” it when I come around corners or hear people in the distance. That said, I ALWAYS yield to pedestrians and exchange pleasant greetings when we meet each other on the trails. Waterdog is one of the few places in public these days where I am reminded of the vibrant community we have here in Belmont. I have of course noticed that during the pandemic, the trails have become more congested than before, but almost everyone I see is cordial and friendly. I’m sure there are aggressive bike riders who may give a bad impression to a vocal minority. That said, I’ve personally run into more issues with off-leash dogs and bags of poop than I have seen involving riders. I support keeping Waterdog Open Space an accessible and sustainable place for recreation, connecting with nature and building community. In the new Master Plan, I request you to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining the trails, as they are, for multi-use for hiking, biking, dog walking, exercise, connecting with nature, etc., consistent with best practices of other open spaces</li> <li>• Continuing outreach and education to trail users and groups to ensure safe and sustainable use of our trails. Encourage riders to use bells.</li> </ul>	
		<p>You need to create SAFE bicycle lanes in Belmont that are not shared with a traffic lane (as in downtown Belmont). You need a protected bike lane west of Cipriani on Ralston where cars are going 40+ mph and there is no shoulder. Ralston Middle School kids would be able to safely ride to school, and the general public would not be taking our lives in our hands</p>



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	I thoroughly disagree with the ongoing initiative to remove mountain biking from the open spaces.	
I love them as they are, can see that water features etc would make more fun especially when hot. i traveled to san carlos and san mateo parks alot when the kids were younger for more features	Again, i love them. love their wildness. love running there, love that my kids and friends can bike there.	Yeah, Sports complex is great now - more turf would be good!
	Open spaces need benches and restrooms, but too much development destroys the character and beauty of open space. I prefer open space to parks and athletic spaces, mostly because age. But we need all options to be inclusive.	
	This is one of the few areas to slow biking in all of the bay area. Please do not reduce bike access	
	Having access to Water Dog for MTB use has been an excellent outlet for me to destress during the pandemic. I love being able to ride so close to my house.	
	Regulations on mountain bike speed while maintaining current access	Oitdoor lap swimming pool.

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<p>Hallmark Park tennis courts are in dire need of surfacing (dangerous cracks caused by surrounding pine trees which should be removed). Also the playground at Hallmark Park is pretty sad and it would be great if it were replaced with a picnic area, pull up bars, and/or sand volleyball court and maybe a small section of turf. Is there potential for a public-private partnership to renovate the park?</p>	<p>Waterdog open space is the crown jewel! My wife and I were just talking about how amazing it is to be able to walk from our house with our kids (and dog) and be able to access trails. There are very few places on the peninsula where this is feasible so Belmont should invest in keeping the Waterdog trail system and hillsides well-preserved for future hikers/runners/bikers.</p>	
	<p>DO not allow bike pump!!!</p>	
<p>I see the neighboring parks with some amazing play structures and multiuse areas. (Like Bedford park in San Mateo). Why don't we have a space like that in Belmont?</p>		<p>I grew up with a neighborhood pool where a kid could get a membership for the summer and go play all summer. Having only Carlmont's pool available during work days for 2 or 3 hours isn't</p>
	<p>I enjoy hiking, biking, and walking my dog in the open space.</p>	
<p>Please keep me posted on the plans for improvement of Belmont's parks.</p>		

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<p>Note: I am a Mtn Biker. I have lived in several places with shared use hiking/biking trails; Water Dog struggles in this regard. We don't need to restrict trails to make them safe; just add rules of the road to make traffic predictable. Examples: specify traffic directions on certain days (e.g., trails are specified as downhill some days (MWF), then uphill others (S-T-Thu). Mark the trailheads accordingly (e.g., color codes) so hikers and bikers know which way bike traffic is going. Require bells on all bikes on all trails (city provides bells at every trailhead; bikers borrow and return as they go on and off trails - San Luis Obispo does this). Restrictions aren't what's needed; what's needed are clear, simple, easy rules to make movement predictable</p>		
	<p>Essential, increase please</p>	
	<p>We should be able to let mountain bikers use the open spaces.</p>	
	<p>They should remain a place for ALL to enjoy outdoor activity -- not just a select few. This includes biking, hiking, trail running, whatever the folks in the community enjoy.</p>	
<p>The vista point on Ralston near Christian dr needs repaving</p>		
	<p>Multi use is critical!! My friends and colleagues come from afar to mountain bike Waterdog with me and then eat and drink and be merry in local establishments.</p>	
	<p>Please don't ban MTB.</p>	

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	<p>Waterdog needs to seriously combat the over use of mountain bikers. They come from outside our city because it is one of the few places that allows them to get away with the destruction and dangers the present. I urge you to please change the rules that will deter these people from destroying our natural environment. The bikers add illegal trails and scare the daylights out of hikers. I look forward to the days when my family and I can safely hike through Waterdog without fear of injury.</p>	
<p>I do not support further changes to Twin Pines Park.</p>		
<p>We use the Belmont parks and open spaces daily. We love walking the dog there or bringing her to the dog park for exercise. Water dog is an awesome place to hike together.</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>Is the track at Carlmont HS open to the public?</p>
<p>Keep MTB in open spaces</p>		
	<p>The combination use of Waterdog trails for hikers and bikers is VERY dangerous. I have almost been hit numerous times by mountain bikers who are riding fast around corners on narrow trails. Frankly, I am amazed I haven't been hit yet.</p>	
	<p>I would like to preserve mountain biking use in our open spaces. It is a wonderful option for people and can be done in concert with hikers.</p>	

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<p>not many available at walking distance, specially on the hilly area of downtown. streets are very unsafe and kids can't play even outside the house. no side walks. not sure where the tax dollar is used in Belmont.</p>		<p>pricey for the tax paying residents. \$5 price difference between resident and non-resident pricing. the barrett community centre building is fall apart. again don't see the tax dollar being used</p>
	<p>We hiked for the first time at Hidden Valley Park trails today and thought it would benefit from more signage. At several points we couldn't figure out where we were on the map we brought along.</p>	
<p>Need trails paved for use with walkers or canes</p>		
	<p>Bikers are too aggressive and riding too fast. I almost got run over several time. They should be prohibited from open space.</p>	
<p>I love the parks I visit in Belmont and think ya'll are doing a great job. Also very glad to have an open space (Waterdog Lake) that's walking distance from my home.</p>		
	<p>People off trail a lot destroying natural habitat. Bikers do not yield to walkers they yell coming thru as they barrel downhill on very narrow trails. Leaving you to jump in the brush. Many times there are 4or more in a row. Often i have gone for some peace and quiet only to have a walker or biker playing loud music with no earphones. Its a hot mess of stuff on weekends and evenings. Everyone does whatever they want</p>	

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<p>I would like to see more overhead lights in the areas of the parks where outdoor recreation is used. During the summer months when the weather is warmer. More people are walking around in the summertime due to our nice summer weather in the evenings.</p>	<p>Love the area where I live, but would like to see less traffic in my area due to Hallmark Park close by and Water Dog Trail. Not sure if we could ever build a parking facility for people to park and then walk to their destinations.</p>	<p>I do not participate too much in recreation programs due to my work schedule. But I like the idea of outdoor tour guides maybe on the weekends at some of our beautiful open spaces. Maybe a volunteer program to clean up and plant native gardens in some areas of Belmont. Also bring back the music groups in Twin Pines</p>
	<p>I love biking and bike with family every month. But some areas of Waterdog trail is too narrow and full of blind corners. Some (not all) mountain bikers chase a fast speed, now making the waterdog no longer safe for Pet, children, and local family walk.</p>	
<p>Widening the trails so that runners do not have to dive into the poison oak and bushes to avoid bikers would be very nice.</p>		
	<p>Save the mountain bike trails!</p>	
<p>I love riding my bike there and I hope to continue to do so!</p>		
<p>I love them!</p>	<p>If you have volunteer opportunities I'd love to help out!</p>	<p>I think it's great!</p>
	<p>The opportunity to be able to mountain bike in water dog is a really amazing resource. A lot of people value it, use it responsibly for that purpose and love that it is so close to their neighborhoods.</p>	
<p>My wife and I live in central Belmont and walk through Twin Pines park every week as we do loops through the neighborhood. We've enjoyed music and cultural festivals there over the years as well.</p>	<p>Waterdog &amp; Hidden Canyon Open Spaces have been a godsend for me during the pandemic. I mountain bike there every week, and it is for me a 'moving meditation'. I take friends hiking there as well--it's a tremendous local amenity.</p>	

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<p>Hallmark Park should have at least a porta potty. I used to include walk a around the tennis courts in my route but just got disgusted with human waste behind trees and bushes.</p>		
	<p>Keep Waterdog open to mountain biking</p>	
<p>The pandemic has been a challenging time for everyone. A mask mandate has been in place since last spring. I use a park or trail almost every day. I've seen hundreds of people with no mask because there's been zero enforcement.</p>	<p>Having regular and fairly easy access to parks and open spaces has been a privilege during this unprecedented and challenging time. The facilities have been heavily used by local residents and tax payers as well as a lot of people from outside the area. I've been a resident and tax payer in the area for more than 20 years. While it's important we welcome visitors when and where we can, my experience is that the City government seems to work very hard trying to accommodate the needs and wishes of people who either don't live in the area or don't pay taxes (or both), frequently to the detriment of residents and tax payers. I hope this plan reflects the long-term needs of those who live here and pay the taxes that make it all work.</p>	
	<p>Please keep them quiet and relating to nature. Please do not allow any sport activities within open space. Keep the atmosphere serene for the sake of animals and humans. Where else can one go to expect such solitude?</p>	<p>All sports activities should be included in these locations.</p>

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	I have lived in Belmont since I was 5 years old (25 now). I became interested in mountain biking at a very young age, and having access to the wonderful trails in the Waterdog Lake area helped spark this interest into a life-long passion for mountain biking, outdoor recreation, hiking, and in general, appreciation for nature. I think it is very important to preserve access to this unique and amazing trail system for all uses (biking, hiking, etc.) for generations to come.	
	How you work with privately owned open space that is adjacent/borders public space but users do not know that and end up causing damage (bike riders)?	
Little or no management.	Walking should be acomodated.restrict by cycles out of area users.	
Keep them clean and safe		
Tennis courts at Hallmark park need work. School fields used for youth sports are generally sub-par.	Keep it wilderness. No facilities like skate parks, bike bump tracks, etc. Allow official trails only. Reserve certain trails for walking only. Ban motorized vehicles. Adequately fund and staff for vigilant maintenance. Enforce regulations.	
Allow Mountainbiking in Waterdog park to continue	Allow us to continue mountain biking in Waterdog	



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	Water Dog should ban all biking. Most of the bikers are from out of our area and are a menace on the trails.	
	Remove bikes from the open spaces. they destroy trails and cause trip hazards that could result in the city being sued.	
	It is a great place to go for a bike ride and due to the variety of trails and option I can vary my ride based on time and energy.	
Need more dog parks - especially wide open grassy areas for dogs to run.		
Love the biking opportunities		
Too Little public art and every park doesn't need a sports field.	Segregate areas for peaceful hiking from mountain biking.	Allow classes to use space for free if they are free classes.
more BBQ areas	More BBQ areas	
	I do not think mountain bike use in Water Dog Lake open space should be restricted or limited. Also, open spaces should be for recreation, not just "contemplation" of nature. Let's move away from the old, exclusive way of thinking about our community, and welcome people from all backgrounds to use our parks and open spaces.	
In general these are wonderful gems adding to the quality of living in our community. Some upgrades in infrastructure will have tremendously magnified positive improvement. I'm glad to see these under consideration and look forward to the implementation and enjoyment.	These are a major factor in why we love living in Belmont so much. Our open spaces are truly essential to our community and sprit and need to remain open to all including bicycles. As we have seen during the pandemic- these areas offer true natural outdoor refuge under local control. Maintaining the open spaces I believe is of utmost importance to the future health and well being of our community.	We enjoy these programs with all ages and members of our family and look forward to more.
Love the mountain biking trails at Waterdog!	Keep the mountain biking trails!!	

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<p>Waterdog (and Carlmont Jumps) are the only places in Belmont and the surrounding communities where cyclists have access to local trails. It is a wonderful place for children to learn to ride and for an after-work fitness ride. Waterdog's trails were built by mountain bikers and the volunteer opportunities allowed us to give back to the community.</p>	<p>Having access to mountain biking in Belmont has given my teenage son and his friends a healthy outlet to exercise, be in nature, and improve their riding skills. They have proper trail etiquette and yield to hikers (and horses, elsewhere.) They are respectful of the trails and the people who use them. It is because of local accessible trails like these in Belmont, that these teenage boys are growing up healthy and having fun, (I.e. not needing to turn to drugs or other illegal things.) Instead, they have been able to acquire and hone skills and an activity (mountain biking), that they will take with them to college and through life! Please keep these trails open to mtn biking to give our youth (and adults) a healthy outlet.</p>	
	<p>Waterdog park is a really amazing place to ride and I feel it is very important to keep it open for bikers and add more trail signage so that speed limits and trail usage is understood better.</p>	
	<p>Waterdog park is a great resource for mountain biking</p>	
	<p>Water dog park should be enjoyed by all: walkers, runners and mountain bikers.</p>	

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<p>Simplicity goes a long way and helps keep parks clean. In general, Belmont's parks add lots of value.</p>	<p>Belmont's open spaces are truly their strong point. I grew up riding bikes in the various open spaces along the peninsula and was formed by the passionate group of riders I met through the trail systems. When Passion Trail Bikes used to host trail maintenance days, I learned how to effectively perform trail maintenance to make enjoyable bike trails that were sustainable in the local environment. I believe the open spaces can be improved by incorporating more single use trails to improve biker and hiker enjoyment while sustaining the local ecosystem. One form of enjoyment doesn't have a larger impact than the other, simply different impacts. Single use trails allow more targeted approaches to trail creation, maintenance, and use which improves everyone's satisfaction. It also gives the community a greater say in their own interests, and potentially brings in more volunteers. Not every trail needs to be rideable by everyone, having a variety of trail types and difficulties reduces negative interactions and leaves everyone with a more satisfying experience.</p>	<p>It's been many years since I've participated in outdoor programs, but I believe there's value in these programs. I believe a community trail crew/maintenance team would be popular and allow people to build what they want out of their outdoor experience.</p>
<p>Please consider a community pool. There are none that are open year-round for swim lessons, lap swim, or recreational swim in Belmont, San Carlos, or Redwood City.</p>	<p>LOVE Waterdog</p>	<p>Expand class offerings for youth and adults. Also, there doesn't seem to be much of anything for tweens (10-13).</p>

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	<p>My sons, friends, family and I use Waterdog Lake Park for regular mountain biking, and have for years. I also use the trails for hiking and walking with my dog. I understand that there is a movement to remove biking from this open space. This is where my sons grew up biking with their friends, and where I learned to bike with my son and his bike team. These kids still frequent the park for training, and can ride there from their homes. If access is denied, where will the kids go biking, especially the younger ones who cannot drive? What will they do with their time when they are bored, and usually decide to take to the trails? Should they sit inside and play video games instead? Or hang out and get high behind grocery stores? Remember who uses those trails, and how they use them, and what will happen to those groups of people when the trails are taken away. Is this really better for the community?</p>	<p>We would love to see access to public swimming.</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>Belmont has a strong and growing mountain bike community and we are lucky to be one of the few cities that allow younger kids to enjoy nature by riding bikes. Middle school and high school students are not likely to use these trails on their own unless they are into mountain biking and this should be encouraged in the city.</p>	<p>Youth mountain bike teams are in cities all around California and are a great way for kids to get involved and get outside. I wish Belmont had one when I was in middle school or high school so I could have improved my skills. The trails of Belmont make many people great riders and I myself just recently competed in a national</p>
<p>Growing up mountain biking in waterdog park and Carlmont hills had an immense positive impact on my life.</p>		
<p>I don't use them as much any more with kids older / moved out. But was very pleased with the parks as is.</p>	<p>They are great, and a light touch would be better. Trails are extensive enough, not looking to the city to drive increased usage or increase amenities.</p>	

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	<p>In Waterdog Open there has been destruction of parts of singletrack trails. I am unsure of whether it was a poorly guided initiative by the city or one by someone trying to illegally modify the trails on their own accord but it has ultimately worsened the trail system. An example of this is on upper creek trail in hidden valley where one part of a fork in the trail was destroyed and the consequent rubble left the remaining lower fork dangerously narrow. It isn't unfortunate to see the quality of these trails ruined for no apparent reason</p>	
<p>The playing fields at many / most of the Belmont locations are in dire need of repair and maintenance. With the exception of the new turf at BSC, almost all fields have a grade (uphill / downhill), have very inconsistent covering (spotty coverage of grass, holes around irrigation, and rodent damage), and are often closed during precipitation. I have coached youth soccer for years and have been disappointed by the condition of our fields and have even seen injuries due to the inconsistent coverage (ankle injuries, tripping, etc.). It is expensive to cover every field with turf. However, a couple additional fields should be covered with turf to provide better playing surfaces and alternatives to the BSC. Fields that are not covered with turf need to be re-graded, have new irrigation installed, and re-seeded.</p>	<p>One of my favorite things to do from home is to ride my bike to Waterdog for mountain biking. Belmont has a unique resource at Waterdog that provides an outlet for a quick trail ride from home and that does not require a car trip for many users. I do this alone and with my entire family a couple times per week. There is a strong community of mountain bikers in Belmont and the surrounding area who treasure this accessible and amazing resource.</p>	
	<p>Please preserve Waterdog trails and add more trails for mountain biking where possible</p>	
	<p>Keep waterdog open to all users! Expand access as much as possible.</p>	

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Love the parks!	These are such an amazing public resource for multi-use activities, please do not add any new restrictions on how these spaces can be used!	Our kids love these and want more opportunities to participate
	The multi-use access is great. I take full advantage of Water Dog Park, walking with our dog, hiking, trail running and mountain biking. It would be a shame to limit use and access due to the voice of a small vocal group.	
	How mountain bikers have been dedicated for trail building and maintenance at Water Dog Park. The volunteers have spent significant time.	
	My family has lived in Belmont for over 50 years. My kids and I love to bike and hike the Waterdog Open Space. Please keep all the trails in the Waterdog Open Space accessible to mountain biking. Thank You!	
We love the parks! We need more bike Lanes connecting the parks.	Love the open space. Love that we can bike but we need more green bike Lanes in Belmont	Need more opportunities for youth to engage with our community.
	Biking is very important	
The trail bikes make Waterdog lake a dangerous place to walk & enjoy.	I am adamantly against a "controlled burn" of the open space.	
	these are vital to the community and why I enjoy Belmont, these spaces should be kept open to all activities and not limited to select users.	
	More bike trails are needed.	
	Keep mtb trails open	
	The bike trails are an amazing place for people to socialize while getting healthy exercise. Save them:)	
Love all the parks	Belmont has the best mountain biking trails around	
There are several I routinely pass without knowing they're there	Would love louder announcement of waterdog maintenance volunteer opportunities	You should put up a banner before summer camp enrollment opens up, to drive web traffic.

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	I love Waterdog Park and the current freedom for all users to enjoy it.	
	I love water dog park, I run there all the time, I appreciate the lack of restrictions that lets everyone enjoy the park, I've never had bad experiences with any of the different users	
I care strongly about preserving biking access and dog access to Waterdog Park. Biking and hiking at Waterdog park are why I moved to Belmont and bought my first home there. It is the first place I want to take my foster kids to share my love of nature with them, and take my dogs. It is the crown jewel of Belmont because of its very open access and use policies. Restricting that will diminish its value to the community.	Safer bike routes to Belmont parks and open space would be great. Especially the corridor between the bike bridge to Twin Pines Park. I have been hit by a car while riding my bike across Old County Road at Masonic and I have seen others get hit at the same intersection. Crossing El Camino on a bike or on foot is downright dangerous and scary. Light up cross walks when you push the walk button would be a HUGE safety improvement for relatively little cost.	More outdoor education opportunities for youth would be great.
Nice place to spend time	We enjoy biking Water Dog :-)	No opinion
	Love using the space for mountain biking	
Working well for us at this point. A bit of maintenance and signage and we're good. Don't screw it up.	Working well for us.	
	Please continue to allow biking on the trails in Waterdog park so everyone can enjoy the area in multiple ways. I find the cyclists to be courteous, cautious, and respectful of the hikers on the trails.	
	keep them open. water dog is one of the few places with decent mountain biking trails around the peninsula.	no need for these. there are plenty of other options in the area
Keep access for cyclists / mountain bikers. We pay just as much in taxes as others and deserve equal access.	Please continue to allow mountain bike access as well as improve trails. If possible expand trails for all of us to use.	

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<p>Please do not reduce the use of cycling in Belmont. Waterdog is a nearby treasure that my family enjoys riding on.</p>		
	<p>I really enjoy the open spaces! I wish some of the bicyclists would not go so fast, but overall I feel safe. Most of them are very responsible.</p>	
	<p>Our entire family loves to mountain bike at Waterdog open space. It is such a wonderful asset for Belmont. The space is well used and maintained. It is our favorite part of Belmont!</p>	
	<p>Water Dog is a gem! Love the multi-use trails for hiking, dog walking, and especially mountain biking.</p>	
	<p>Waterdog is the only place in Belmont and the surrounding communities where cyclist have access to local trails. It is a wonderful place for children to learn to ride and for an after-work fitness ride. Waterdog's trail were built by mountain bikers and the volunteer opportunities allows us to give back to community.</p>	
		<p>I'd like to know when outdoor rec program will include mountain biking classes through the</p>
<p>The remarkable bike and hiking trails are a great feature of town. Additional entertainment and activities catering to the visitors seem to make sense.</p>		



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	I'm against turning Waterdog into a Preserve which would limit access and activities in the open space.	
	Belmont is a great place to live due to access to trails and nature for both myself and my family. If mountain biking were limited I would 100% consider moving out of Belmont.	
We need skate parks and pump tracks.	We need more dedicated bike trails.	
	There are municipalities all across the US (and world) that very successfully manage/operate mutli-use trail systems in open space areas with little to no user conflicts. I would hope that Belmont in the heart of Silicon Valley could also be a leading example of a modern approach to multi-user trails. There's no reason to reinvent the wheel here - simply copy the strategies and tactics from some of the best managed trail system municipalities in the country.	
	Please maintain bike access in Belmont's open spaces.	
Please do not restrict biking	Please do not restrict biking at waterdog	Please keep trails maintained and do not restrict
	Mountain Biking is not a CRIME	
	Waterdog shall remain open to bikes!	
	The main exercise my 11 year old and I got during Covid was mountain biking and Water Dog is a favorite.	
	Belmont's mountain biking trails bring me so much joy and help me stay fit. The canyon is so beautiful and challenging. When I ride I always use a bell so that hikers hear me coming... Hikers often thank me for the bell. Requiring bell use could be one way to ensure bikers and hikers can use the trails safely together.	

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	<p>Keep OS open to all ages and activities, post trail etiquette signage. Perhaps recommend limited group sizes? As a mountain biker who frequently visits Waterdog and San Juan OSPs, large groups of hikers or e-bikers can be annoying. If I could, I would revise trail etiquette to recommend small groups of no more than 6 individuals. Large groups of hikers and e-bikers seem to cause the most trail blockage and stoppages. Groups of hikers block the trail and large groups of e-bikers force you to stop and pull over to let them pass. Same could be said for large groups of analog mountain bikers, I suppose!</p>	
<p>It would be nice to have a park similar to berresford or burton in our community. We have always gone to these parks due to the amenities and options.</p>		
	<p>Please keep waterdog accessible to bikes. Limiting e-bikes is probably a good idea.</p>	
	<p>Biking and hiking at Waterdog openspace is very nice. The trails are well maintained and welcoming for all.</p>	
<p>Stop changing them, they are parks, leave them alone.</p>	<p>Stop Villainizing cycling from the complaints of a few people who donâ€™t understand.</p>	
<p>If dog owners cannot make their dog's excrement vanish, they're banned. Make it so.</p>		
	<p>I think there should be better signage to limit/advise electric mountain bike speeds, and limit all activities that may damage dirt roads after a rain.</p>	

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		Waterdog lake presents an important opportunity for the youth of this community to engage in fun outdoor activities, such as mountain biking. Restricting access to waterdog lake for this activity would force us to drive further away to places like San Jose. There are
	Biking and hiking at Waterdog is my primary use of open space in Belmont	Biking and hiking at Waterdog is my primary use of open space in Belmont
	It is critical to keep open spaces open and not limit their use to certain activities.	
	Waterdog should remain available to all bikers, hikers and walkers. They all cohabitate just fine now. None of these three groups seem to have a detrimental effect on the open space. All should be able to enjoy it.	
Make sure they have dedicated people making sure they are kept clean.	Don't let greedy developers take over	Need more activities for the middle aged and elders
Please make it easier and safer to walk to the parks by adding sidewalks and crosswalks.	Please maintain bike access on the trails.	
There's overuse and not enough oversight. For example, I use hidden canyon park where dogs are not on a leash. I've seen people smoke marijuana late at night, seen used condoms etc. also, speed bumps are needed near the parking spot because people fly through. Too many bikers on the trails make it very difficult to have a peaceful hike on a weekend with young children.		
We walk Belmont parks basically daily one way or another. Especially love hiking and biking Waterdog and Sugarloaf.		

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	<p>I'd like to be able to continue to mountain bike in Waterdog park.</p>	
	<p>Waterdog Lake, Hidden Canyon &amp; San Juan Canyon are fabulous multi-use resources. Do not be swayed by the activists who want to limit access to trails by mountain-bikers, the very people who established and maintain these trails.</p>	
	<p>Our open spaces are too crowded with mixed use visitors “ especially on weekends. Allowing our citizens to ride bikes in our open spaces creates safety, noise and privacy issues that require supervision, policing. Riding bikes also can cause environmental degradation. All of these negatives come with costs to our city, including maintenance, habitat restoration and surveillance. We have a finite amount of money to spend on the needs of our residents. Adding these costs will definitely require additional city funds. Where will we get these additional funds? If we cannot find additional funds what city expenditure are we willing to trade off for the right to ride a bike in our open space? Speeding down a mountain side is definitely not the best or safest way to enjoy nature. Speeding bike riders are not compatible with families walking along a trail. Mixing these two groups will only lead to dangerous accidents and possible injuries. Given these issues, I do not see any benefit of allowing people to continue to bike in our open spaces. Additionally, I do not understand why we are allowing people from outside our city to bike in our open space without charging an access fee to cover the costs of the above problems that occur. Finally, I don't understand why we would need lighted trail heads. I don't agree with this, since people should only be allowed to walk or hike on a trail during daylight hours. One should carry a flash light if one expects to be out during nighttime hours or might get lost and need lighting to find their way.</p>	

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<p>We fully enjoy the parks. Glad they are multi use.</p>	<p>We believe that the Belmont Open Spaces should remain open to all patrons including bikers and dog walkers. Residents should not be limited in their enjoyment of nature.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>Love it as is</p>	
	<p>Enjoy mountain biking and hiking and the friendly atmosphere.</p>	
<p>Mostly well maintained, warn against people wanting to change too much or cater to access at the compromise of raw &amp; natural spaces</p>	<p>Mostly well maintained, warn against people wanting to change too much or cater to access at the compromise of raw &amp; natural spaces</p>	
<p>Belmont's park can be more natural than in many other places -- creeks, trees, etc. Let's embrace this, and let other areas build parks of grass expanses and highly build structures and landscapes.</p>	<p>These are a rare resource. First, please protect them. Second, please make room for bicycling -- this is the future.</p>	
	<p>I often feel that Water Dog Lake Park and other open spaces in Belmont are designed for the enjoyment of people who live near there, but not for those of us who live in lower Belmont. Part of the reason is that Ralston Avenue is the only way to get there. It's just not easy or safe to bike from lower Belmont to upper Belmont, and parking near the entrances is a pain, otherwise our family might make outings to Belmont's open spaces more often!</p>	
<p>Allow bikes on trails</p>	<p>Allow bikes on trails</p>	<p>Allow bikes on trails</p>

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<p>Waterdog and Hidden Valley are the reasons why we moved here (all the way from Singapore). We value the opportunities it brings to us as individuals, to our children, as a family, and for the community. It has been our haven and "playground" for many years already, ranging from running, hiking, to biking. We love it and take care of it every week!</p>		
	<p>Belmont open spaces and the opportunity to trail run and bike in them are one of the primary reasons we moved to Belmont. There is a strong local community of dedicated trail users on foot and on wheels that cares about multi-use access and thoughtfully developed trails. They are an underutilized resource for the town and if encouraged by an updated master plan, would be significant stewards of the open spaces.</p>	
		<p>Please more youth programs!</p>
<p>If you are going to cut down trees as you did in Hallmark Park last year, could you at least NOT do that just at bird nesting season. Aside from needlessly cutting down beautiful 30 plus year old trees (when just minor repair of the pathway would have solved the root invasion problem) we lost birds that were just nesting. Even birds in trees not directly cut abandoned their nest from the disruption going on around them.</p>	<p>Open spaces need to be protected and preserved with respect for the natural ecology. Without such protection, the canyons and open spaces will not be able to support the plants and wildlife that are critical for their survival. Cutting trees, carving illegal and too numerous trails, running over wildlife and building thrill seeking slaloms for speed by bikers is destroying our beautiful canyon. There is also the safety issue for those hikers who have to jump off the trail to avoid speeding bikers. We need to stop this destruction before it is too late. Walking and hiking are great forms of recreation too and do not do the type of damage the bikers are doing in the name of recreation.</p>	
<p>Please keep open to mountain biking</p>		

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	<p>Make sure you give the bikers access to good trails. I am a hiker and don't mind the bikers if they have a bell so I know they are coming. Some parts of the trails are too narrow for a hiker and biker to pass without great care. Bikers usually yield to hikers but the trails should either accommodate both or maybe have a single use bike trails separate from hiker trails.</p>	
	<p>Bike access to trails if very important for the residents and users of the park. The recent push to get bikes banned is distressing and will greatly reduce the appeal of living in the area and this park in general. There are plenty of spaces where bikes aren't allowed, let's keep some areas where it is.</p>	
	<p>Water Dog is an incredible location for mountain biking, a sport that is increasingly being limited in the Bay Area. We should help to preserve the sport by keeping water dog open space bike friendly.</p>	
	<p>They have become dangerous with speeding and reckless mountain bikers. The bikers have "cleared" trails and cut down tree branches. They should have their own designated spaces where families, hikers and walkers will not be disturbed.</p>	
	<p>I use Belmont open spaces mostly for trail running. Open space trails are very convenient for this. Keep up the good work.</p>	

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	I greatly appreciate the opportunity to take my dog on hikes with me in Waterdog OS. The Peninsula has few such places compared to many other counties around the Bay Area. This is a huge benefit to me for continuing to live in this town after having raised my two children here.	Needs to include lap swimming access for the community, and reliable access to tennis courts - the only City-only court I know of is the single courts at Alexander and Hallmark Parks. Would like to know the official status of Carlmont courts - are they a community resource? same with their pool. These are the major swim and
Please do not restrict biking at Waterdog park. It is an integral part of the community. There are pure hiking and running trails just across from it at Crystal springs		
	Keep forever, expand, control, maintain	
	Designate some trails to only-bikes or only-walkers. Widen trails that are used for both to allow safer simultaneous passage.	
	Please keep open space trails multi use	
	Belmont Open Spaces need to be appreciated and preserved for future generations. Currently, they are being severely eroded by too much mountain biking traffic.	Teach people to value health and nature and their responsibility to protect and support nature for a healthy and sustainable environment to be enjoyed by many future
	More trail running amenities. Trail running is very unique in this area and it would be great to foster the community In Waterdog	
Not enough designated areas for off leash dog activities. Belmont NEEDS dog parks!	Open spaces need to include designated areas for off leash dog parks	



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	<p>I live in Belmont Heights near Hallmark Park and the open space here (including waterdog lake) is a huge bonus to living here. Every day I go hiking on the trails here with my dog and it is just a really special place to have right in your backyard. What makes it not special are mountain bikers who zip and zoom up and down the trails and do not get off to walk when there are hikers. I have had to jump out of the way with my dog and my toddler to not get run over. I think we need clear signs that limit mountain bikers on the trails, and definitely not widening the john brooks trail. that goes right behind many houses in the belmont heights area and is better suited to hikers enjoying the views. Whatever you plan to do please do not make a bike pump course or anything to attract more mountain bikers to the waterdog lake area. It's a fragile ecosystem and bikers are just not very careful with their surroundings. A better place for a bike course would be at a sports center, not in our fragile open space area!</p>	
	<p>I am in favor of a halt to trail development at Waterdog. Maintain existing trails, and prevent creation of new ones. Rules of the road signage would be helpful. I am also supportive of "feet only" hours when hikers don't have to watch for bikes. I am strongly against restricting cycling to wide trails. Mountain bikers build most of the single track, and have as much right to use as anyone. Teach courtesy and responsibility first.</p>	
<p>Too many bikes</p>	<p>Too many bikes</p>	

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<p>The open spaces are the best thing about living in Belmont for us, but their maintenance does seem neglected.</p>	<p>There is a lot of frustration among residents in our neighborhood with mountain bikers who visit the water dog and hidden canyon open spaces but ride at dangerous speeds and do not give right of way to hikers, often on electric bikes (ie motorized vehicles)</p>	
<p>I take my dog every day to Waterdog park on leash and we enjoy our hike and meeting other dog lovers and friends. Please keep this park open to all especially dog lovers and bikers.</p>	<p>Again please keep Waterdog park open and same for the Hallmark cross country. Everyone runs these trails including me and I enjoy meeting my running friends and enjoy the beautiful well kept space. Let's keep the space open for the community to enjoy in its natural state.</p>	<p>Keep the spaces open for all. It's a beautiful way for our community to stay together.</p>
<p>I love taking my dog on leash to water dog and hallmark, it's so quaint and a beautiful place to enjoy nature</p>	<p>I believe it is very important to preserve open space in its natural state so that EVERYONE can enjoy the beauty of Belmont and appreciate our community and nature together.</p>	
	<p>Please create a master trail map. I would utilize belmonts parks and open spaces more often if I had maps (preferably online and in apps like AllTrails) and knew where to go</p>	
<p>Please designate certain trails within Waterdog for biking. Please add signage that the parks an open space are closed from sunset to sunrise. Please add rattlesnake and mountain lion caution signs to the Hallmark Park area. Please have Belmont PD patrol the entrances to the park in the evenings. Do not add trail leading this will encourage people on trails in the evening time when they are closed.</p>	<p>Please designate certain trails within Waterdog for biking. Please add signage that the parks an open space are closed from sunset to sunrise. Please add rattlesnake and mountain lion caution signs to the Hallmark Park area. Please have Belmont PD patrol the entrances to the park in the evenings. Do not add trail leading this will encourage people on trails in the evening time when they are closed.</p>	

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	Prohibit bikes on Waterdog Lake Open Space hiking trails. Bikers present a risk of bodily injury or death to hikers on the narrow hiking trails in that open space.	
Please save mountain biking on multi-use trails!	Please save mountain biking on multi-use trails!	
Some parks (Hallmark Park) need to be better maintained. Some sidewalks at the parks are uneven and could result in someone tripping and falling.	There are too many bike riders on narrow trails in the open space. I have almost been run over several times by bike riders going fast. The narrow trails are not suitable for both hikers and bike riders.	
More dog friendly off leash areas (with grass).	Mountain bikes are sometimes an issue on narrow trails so some strategies to allow for both biking and hiking would be welcome (like designated trails)	
Mountain biking	Save mountain biking trails and access	Expand youth activities
	I would like mountain bike access for my children and myself at waterdog. To take that away would be a shame.	
	I love and have been mountain biking in Water dog park for years. It is very unique in offering such wonderful trails open to biking right in our backyard. Love sharing with all (hiking, groups, biking, etc.)!	
The Waterdog Lake area is becoming a "zoo". Too many bikers, riding in packs, loud and lack curtesy towards others...		
Dog parks are needed with shade and grass.		
	Waterdog Park and open space is very well kept.	
	Multi-use trails are the way.	

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<p>Please can a municipal indoor/outdoor pool (like in Europe) be considered for Barrett or elsewhere - Belmonters are either seniors or families basically. Year round aquaexercise for seniors can happen inside, like the Mills Pool. Outside is a lap/rec pool. Perfect world: a swim-thru section connecting both : )</p>	<p>Please curtail mountain biking. It should've been regulated earlier. The hills behind CHS w/jumps &amp; bumps is awesome for them. Courtesy levels are pretty low elsewhere.</p>	<p>More mind/body offerings like yoga &amp; Tai chi in the evening. We are on the Silicon Wheel hamster wheel &amp; business hours are impossible to join anything</p>
<p>Enjoy biking.</p>		
<p>They are a treasure - water fountains always appreciated, but often break down so something more "water bottle" oriented might be hardier option.</p>	<p>I'm not a trail biker but they need more than simply access to broad open flat trails - could more trails be created to give THEM that range of challenges that are part of their sport and a smaller set dedicated to hikers as the riding groups have been so active in maintaining the trails?</p>	
<p>Oppose creating attractions with regional draw</p>	<p>Oppose creating attractions with regional draw</p>	<p>Oppose creating activities with regional draw</p>
	<p>Continue to let us mountain bike at waterdog please.</p>	
<p>Archery range</p>		
<p>Continue to allow mountain bikes access to Waterdog.</p>		
<p></p>	<p>Belmont Open Spaces are an excellent place to promote health and wellness in our communities. We have to do our part to keep our communities healthy by having easy access to parks and open spaces. We should not discriminate on what activities are accessible.</p>	
<p>Used more of them extensively when my child was young, and now less often " but still appreciate them.</p>	<p>Waterdog has been my backyard for nearly 40 years.. The increased bike traffic, particularly groups of bikers, has detracted from my enjoyment of it.</p>	<p>Belmont Sports Complex has been a treasured gem for my son to use and us parents to watch. We're lucky to have it.</p>
	<p>I love the bike trails at water dog.</p>	

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	As a daily hiker, I have stopped going to Belmont's open spaces because of overcrowding and bikes. I now go to Edgewood Park, Windy Hill, Montera Mountain, Purissima, and other open spaces which are much better and safer. It's a shame to see what has happened to Belmont's open spaces over the last two decades.	
	I've stopped going to Water Dog to hike the canyon because of the issue of bikers on the trail being too reckless.	
	Bikers are ruining Water Dog Lake and the surrounding paths in Belmont Heights. I would strongly like to see their number and use of those spaces and trails reduced or banned. Preferably banned. I don't mind outside residents to use our parks and trails, but the bikes must be stopped in ruining once was a peaceful, safe place to hike with children and animals.	
General focus on improving fields (without potholes) and existing areas (e.g. resurfacing tennis courts or updating playgrounds where applicable) would be my suggested first step.		
Parks very nice but busy. We like quiet and nature to teach children.	Too busy and activities. Sad to see damage of nature.	
	REMOVE BIKES FROM SENSITIVE TRAILS. The only trail safe for biking is Lake Road. Bikes should be banned from all other trails for safety to both hikers and the hillsides. Cyclists are damaging the environment and pushing hikers off the trail.	
	Bike access enhances the outdoor experience	

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	<p>It is pertinent that mountain bikers restrain access to Water Dog Open Space. It is a great sport that provides recreational experiences that are enjoyed by many people, for which the extent is only increasing. On the whole, mountain bikers are very considerate to hikers so it would be very disappointing if a small group of anti biker advocates paints an inaccurate image of us in an attempt to limit access. As in your mission statement, access should only be widened and not narrowed in order to provide access to the greatest number of people across different backgrounds.</p>	
Contract out services/maintenance like many other cities and SAVE money!		Build some tennis courts and fix the ones up off of Hallmark. Please do NOT make the tennis courts as dual use with pickleball courts they are
	<p>We have lived in Belmont Heights for 35 years. The primary reason we purchased our home was the natural beauty and serenity of the open space surrounding us. The trails offer a sense of peace, and the ability to appreciate and enjoy nature’s gift of an undisturbed natural habitat that protects our wildlife and vegetation. To incorporate and encourage mass public foot or bike traffic into our open spaces would destroy the rare beauty and serenity that helps define the City of Belmont. Bikers have already damaged and modified our trails without permission, and present safety hazards for trail walkers.</p>	
	Keep Mountain Biking alive!	
Allow mountain biking	Should be open for all uses	Nothing
Nothing but I would like to know... What will happen to Barrett?		
	Please reclaim areas that have recently been fenced off that belong to the City. People are trying to make their yards bigger....this is illegal!	

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<p>While we like twin pines And fox elementary, we sometimes find ourselves going more often to San Mateo parks, which have more amenities.</p>	<p>The John brooks trail sits behind my back yard. I rarely use any of the water dog trails. They do not feel safe with the proliferation of mountain bikers who often have no regard for walkers or runners. I love to walk in the neighborhood on the streets, at the.xcountry trail or to drive yo sawyer camp. But sadly water dog trails just do not feel like a good option. I am also greatly concerned about the destruction of the natural habitat caused by these cyclists.</p>	<p>The brsll program is outstanding. We need to have the Nesbit baseball field upgraded. We also need a community swimming pool.</p>
	<p>Waterdog Open Space is an outstanding open space for multi-use. Mountain biking there is such an amazing space to use.</p>	
<p>BIKE RIDING IS POWERFULL GOOD FOR THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE AND THE ECONOMY AND LOCAL CITY AND STATE</p>	<p>STEWARTSHIP LIKE TRAILWORKERS,COM AT WILDER RANCH IN SANTA CRUZ,CA</p>	<p>LET US EXPAND THE PROGRAMS</p>
<p>Theyâ€™re fun</p>	<p>Skate parks</p>	<p>Skate parks</p>
<p>Barrett Park is under utilized by allowing individual artist to use an enormous amount of the public space. Also limiting the access of dog owners for off leash exercise and interaction and socialization is a real loss to the community</p>	<p>more dog friendly</p>	
<p>We really enjoy the parks, it's well maintained, but it would be great to update the tan bark to something newer like rubber floors.</p>	<p>Love the open spaces, however, there are way too many mountain bikers who have come too close to hikers. Please BAN the mountain bikers from using the trails.</p>	

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	Please limit the mountain biking at hidden valley and water dog and the area near water dog from Geraldine and village dr. it's quite dangerous for hikers. Enhancing the park facilities would be great as well. San Carlos parks have a lot more features (water pad). A swimming facility would be great as well!	
it would be great to have a skateboard park in belmont.		
	Please keep Belmont's open space available for dog walking and biking. That and the quality of schools are the main reasons we moved to Belmont 7 years ago.	
	Need to maintain mountain biking access. Need to restrict e-bike use.	
No skateparks or skate spaces is no bueno!		The youth needs skate parks or skate spaces
NA	NA	NA
	Keep the open spaces - they are the best thing about Belmont	We need a real youth center with an indoor basketball court. There is no reason you
	Preserve all forms of activity, including biking and skating.	
There are still so many I have yet to visit	Same for Open Spaces	Will try some classes
	Keep waterdog open space open to mountain biking	
I love mountain biking at Waterdog. It's such a great way for me to get outside with my friends and enjoy nature.	The trails are great. Would love to see more, and more time spent building new ones!	



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<p>They feel worn down compared to neighboring towns With exception of new at Fox &amp; Cipriani Davey Glen needs shade</p>		
	<p>Please do NOT block mountain bike access to this park, this is a popular destination for mountain bikers. Mountain bikes do not damage or harm the park any more than hikers or dog walkers</p>	
	<p>Cycling in Waterdog is a great pleasure, and one of the limited spaces available to cyclists within short drive of San Francisco.</p>	
	<p>Continue to allow bike access in Water Dog Lake Park and open Space, and in The Hidden Canyon Park!</p>	
	<p>I was directed to this survey because apparently there is a small but very vocal anti-recreation group lobbying to limit access to open spaces by restricting bikes. Whether or not this is true, I'm hear to say how much I enjoy having these trails to hike and ride right in my backyard. I would also like to reiterate the PROS Guiding Principles of "equitable access" and "inclusion" and a reminder that people lobbying for restrictions go against those principles. Thanks!</p>	
	<p>Please keep waterdog fully open to cyclists. It is one of the few local opportunities for mountain biking.</p>	
<p>I wish there was a public swimming pool open year-round for lap swimming and during warm weather for recreational swim for kids. Also, I wish that the Barrett playground had better shade for the summer (and a better wind break for the winter!)...that Park is nice during spring and fall but can be really cold/hot during winter/summer.</p>	<p>I go to Waterdog Lake at least once a week -- love it!</p>	

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	I love to mountain bike on your trails	
	Please keep open for mt bikes	
	Having Waterdog as an area close to home to introduce kids to mountain biking is invaluable	
Keep mountain bikes on trails at WDog.	Keep mountain bikes on trails at WDog.	
	More bike friendly trails and access.	
N/A	I love Belmont open spaces and would love to see more trails for hiking and mountain biking use! Thank you!	N/a
Belmont could use more public tennis courts	I have been a home owner in Belmont for 31 years and have been an avid mountain bike rider and a Waterdog trail maintenance and trail creator with local bicycle stores for these 31 years. As a Waterdog mountain biker I have volunteered dozens of hours to park and trail maintenance.	
	I use Waterdog as a place I can ride my bike to keep up my cardiovascular health as I am unable to run so biking is less impactful on my body. I am in my 60's and enjoy riding my bike at Waterdog.	
Patricia Wharton and Davey Glenn parks are a joke due to their layout and offerings. Even though these are small spaces, they could have offered better facilities/play structures.	With all that open space, we should add a mix use a disc golf course that shares space with the hiking/biking trails. Also, we should not limit the trail use further, especially at Water Dog. I have a back injury that prevents me from walking/running/hiking but I am still able to get exercise by riding my bike. Those trails (with their elevation) are very important to my physical health.	Belmont needs a public aquatics center at Barrett.

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	Mountain bikers at water dog open space has made hiking and sharing the trail annoying and sometimes dangerous. Recommend disallow bikes on certain hike only trails.	
It is nice to have parks to walk, hike, bike, and enjoy nature. Allowing all the activities allows the community to exercise and enjoy nature:	It is nice having multi-use trails for everyone to enjoy.	
	Open spaces are for all people. Let's keep the trails open to all forms of recreation so that we can enjoy the outdoors as a community not as adversaries.	
	We visit Water Dog Lake all the time and feel very lucky to have this open space to enjoy and appreciate nature.	
Belmont has some nice parkland for a small city. It is one of the aspects I love most about the city.	I mountain bike and I hike extensively on all trails in Belmont. This activity on these trails is the most important aspect of my personal health. I will be happy to volunteer to help preserve the trails for both activities.	I think it is very good to our youth out into nature, especially kids from families where that activity is not assured.
	Bicycle and running trails are super important and encourage outdoor exercise	I recommend sending more information about the programs
Glad we have them!	Glad we have them!	Didn't know we had that!
	The ability to ride my bike in Waterdog is one of the best parts about living in Belmont!	
	Strongly support mountain biking at Water Dog. This has been a wonderful activity for my family for years in a super safe and beautiful setting. IF we lost this there would be nowhere to go.	
I think Belmont could use park rangers and/or open space patrol.	I think Belmont could use park rangers and/or open space patrol.	

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Great parks. I like the dog stations.	Waterdog and Hidden Canyon are the best bike trail open spaces on the peninsula. They truly are amazing and world class trails. Please keep them the way they are.	
		Belmont is severely lacking in adequate sports facilities compared to anywhere else in the Bay Area. The grass fields are mostly terrible and even dangerous to play sports on. I do prefer
	Belmont needs to expand its open space trail system making it accessible to bikes and hikers. A good way to create harmony between uses is designate trails one way and put up signage as a reminder to be courteous.	
	I love being able to mountain bike. Taking that away would severely impact my opinion of my city and home. There seem to be a few angry non-athletic types that are hell-bent on ruining life for the rest of us. Please don't take away an activity that my family is passionate about.	
	Mountain bikers built and maintain those trails. Please don't limit them to hikers. We have always coexisted just fine. If necessary, we can make bike-only or hiker only sections of trails (there are spots we ride that they cannot walk).	
	I would like you to know that inside Water Dog Open Space, there are premier mountain biking trails that have been shared with hikers for over 20 years. Trails such as Rambler, Elevator, Chaparral, John Brooks, etc. These trails should be kept as combined hiking, running, and mountain biking trails.	
	Please keep Waterdog open to all trail users please!	

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	Mountain biking needs to stay open at Waterdog. This is a great local resource and people have been riding there for many years. You would need to drive a long distance to mountain bike somewhere else.	
	Less adulteration of biking trails. you already force us to a 15mph speed limit and now you want to rip out anything that not flat or wheelchair accessible.	
	Keep WaterDog open for mountain biking. It's one of the major benefits of Belmont and a great location for outdoor biking close to home with no car travel required to get there.	
	Waterdog is a gem and haven for mountain biking.	
	Please don't limit or restrict mountain biking in Belmont.	
	Please don't band mountain bikes. Its a large friendly community. Mountain biking communities and organization help build many trails, even hiker only trails.	
	Waterdog is valuable venue for mountain biking for older riders such as myself (56yo) due to proximity and to avoid driving to other peninsula preserved	
The mountain bike access to Water Dog is both unique and needed. There are essentially no other areas nearby where mountain biking is legal on singletrack trails. It should be maintained. Thanks!		
Irrigation and drainage issues can limit use of park fields.	Waterdog is a gem. It is essential to keep the open space accessible for multi-use including mountain biking!	

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	<p>Please continue to support multi-use trails at all open spaces. Please also support eBike access. This helps the aging mountain bike community and as long as they obey speed limits should not be considered different than conventional bikes. Thank you</p>	
	<p>Mountain biking is an essential activity to many of our families here in Belmont. It's crucial we continue to build and grow with our neighbors this active lifestyle of mountain biking.</p>	
	<p>Please keep them multi-use (ie. allow MTB) and also allowing eBikes. Posting trail sharing etiquette signs will help but there's no need to ban MTB or try to turn Water Dog into something it never was (ie. some kind of nature preserve).</p>	
	<p>It is important that we keep trails open to biking. It brings people from all over the peninsula to our town and helps businesses thrive in the local community. Whether it's to purchase bike related products, a meal and beverage after the ride or just running some errands in the neighborhood, mountain bikers contribute to the local community.</p>	
	<p>The fact that hikers and bikers can share and get along.</p>	
<p>We need more mountain bike access</p>	<p>We need mountain bike access</p>	
<p>Waterdog and Laurelwood trails are terrific. Thank you for investing in those and keeping them open to mountain biking. It inspiring a new generation of young riders in addition to those of us who have been using them for decades</p>		
<p>Water Dog is the only local mountain biking option that doesn't create a lot of car pollution to get to.</p>		

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	Please preserve mountain bike access at Waterdog. Also engage mtb community to assist with trail maintenance. Ok to ban ebikes, or limit their use to specific trails.	
	Water dog park and the open space surrounding it is a piece of mounting biking history and brings the community together. Our local mountain bikers are very respectful of the land and maintain it better than any organized trail crew could. This park is known throughout the country for its mountain biking and must be protected.	
Would like to see some (lighted) pickleball courts. It's one of today's fastest growing sports for people of all ages.	Mountain biking in Water Dog Park is awesome! Let's keep it open for mountain bikes.	Would love to have the opportunity to do educational hikes with naturalists, mycologists, historians, etc.
Limiting trail use to cyclists would be a huge mistake. Think of it this way, would you consider limiting trail use to walkers? What is the issue with cyclists?		
	Water Dog is ideally situated to continue to offer some of the best mountain biking trails in the region. Mountain biking is a healthy form of exercise and should continue to thrive and expand in Water Dog.	
	There should be no changes to mountain bike use in Water Dog. It is a good mix today, and I use it for biking as well as hiking and see no issues with mixed use.	
Anti-racist policy		
Get ppl to leash and clean up after their dogs.	Ppl to leash and clean up after their dogs.	Increase number of program. Have trained volunteer leading the program.
i love riding bikes and i want to keep being able to		
Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
We moved here for the mountain biking	Nothing	Nothing

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	I have health limitations and am unable to go on extended hikes. I am able to bicycle as long as I can use my electric assist bicycle. I hope to continue to ride at Water Dog and not have Belmont close it to me.	
	Leave Waterdog open to mountain biking. Maybe designate mtb specific trails and directions.	
mountain biking is huge here and we should make for features and designated mountain bike trails		
Like to Mtn Bike Water dog		
Great parks, well kept and great opportunity to sustainably develop well built mountain bike trails for many generations and economic benefits.	Needs more mountain bike trails built by professionals.	Do not capture economic growth of mountain biking.
	keep open, NO DEVELOPEMENT. You keep widening the trails for the bikers, you are turning nature trails into streets, Turn the open space into nature preserves.	
	It's my understanding the vast majority of trails in the water dog open space preserve were created by cyclists so it's frustrating to hear residence with more money are trying to curtail the use of these trails to cyclist. It's disappointing the Belmont would entertain such a ridiculous Idea	



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<p>Waterdog could be a better experience for everyone if the user groups were separated - bikers should be allowed to have more technical features and trails without the potential danger of coming around a downhill corner and into a group of people and hikers should be able to enjoy nature and feel safe without having to be aware of bikes. Multi use fire roads around the perimeter and equal numbers of group specific trails. Limiting the access of one just fosters resentment and solves nothing, fostering the separate desires of each group will make waterdog a better park and improve an already great place to spend an afternoon immeasurably</p>	<p>I moved to Belmont because of the biking trails and it saddens me to see the hostility prevalent recently. I think the additional pressure of the pandemic has added to the numbers of users and we could all do a better job of being nicer to each other. I have a bell and I slow down for hiking groups and still get uncomfortable comments. On top of that, trails are getting wider and less fun. I think we could improve the situation for everyone by separating the user groups and allowing volunteers from each user group to take a larger role in trail maintenance and stewardship</p>	
	<p>I recently discovered the sport of mountain biking and it is an amazing way to connect with the city as well as nature. I wish there were more opportunities to help trail building!</p>	
	<p>Keep water dog lake park bike trails</p>	
<p>Waterdog is for biking! Don't let hikers take that away from us, it has been a biking spot for 30 years</p>	<p>Waterdog is for biking! Don't let hikers take that away from us, it has been a biking spot for 30 years</p>	
<p>Let the bikes ride in water dog park. The people who are against it don't even visit water dog park.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
	<p>Waterdog needs to stay open to mountain bikers.</p>	
<p>Waterdog is a great place to mountain bike and should continue to be available for bicycles</p>		<p>Please prioritize mountain bike access to trails</p>

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	We love to Mountain Bike through Waterdog. It's just around the corner and a unique open space in the city.	
	I love mountain biking!	
Keep Mountain Bikers in Belmont! Keep the Belmont Mountain Biking reputation!	Belmont is best known for its mountain biking so why ban it?	
	Waterdog park is one of the few areas available to ride mountain bikes (e-bike and analog) in Belmont only have had positive interaction with other hikers and bikers using the trails	
M	Have more trails to mountain biking, it's a great sport, my son lost 15 pounds by doing mountain biking and he loves it.	
	I love the mountain bike trails.	
	Water dog is an amazing space for recreation. As an avid trail runner, hiker, and mountain biker, I appreciate its proximity to my house - I can run and bike from my front door! I am in strong support of keeping water dog available to multi-use, it's an important asset to our community, and it drives people local businesses in the area as a result of it being a mid-week destination for trail runners, hikers, and mountain bikers	
	Strongly feel that bicycles should have more access to open space areas. During the pandemic there has been an increase in bicycle and this will continue in the future I believe.	
DO NOT CLOSE THE TRAIL FOR MOUNTAIN BIKING. This is not the right choice and will hurt the local businesses significantly	do not close the trail for mountain biking. this is discriminatory for people who live far from other available trails.	Do not close the trails for mountain biking. My kids love biking around here and need the space for outdoor experiences.
Water Dog and Twin Pines have helped get me through this pandemic. I ride my bike there, hike there, meet up with friends there. Thank you. 🙏	I love being able to step into nature so easily!	

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	Keep Waterdog open to mountain biking and multi-use	
	love Waterdog for mountain biking. Wish the Cross Country Trail was open to bikes.	
	Consider a Mountain Bike Steward program for open space to help educate and teach proper trail etiquette.	
	Love mountain biking at Waterdog. Please limit electric bikes.	
I would love to see a pump track put into the flat space at the back of Carlmont. Our entire family absolutely loves being close to Waterdog and Carlmont for the biking. We ride our bikes thru there most days and the confidence I have seen from my girls thru biking is incredible.	I would love to see an increase in Mtn bike trails throughout the open space. There are so many Mtn bikers and not enough space. All of our friends are into it and we have friends that come from miles around to ride with us. I think it's a great opportunity to drive business in Belmont, similar to Santa Cruz	HS Mtn bike teams?
	More information about mountain biking trails	
love the mountain biking comraderie at waterdog open space, hikers and mountain bikers share the space quite nicely	love the mountain biking comraderie at waterdog open space, hikers and mountain bikers share the space quite nicely	
	It would be great to see expanded access to mountain biking and more mountain biking trails in Belmont's open spaces as that is our family's primary activity, and the primary use activity for many families that we know.	
	world class mountain biking. point of city pride	
	Expand mountain biking access	

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<p>There needs to be more access mountain biking. Bike sales and purchases generate a lot of sales tax income. I don't like riding with the kids on multiple use trails and having to compete with hikers and horses. Biking deserves its own trail network and accessibility.</p>	<p>There needs to be more access mountain biking. Bike sales and purchases generate a lot of sales tax income. I don't like riding with the kids on multiple use trails and having to compete with hikers and horses. Biking deserves its own trail network and accessibility.</p>	
	<p>Leave trails open for multi use!</p>	
	<p>I ride mountain bikes with my two sons multiple times a week at Waterdog. I work in San Carlos. My two sons go to school in Belmont. It is a fantastic open space that is close to home and work.</p>	
	<p>Please preserve mountain biking at Waterdog Lake Park, it is one of the few easily accessible trail networks in the area for locals and its generally well maintained by volunteers</p>	
<p>Coexist.</p>		
	<p>For 25 years I have been riding mountain bikes in the Waterdog Open space preserve(back when the lake had waterdogs in it). I have spent days building permitted trails and have many riding friends who have done the same. It is the best urban mountain biking trails in the bay area located in our backyards. It makes me sad to think some would to take these trails, a lot of them built and maintained by many bikers, away from us. It also is a destination place. bringing many to support local restaurants down the street, not to mention our new bike shop "Belmont Bikes" which has made Carlmont shopping center a destination center itself. With the disappearance of local ice rinks, I do not believe we need to narrow our choices of recreation. There are many of us, why can we keep our choices of recreation open.</p>	
	<p>Please don't ban mountain bikes in any of the open spaces, especially Waterdog and San Juan Canyon.</p>	
<p>Keep water dog a premier place for mountain biking.</p>		

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<p>Waterdog is such a great place to ride bikes for people of all ages. I enjoy riding there with my grandson.</p>		
	<p>Keep mountain biking at water dog</p>	
	<p>Mountain biking at waterdog is so much fun!!!</p>	
	<p>Please keep mountain biking open in belmont open spaces</p>	
	<p>Allowing mountain bikers at Waterdog is beneficial for the broader community. Mountain bikers maintain trails and look out for people/animals/nature in distress. Mountain biking promotes health and well being, and is a positive experience for young people. Without activities like mountain biking young people turn to crime, drugs and antisocial behavior.</p>	
<p>I love the mountain biking in waterdog park. Its great to take kids into the outdoors.</p>	<p>I wish there was more mountain biking allowed.</p>	
	<p>Before taking drastic measures to appease minor, yet vocal, opposition to shared trail use, please consider small measures to increase awareness and respect amongst trail users. The term "stewardship" is a good one that the trail community has been using more regularly in the area. Trail users are, in general, all out for the same reason, and with respect and awareness trails can be enjoyably used by all.</p>	
		<p>in keeping with the master plan's stated goal of equity and inclusion, mountain bikes should be allowed on all recreational multi-use trails.</p>

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	<p>The open space areas of Belmont are what makes Belmont such a great and unique place to live. Being able to run/walk/bike to one of the opens spaces is a great way to get outside, exercise, and spend time with the family. I don't understand the constant chatter about bikers/hikers not getting along. I'm out there as a runner, hiker, and biker...and I've never experienced any hostilities from either side in my 16 years of living here. It really baffles me. Most times is actually quite the opposite with everyone being polite and friendly to one another.</p>	
They are great	Try are great	They are great
Hand sanitizer stations would be great.	As a family, we very much appreciate Waterdog and the biking/hiking available there. Thank you!	
Alexander park used to be so beautiful. Now almost all of its trees have been removed. Also, we should consider putting in a dog park.	I'd love to see mountain biking eliminated at waterdog. I hate watching our trails keep being rutted by bikers in the rain muds.	
	Please keep water dog park open to bikes and prioritize trail maintenance and etiquette for all user types rather than closing anything down	
	Waterdog has always been taken care of, and loved by mountain bikers. It needs to remain open for mountain bikers. More places to ride means less crowded trails, trails in better shape, and more opportunities.	
Let people continue to enjoy Waterdog Park/Hidden Canyon with as few restrictions as possible. Allow mountain bikers, runners and hikers to enjoy it.	They are fantastic and let people enjoy them with as few restrictions as possible.	

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<p>Various improvements have been done over the years with landscaping, clean-ups, etc., but those are then not maintained and soon plants die, and improvements deteriorate. The City should also prioritize walking and biking which it has never done, so that people are generally outside more and interacting as a community.</p>	<p>Waterdog Canyon is an amazing resource and an absolutely beautiful place to escape the noise of hectic Bay Area life. I feel like the trails are well-maintained, though there may be too many - its quite the maze. Trail signage is not clear, and does not include a "You are here" indication. These trails should remain multi-use! There are so little biking trails, or trails that allow dogs - these activities need to remain accessible to residents.</p>	
	<p>Local MTB access is crucial! It is one of the greatest amenities of Belmont's park/open space system.</p>	
	<p>I've been My biking in Belmont open spaces for over 20 years and would hate to see this right be taken away.</p>	
<p>Needs to be updated with more grass areas that do not allow dogs.</p>	<p>Need to forbid mountain bikes as they are greatly damaging the trails and are very dangerous to hikers, especially the electric bikes. Way way too many bikers that do not live in Belmont are frequently coming to waterdog to bike. Most are going too fast and do not watch out for kids or hikers.</p>	
	<p>We have plenty of accessible preserve space in the region. I want to see Belmont continue to use Waterdog and its associated areas for outdoor recreation, particularly biking.</p>	
	<p>Keep Waterdog Open for Hikers and Mountain bikers. Weâ€™ve been riding, coexisting, and showing respect to each other for over 10 years.</p>	
<p>Mountain bike trails are great. Thank you!</p>	<p>Mountain bike trails are great. Thank you!</p>	
	<p>Maintain bike access at waterdog</p>	
	<p>All trails currently open to mountain biking need to remain that way. We bought a home in Belmont for access to these mountain biking trails</p>	
<p>Do not restrict mountain bike access. Keep mountain bike access as it is or expand access.</p>	<p>Do not make rules about open space access that are more restrictive than current. A vocal minority does not represent the current users.</p>	

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	<p>Access for mountain biking is very important to me. I have lived here for 19 years and this has always been a safe and accessible recreation for me and my family. Please do not ban mountain biking at Waterdog. This has been a peaceful coexistence of hikers and bikers and everyone who enjoys the open space. I hope we can find a way to preserve access for everyone.</p>	
	<p>Keep them open for bikes</p>	
	<p>Water Dog is one of the nicest Mountain Biking areas on the peninsula, especially mid-peninsula. I've been riding at Water Dog Park for 10+ years and have never encountered an issue with other riders or with hikers. Both coexist very well. It would be an absolute tragedy if mountain biking was to be banned. I see all ages and ethnicities riding the park.</p>	
	<p>I really enjoy mountain biking in the open space on the weekends. It's one of my favorite things about living here. As a father of 3 it's an amazing amenity for our family.</p>	
	<p>Please continue to embrace mountain biking it is the best way to get the youth invested in preserving and loving nature while involved in an exciting activity</p>	
	<p>I've been riding Belmont's open spaces for the past 20+ years. It is an amazing place in my back yard. Please do not change that.</p>	
	<p>I love the open spaces and get most of my weekly exercise and some of the family exercise there too. The number of loose dogs in Waterdog is a concern though, many owners have them off-leash on the trails, scaring wildlife, causing near encounters with bikers and scare kids that might not be comfortable with large loose dogs up close.</p>	



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<p>Please do not reduce multi-use trail access particularly for cyclists. Trail maintenance, education, and etiquette guidance are ways for multi-activity users to coexist well and keep trails in good condition.</p>	<p>Please do not reduce multi-use trail access particularly for cyclists. Trail maintenance, education, and etiquette guidance are ways for multi-activity users to coexist well and keep trails in good condition.</p>	
	<p>We love mountain biking at Water Dog! It is where my son learned to ride trails. It is a treasure and it's shared use should be preserved.</p>	
	<p>I like to ride my bike at Waterdog Park frequently.</p>	
<p>Keep up the good work.</p>	<p>I want to encourage the continued shared use of open spaces allowing cyclists, hikers, e-bikers and others to coexist as they have for the 15 years I've lived in Belmont. Bikers at Waterdog have organized and have helped maintain trails for over a decade. New generations of kids growing up in Belmont love to cycle and are taught to be respectful of others. Allegations of conflict/accidents with hikers or environmental degradation aren't based on facts. Helping everyone coexist by creating etiquette guidelines and signage and encouraging bells on bikes, discouraging headphones on everyone, etc. could be helpful, but after riding for 15 years I feel confident in my many interactions that we are all able to share our resources happily.</p>	
	<p>Mountain biking is a huge economic boost. Please take advantage of its massive growth over the last few years and its huge potential.</p>	
<p>I love water dog lake park for its mountain biking trails. Please continue to allow mountain bike access!</p>	<p>I love water dog lake park for its mountain bike trail! It is the only place I can ride after work and is a wonderful place to ride. I've only had positive interactions with other trail users and would love to keep that access or even expand it!</p>	
	<p>Leave for the mountain bike riders.</p>	
<p>I enjoy the multiple use of trails and the open trail policy</p>	<p>Expand into more spaces if possible and connect them</p>	<p>I have not participated in any of the programs</p>

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	Belmont Open Spaces must be designated as an Open Preserve.	
I am thankful that Belmont offers a diversity of parks	I am thankful these spaces remain protected and will not be developed into more housing	I cannot comment on this
Please keep trails open to biking since water dog is one of the best areas in the Bay Area for riding		
Most parks have chipped paint, wood splinters... It would be good to identify a number to call at all parks to clean this up.	Belmont open spaces is probably one of the last places in this entire area we can ride our mountain bikes on dirt. Please support this sport.	These are always at weird times that don't accommodate parents that work. Please have some classes that start after work ends.
Water dog lake park should continue letting mountain bikers ride the trails, it's the best trail system around and a great workout for all and it's very easy to ride for all ages	Water dog lake park should continue letting mountain bikers ride the trails, it's the best trail system around and a great workout for all and it's very easy to ride for all ages	
	mountain Biking in open space is very important to me.	
	Mountain biking is a key activity that needs to be preserved.	
	We love what we have. We want to keep multi-use trails multi-use and inclusive. There are a few bad apples out there who make it their mission who if they had it their way would want it only for Belmont residence and not make it multi-use or severely limit the multi-use aspect to the point it would add no benefit for those other multi-use groups.	
	I taught my two daughters to ride their bikes at Waterdog. They love riding on the trails. They love to do "bikenics" where we ride and then picnic.	
Belmont parks are good but need better maintenance	Open spaces are one of the reasons we chose to live in Belmont. Waterdog and San Juan are fantastic multi use spaces that we use every day for dog walking, biking and hiking and the space is unique and should be preserved for use for everyone and for all activities	

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	It would be really great if we could have something like the Pulgas Open Air Reserve where a portion of the trails are open for dogs to be off-leash.	
Please repave the Alexander and Hallmark Tennis courts. They are in disrepair	Water Dog Lake trails are great for walking but don't like all the bicyclists as a safety issue.	
rubberized pads instead of bark at twin pines, maybe incorporate natural features as part of playground like concrete hill slide with stairs by the creekside hill		more open swim times in summer
We visit Twin Pines and Alexander the most and love those parks.	A couple friends have asked me to speak out to continue allowing bikes at Waterdog. I think mixed use is OK but more signs about etiquette and trail speed would help.	Maybe update the summer concert series at Twin Pines to attract younger participants.
		Please build Pickleball courts... it is the fastest growing sport in America. Foster city did an
I would love to see more investment in parks for kids especially redoing barrett community center.		
The best way to stay updated on activities/events in the park.	The best way to stay updated on activities/events in the open spaces?	The best way to stay updated on activities/events for the ORP.
The playground and tennis court at Hallmark park really need maintenance and upgrade.		More facilities and classes for sports and recreations would be great!
		The tennis courts at Hallmark Park need to be resurfaced and skirted around to prevent debris
Tennis courts in Hallmark park need re-surfacing and overall improvement		
The tennis courts at Alexander Park are in shambles. They need to be redone ASAP. Look at the courts at Dolphin Park in Redwood City if you need an example of what a proper tennis court set up looks like.		
Add swimming and more tennis		

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		what is timing of expanding Belmont's outdoor recreation programs again?
We love the parks. They are worth investment !	We love the open spaces. They are worth investment!	
	More mountain bike areas please.	More mountain bike programs please.
The newer playground equipment at Semeria, Davey Glen & O'Donnell is good. Keep it coming. New bathroom @ Alexander is much better.	Dog waste receptacles are much needed for Open spaces where dogs are allowed with weekly pick-up of waste.	New turf field @ BSC is great. Would be nice if Belmont United could use the area outside of the baseball fence for practices when baseball is there/not there. It's been empty many times
They are very much appreciated	Great places	
	They should be protected from erosion by constant creation of accessory roads for bike riders	
	Why did you let these trails become almost impossible to hike on? With proper maintenance and usage these parks could be beautiful.	
Children play structures are not maintained well. Hallmark park play ground desperately needs to be upgraded/replaced!		
Happy w/current level of communication; consider posting more to Nextdoor as well.	Ongoing developments at Waterdog.	Ongoing updates about development at Barrett and master plan. Activity guide was important part of our yearly planning; looking forward

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	<p>More signage and safety precautions would be helpful as preventive measures. As I stated, "Three Witches" is a section of concern as well as other areas with exposure. The reason for my concern is that while people seem more aware on the trails now (an improvement), there still are people that don't pay attention. I continue to use a Bell and yell "heads up" when I approach blind areas, while people thank me for the warning, I do notice people who wear earbuds and are still not paying attention. Luckily my antennas are always on high alert and I anticipate issues out of concern for my safety and others. However, I think it's inevitable that if this is not addressed there could be some serious injuries.</p>	<p>I would also like to add, Belmont should offer a First Aid class. Maybe they already do?</p>
<p>I would love, love, love a bicycle pump track and designated mountain bike trails with features.</p>	<p>How do I learn more about plans for the donated land within Upper Lock and Belmont Canyon Rd? Is this being considered for an Open Space?</p>	<p>There should be a focus on mountain biking.</p>
<p>Best things about Twin Pines for our dog outings are its natural undeveloped wooded areas (in back) and creek access. Over-developing with more facilities/amenities would likely bring rules/restrictions that ruin it for us.</p>	<p>Same as above but even more so: better left alone in natural (rugged) state like its been forever than developed with facilities that bring increased regulation and encroachment.</p>	
	<p>Bike lanes need to be improved along Ralston and parts of alameda. It is dangerous riding along Ralston to get to the bay trail or to the middle school.</p>	
<p>The field at Ralston should be regraded and reseeded or replaced with turf. Wind barriers would be great!!</p>	<p>We love Waterdog but the bikes can be a nuisance for hikers. Would LOVE a pool and indoor basketball court at the new Barrett Rec Center!</p>	<p>More yoga and Zumba classes on weekends and late afternoons.</p>

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<p>Y'all are doing a great job and I love the city's parks.</p>	<p>I also really appreciate the city's open spaces - they are incredible and were a huge factor in me moving here. I most often hike, run, walk my dog, and ride my bike in Waterdog/ Hidden Canyon. I believe expanded signage would go a long way in making the spaces more enjoyable for more people. I also advocate a restriction against any sort of motorized bikes (including e-bikes) in the spaces. Lastly, I would like to see extended use hours for the open spaces. I would enjoy being able to have a picnic dinner with the sunset from the top of Waterdog.</p>	
<p>Being able to walk from my home to playgrounds and open space areas is a big benefit of living in Belmont</p>	<p>Being able to walk from my home to playgrounds and open space areas is a big benefit of living in Belmont</p>	<p>We don't use these programs</p>
<p>Try to keep the trees remaining in Twin Pines Park - I hated to see so many of them cut down for the bike path.</p>	<p>I would like it if there could be set hours for hikers and other hours for bikers on the Waterdog-Hidden Canyon trails, or have differentiated trails. The trails are so narrow and winding that it is hard for hikers to step aside to let bikers go by, even though the bikers have been very courteous and alert.</p>	
<p>Lovely. Bereford, Twin Pines, Waterdog.Perfect!</p>		

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<p>I do occasionally enjoy the parks in Belmont, but live here because of the Multi-Use trails in the open space. I'm for any improvement to the outdoor recreation opportunities in Belmont, but believe that the recreation opportunities are limited to 'drive my kids to the park' in many instances. The rec facilities across Hwy 101 are difficult to get to on foot or via bicycle from across town, there are no dedicated, protected bike lanes or walking paths that allow for pedestrian or cyclist access to / from locations. For instance: Ralston Ave. is the only feasible corridor for east / west travel from Western Hills, Plateau Skymont / Belmont heights to downtown (Or east of 101 rec). Protected bike and pedestrian lanes would hugely enhance access and should be considered as vehicle vs pedestrian or cyclist fatalities continue to rise.</p>	<p>Belmont's open spaces are small and surrounded on all sides by development. There are dedicated, large nature preserves within minutes of either of the open spaces. Trail users of all types have gotten along on the trails here for 20+ years without incident and households / families rely on having a safe place within riding / walking distance where they can be in nature getting some exercise. There are plenty of opportunities to expand the trail systems at both parks to accommodate more users while keeping the 'wild' flavor of the parks that make them so fun and popular. The primary thing diminishing my enjoyment of the open spaces is the small group of activist agitators who have made turning the open spaces into hiker-only nature walks their cause. Whatever happens with the PROS plan, I hope that the City will finally clarify the future of the trails system so that we can either rest easy and continue enjoying the parks, or move.</p>	<p>I'd like to hear more about the cities programs. The things that are available are not necessarily on our radar or we're not subscribed to the correct places to see them.</p>
<p>It would be great to have a pool in Belmont! I have to join Bay Club or travel to San Mateo for public swimming most of the year.</p>		
<p>Please replace trees that are removed. Since we came to Belmont in 2006, there have been 8 or 9 trees removed from Alexander Park and only 4 replanted.</p>	<p>I'm tired of the complaining from the same 3 people about mountain bikes in Water Dog. My condolences to city staff and commissioners, that you have to listen to them all the time! I have been hiking in Waterdog weekly for 14 years and have had 1000 positive interactions with bikers and maybe 1 negative one. Bikes are not the scourge that these people seem to think. Please keep Waterdog open to bikers.</p>	<p>Not much for teens to do in Belmont. Once they age out of AYSO and Little League, then what? Need sports activities for the non-varsity kids. A skate park would be fantastic.</p>

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<p>Please put baby or swings in general at Twin Pines and College View parks...they were taken out and very much missed... also have bubble days and other days added... plant many more trees....also a map like on this survey - I did not know about many of these parks</p>	<p>Please keep them safe and cared for...have and hold clean up days for the community - we will get out there and at the end serve ice cream ot something...</p>	<p>Have reasonable fees or if a resident free - use our tax dollars for our community â€¦.have bands in the summer again, and offer classes on the green grass areas if not inside.</p>
<p>Keep access to bikes!</p>	<p>Please keep trails open to bikes. My main usage is biking, the trails are great for it, I worry this will limit access to trails on bike.</p>	
<p>Too many tall trees. They look and sound very dangerous during wind storm</p>	<p>Not enough space. Looks crowded at time. Full of wood chips. Which could give a splinter</p>	<p>Dedicated outdoor spaces for exercises. Nature.</p>
<p>Soccer fields in schools like Central, Nesbit and Ralston are ankle breakers. Same with Barrett Community Centerâ€™s field. It will be nice if they can be at least repaired or fixed to prevent accidents.</p>		
<p>I love Barrett and Twin Pines which I can walk to. Will Barrett still be remodeled?</p>	<p>I love that dogs are allowed at Water Dog, thank you. I would be interested in volunteering to help with that space.</p>	
<p>more music</p>		
	<p>My husband and I use open space trails 1-3 per week. Current signage needs immediate attention due to either missing or unreadable signage. We are often letting other hikers know where to go since trails arenâ€™t clearly marked. Along with trail markers, trail area maps in key places would also be helpful to navigate.</p>	



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<p>I enjoy the parks and open space as they are and don't see a big need for changes</p>		
	<p>Concern over the health of Water Dog Lake . It seems to continually draining water yet it was used as a water source for a fire in the San Juan Canyon in 2020. I have been unsuccessful in finding out any information on the Lake. Thanks</p>	
	<p>I suggest to prohibit biking in Waterdog trails in the winter or when it's wet. Tire tracks tear up the trails.</p>	<p>I wish Belmont has a swimming pool and a athletic facility like Highland Rec Center in San</p>
	<p>I bike waterdog several times a week. I love it there!</p>	
	<p>Trails are in terrible condition due to neglect and biker activity. Not safe hiking in Water Dog.</p>	
<p>The tan bark in the play structure areas should be replaced with a more rubbery surface. Kids are filthy after they play there.</p>		<p>Nice job on belmont sports complex</p>
	<p>fix/upgrade existing open spaces, especially Hallmark park.</p>	
<p>I love the Organic Community Garden. It is a wonderful place which provides opportunity for social connection within the community and puts into practice the idea of environmental stewardship and sustainability.</p>		

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		All of the Park and Rec activities (especially the exercise classes) are offered during the day when people are working or in the evening. Please offer more adult and senior classes on
	Bicycles are dangerous to us. I can't afford to get hit. Jumping out of their way is also risky. Motorized bicycles should be banned obviously; they travel faster and are heavier. Ideally bicycles would be banned on certain days so we could walk safely.	
Keep the trails open for hikers and bikers!		
	Please, please, please. Leave the open trails as they are. Do not change anything. Let us all share them! Mountain bikers, people who go for a walk, to exercise and to be by themselves. Stop bugging bikers. We should be all nice to them and to each other and share all the roads.	It would be great to have a nice recreation center like the PJCC in Foster City, something that can work for everyone. Low cost!!!!!!!

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	<p>in the last two years. It is severe at Hidden Canyon/Waterdog and the park and rec people refuse to recognize this. We have attempted to make our concerns known to NO avail. Instead, the city has over-accommodated bikers. Please leave nature preserves for walkers who do not damage the area or wildlife. No other municipality allows such destructive use on their nature trails. Many hikers have stopped walking in the Western Hills area because of the bikers, including myself and I live on Carlmont Drive! Most bikers also come from outside the community and don't care what they are doing to the trails and wildlife, or what they do to the general feeling of peaceful and sustainable open space, which has been impacted negatively by their presence. Open space in the Western Hills has thus become inhospitable to hikers. It is important to note that the bikers are almost exclusively male, between 20-40, which is a very small, select group that leaves everyone else out. Yet still Belmont parks &amp; rec caters to bikers more than other users of these trails by making it easier for bikers to park, clean themselves and their bikes, and so forth. Bikers also often ride in packs, which is even worse on the trails than single riding, and their yells and general clamor destroys the peaceful ambience of natural spaces, not to mention making the trails dangerous for walkers. I watch big trucks with multiple bikes in them, as well as groups of bikers, go up and down Carlmont Drive all day long on their way to and from the Hidden Canyon area. Bikers run on and over large rock outcrops destroying them, they've made the meadow into a sand trap gutted with erosion and wheel tracks, they create an unfriendly</p>	
Need better bigger playgrounds, like beresford park	More trails would be nice	More would be nice
Not well known. Better use of space. More vegetation, and more benches.	Please preserve, and ensure accessibility.	Facilities outdated and not very inviting. Would hesitate to leave children there for an activity.

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	Need to keep Waterdog park open to mountain bikers and invest in maintenance.	Mountain bike lessons for families. This is becoming a popular sport for families and need
What the future plans are now for Barrett Community Center.	Are there nature talks for all ages!	
I love running at water dog - it's been over crowded during Covid though and makes social distancing challenging.	I love Belmont for its trees and open spaces - keep them!	We love Belmont United.
Who is charge? Needs more small local parks and playgrounds where adults can socialize and children play in their neighborhoods. How about tables with chess boards, no place for adults to meet in Ciprinani. It's necessary to have a dog to socialize with other adults		
The parks are so small that they aren't great for walking/running but even a simple loop makes it more enjoyable. I didn't realise the schools had public parks not about most of the other. Not sure if there is a section on the website describing them and their facilities.	They should stay based in nature and not be expanded into big attractions with a lot going on all the time. Being so close to nature is incredible and should be treasured.	A running track would be great. Carlmont HS has a track but it is very unclear if/when that is available for public use so even clarifying that would be helpful.
Please add aquatics like pools, water fountain, sprinklers, etc for kids.		
Repair Barrett!	They are great	
A lot of trees have been removed from Twin Pines Park. We require residents to do tree replacement, the City should be required to do the same.	I like the suggestion of guided hikes/interpretive hikes. Need to do a better job in marketing the open spaces. So many people not even aware it's there.	I don't participate in rec programs.
		The parking lot is challenging at Barrett. Tough getting in and out for vehicles and pedestrians.

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Need a skate park	Need more bike trails	Bie and skate parks.
They are very beautiful	The mountain bike trails need more work	I do not use these services
Restricted dog offleash hours at Barret are a continuing frustration.		
love the ball fields	The trail bikes are out of control(dangerous) At Water Dog Lake there are too many off leash dogs(sorry)	
More yoga in parks	more signage on trails, more permanent restrooms	More dancing classes and yoga classes
		Aquatics programs would be a huge addition for our family. Right now we have to go to the
There are way more than I know about. Let people know what great parks we have!	Should accommodate all users. Should increase trails to accommodate increased usage. It is a false choice that we can have recreation or nature but not both.	More publicity would help.
	Please do not remove mountain bike access to Waterdog. Absolutely the wrong decision and would severely limit close mountain bike access.	
	Bike trails bring more business to the area.	
	Improve mountain biking trails and access.	
Love water dog for mountain biking		
		You should not be charging money to use fields that sit empty most of the time. We want to play soccer at lunch on weekdays, but instead

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	Mountain biking is a wonderful, healthy, fun way to get outside and enjoy nature. Mountain bikes and bikers can coexist wonderfully with hikers etc. on mixed use trails.	
	I love being able to make a quick escape and go for a quick mountain bike ride in Water Dog	
None	Keep trails open to mountain bikes! Mountain biking is not a crime!	None
please maintain mountain bike access to waterdog park		
Do not restrict mountain bikes!	Do not restrict mountain bikes!	
Best part about the parks + open spaces is the range of people who can use them, and the variety of things for which they get used	Best part about the parks + open spaces is the range of people who can use them, and the variety of things for which they get used	organized activities aren't for me, but not opposed to them unless they substantially detract from everyone else's ability to bike, play, walk, etc.
	Biking is an important community activity	
	Keep water dog open to mountain bikes	
	I love the open spaces especially the opportunity for getting out and exercising via mountain bike riding! I would love to see more trails!	

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	Please keep open spaces available for mountain bike use	
	I ride the trails here regularly from my home. It would be a huge loss to not have trails which can be accessed by bicycle.	
Keep access for mountain bikers!	Keep access for mountain bikers!	
	We need more active bicyclist, mountain biker trails. Mountain biking is quickly growing and the community needs more places to ride.	
Limit use to sundown	Limit use to sundown. Provide trails for mountain bikes riders Widen trails	
Parks are great but too geared to sports leagues. Kids who are more for arts and science have few opportunities.	We moved here for the open spaces for kids but are disappointed in the condition. Bikers make trails unsafe for kids, environment is damaged so the only lesson we teach the kids is how humans are thoughtlessly hurting the earth.	So much emphasis on sports leagues and not enough about learning and creating in the outdoors.
	Mountain biking is fantastic, not many towns have similar trails in close proximity.	
Mountain biking is destroying the trails.		
	Do not close waterdog trails to biking! Designate them as mixed use.	
Parks are great and give communities a place to gather	Keep access open for all activities. I may not bike but I want bikes to be able to use open spaces.	More programs for youth are helpful. Homework club and after-school hangouts help keep the community out there and interacting
	Belmont's Waterdog Lake park is a gem for the Peninsula. Keep trail access open to all users, including bikes.	

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		Waterdog lake needs permanent restrooms at
The condition of the bathrooms facilities (or lack thereof) making going to Belmont parks & playgrounds challenging. We usually go to San Carlos or San Mateo because their bathroom facilities are much newer and cleaner.	I love Waterdog, but I no longer walk or run there because I'm startled by too many mountain bikers. If there some trails that were exclusively for hikers, that might be helpful.	
Larger play structures would be nice, especially at Barrett given the amount of use it gets.	More trails would be great. And more trail signs/maps around hidden canyon and water dog lake.	A pool would be a fantastic addition for Belmont. Hopefully this is still in the works for the Barrett update.
Earlier mention that we have a lot of wonderful parks and need to maintain / make improvements to what we have. For the most part I believe this is the focus of Park & Rec maintenance staff currently.	See note in "other" for number 8.	For years when our kids were little and played competitive sports we pushed for turf fields so way to go on finally getting some of these in place! The Sports Complex looks great and I only wish my kids could've used these but happy
Please plant more trees. They cut noise from the rail tracks and Ralston corridor from traveling up and up and up. Provide shade and cool temperatures in the summer. Cut winds all year long. Definitely add more benches too!	Please plant or preserve trees and bushes. They cut noise. Provide shade and cool temperatures in the summer. Cut winds all year long. Definitely add more benches too!	Add more tennis and running programs. Think of road bike programs too. Huge road bike community here in a Belmont (always escaping to Woodside or Hillsborough...)



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Twin Pines could use a little upkeep w/ foliage and trimming trees.		
Please add more playgrounds.	I love running to San Juan Canyon and Waterdog.	
Tennis court reservations are often unavailable, but go unused so courts are really available. Perhaps a small upfront payment would insure most use their reservation.		
We love the parks and would appreciate more and better tennis courts.	Our family mountain bikes in Waterdog every week and it is one of our favorite things to do on our neighborhood. Please keep open spaces open to mountain biking!!	
	It is important to my family that open space trails remain multi-use. We have hikers, bikers and joggers in our household.	
	I really love mountain biking and hiking at Waterdog park, and think it's a great place for both, and it shouldn't get closed to biking. I'm also excited for the possibility of a pump track!! It would be a good opportunity for younger kids to develop their skills, and fun for older kids and adults.	
I would love for a community garden or a rose garden. Wakefield park seems like the ideal park to transform into a specially park.		
Enjoy seeing the mixed use in our community - dance school, Chinese school, childcare, art studios - it really offers lots of different outlets for various needs and interests.		

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Enforce dog leash rules on Water Dog trail! Not safe		
Love the outdoor events at Twin Pines Park like concerts and movies and Earth Day	Animal waste is an on-going issue	
Please resurface the tennis court at Hallmark Park. It has large cracks and raised surfaces. Someone, someday, is going to trip and break a bone on its current surface.		
The parks need a restroom especially for kids. Also, the play structures need much updating and the parks need an overhaul. It would be nice if parks can also have a space for kids to ride their bikes/scooters as well. In the summer it can be very hot, so it's important to provide shade. Additionally, it's important that dogs do not go where kids go as many owners do not pick up their dog poop....	Same as above	
I LOVE Belmont's parks & am super grateful for the parks & recs programming & facilities. I think the city does a great job maintaining diverse facilities and keeping them accessible to everyone.	I LOVE Water Dog lake - this is a gem of a park. I heard that some people want to prevent mountain biking and would be sad if that was restricted. While our family doesn't mountain bike there, we hike there a lot and truly don't mind sharing the trails. Our neighbors mountain bike here frequently & would hate to see them restricted from it. Our experience has been that most trail users are respectful & courteous.	We very much appreciate these programs and use them extensively. Thank you for offering them.

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<p>I would like to have interesting and newer playgrounds for kids.</p>	<p>I would prefer open spaces to have restrooms.</p>	
<p>My girls used to play softball at Barrett, McDougal, &amp; BSC. Although BSC is an improvement, still in general, most other cities have better facilities for their girls. The same can be said for the soccer fields.</p>	<p>I've lived in Belmont for 50+ years. I've been going to Waterdog since before the city even paid any attention to the area. Do not take away the ability to ride mountain bikes at Waterdog! It's wonderful exercise and I have been riding there for years. The amount of hikers there will decrease as the pandemic goes away. Bikers and hikers can get along.</p>	
	<p>Please close illegal trails, ban bikes from narrow single trails, invest in native plant, education and species protections,</p>	
	<p>Volunteer opportunities for maintenance and improvement.</p>	<p>Would like to know what programs are available in a timely manner.</p>

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parks are all really small. no place to "picnic" while kids are playing. Better play structures for middle schoolers	Didn't even know there was so much open space. Would be great to get a trail map via email or in mail	Would like swimming, tennis courts, kids after school activities
Doing a great job	Doing a great job	
Better playground facilities would be ideal.	We love waterdog and have recently discovered hidden canyon after 10 years in Belmont.	Love camp soar.
	Please Keep the cross country trail open, maintained, and no dog/bike(s).	
Reserve land for ice rink		
		Adding swimming for kids and families. Classes, camps, recreational, family splash times, etc....
	Bikes in open space must be restricted to certain trails or times	
	Regulate Waterdog trails for no ebikes!	We need pickleball courts!!!
		Our teen LOVED the hiking club program run by Brandon. More of those types of programs

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<p>There are only a few with playgrounds. Some of the playgrounds also need to be redone</p>	<p>It would be nice to put more trail maps and signage on the trails for navigation</p>	<p>Many of the youth activities are much more expensive than surrounding communities (for example, the Redwood City soccer program is half the price, which is why we chose it, despite</p>
<p>Belmont has excellent parks, and I think they are a huge part of what makes Belmont a great place to live. I would like to see the city acquire more land and use it to build more parks. Especially in areas like Sterling Downs, where I live, and there is so much concrete and traffic and less trees and open space than in other areas like Cipriani or the Western Hills. I would like to see the city keep cell phone towers and antennae out of the parks, as I have seen this happen in other cities, like San Carlos, to the detriment of the aesthetics and safety of the park goes there. Along the water ways, in Twin Pines for instance, I would like to see invasive plants like ivy removed, where it can climb up trees like Buckeyes and cause damage to the tree.</p>	<p>I would like them to be fortified against wildfire through innovative approaches like controlled burns.</p>	<p>I think the Outdoor Recreation Programs are very high quality, thank you.</p>
<p>We always want more &amp; improved parks.</p>	<p>Love them, continue to encourage bikers &amp; hikers to co-exist together.</p>	<p>Not really interested in these.</p>
<p>The Barrett Community Center should be torn down and made into a new park with state of the art play structures. It is in the heart of our town and it is currently old and underutilized.</p>	<p>They are beautiful and we are lucky to have them for both biking and hiking.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>Don't overbuild Barrett when it is re-done. Open field areas are nice.</p>		
	<p>Please maintain the level of offroad cycling options within the Belmont open spaces like Waterdog. This is one of the great things about Belmont that other cities don't have.</p>	
	<p>I love the open spaces and always think we should have more.</p>	<p>Youth sports are so important and offering them at the rec level is essential. thank you for</p>
<p>Belmont needs a good safe connection from upper Ralston (by Fox and Ralston Schools) to the rest of Belmont (Alameda, El Camino, 101). If there was a safe route for biking that connected all of Belmont it would greatly improve the use of Belmont Parks.</p>	<p>Belmont needs a good safe connection from upper Ralston (by Fox and Ralston Schools) to the rest of Belmont (Alameda, El Camino, 101). If there was a safe route for biking that connected all of Belmont it would greatly improve the use of Open Spaces.</p>	<p>Belmont needs a good safe connection from upper Ralston (by Fox and Ralston Schools) to the rest of Belmont (Alameda, El Camino, 101). If there was a safe route for biking that connected all of Belmont it would greatly improve the utilization of Recreation Programs</p>
	<p>More areas for leashed dogs</p>	
<p>I think the hidden canyon park that is now undeveloped would be a great place for families to picnic. Add some benches and leave the area open for the children to explore.</p>	<p>I don't think the trails should be designated for use as either walking or scootering (children) or mountain biking.</p>	

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	Do not add restrictions.	
Grateful for Parks & Rec employees!		
cleanliness is an issue	cleanliness is an issue	Any possibility of a community pool at Barrett?
	Please keep open space	
We would really like a swimming facility. The whole family would use it.		
Love them	Love them; wish bikes were more controlled	ice skating rink would be so great
Iâ€™d like some wide open grassy areas to walk my dog. The biggest drawback about recreation in Belmont is that streets are poorly paved and sidewalks are limited, so we have to drive before we walk.		
Pretty good the way they are. Spend the money elsewhere where it may be needed more.	Pretty good the way they are. Spend the money elsewhere where it may be needed more.	Pretty good the way they are. Spend the money elsewhere where it may be needed more.

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The fences at Fox are ridiculous. Please take them down.	San Juan canyon trails have been over used and not well maintained- and people keep making new ones. Please let nature and animals live here- we've already had to deal with the new construction of houses - and have significant decrease in animals and foliage over the past 5 years. It's very sad. In addition, fire departments are using sugarloaf mountain as training and absolutely demolished the trails last summer. I know that's not Belmont open space but it connects to it and is same canyon.	
Belmont parks overall are great. Keep up the good work.	Belmont has a great open space area's that should be shared by all. There should be a little give and take.	
More paths / sidewalks to the parks and/or open space would be nice. Cutting down on driving areas and making more walking/biking spaces instead of car traffic.	Same as #15	
A dog park in twin pins would be awesome		
Crystal Springs CC Course isn't mentioned b/c it belongs to SF Watershed but I use it every single day and love it. It's a huge part of my life satisfaction.		
	Water Dog Lake is awesome! Please restore and update the trail signage, especially the mountain lion safety signs and the trail name signs. Also, please add signage to unlabeled secondary trails. Thanks!	We love Camp SOAR and hope it comes back for Summer 2021! Also, we'd love to see more all-sports or multi-sports classes so our kids can experience a lot of different sports and figure



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Belmont Parks and Rec does a great job maintaining our parks.	Please keep Water Dog as perfect as it is. Please do not add a skateboarding ramps or anything else that will ruin it. It is perfect as is. Please keep the CSM space above Belmont Heights just the way it is.	More adult outdoor classes please.
	Hallmark Trail/Cross Country: can not be lost, closed or sold for housing. Stunning area for our community to enjoy.	
There are too many baseball/softball fields in Belmont. Does every park have to have a baseball field to the detriment of other sports? The city could use a proper community pool (Carlmont High's is not truly accessible to the general public), more Soccer turf fields, Volleyball courts (beach and hardcourt), BMX pump track and a skate park.	Our Open Spaces are the jewels in Belmonts Crown. Expanding/maintaining and improving them would be a benefit to the community.	
Ralston field is a mess. I am afraid that kids will get hurt running on the field.	multi use paths very hard for pedestrians - I feel like I'm always about to get run over. Also masking restrictions are not consistent and people dont' follow them.	
		A swimming pool/aquatics would be a
	Open Space needs to be available for all users.	
I love the Belmont parks! At different times and different stages in parenting, the parks maintained my sanity - giving my kids a terrific place to play /expend energy; a social outlet for me. I have literally spent thousands of hours at Alexander park, Barrett, Cipriani and the Belmont Library park over the last decade.	I love Waterdog and Sugarloaf/San Juan Canyon. It can be challenging, because all of the trails have intermittently become impacted over the last few years, but I strongly believe that restricting/limiting trail use is the wrong approach.	-I wish that we had a community pool that was more accessible to kids (Carlmont pool has very limited hours for free swim and is overcrowded by campers when it is open). -I want to reiterate my sentiment that the trails should be open to all (even e-bike

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	We LOVE Waterdog. Please don't take away the joy of riding the trails. My kids ride daily. This has benefited them tremendously during the pandemic.	
Would like to see better weed control performed on the grass areas.	Our (I live in Belmont) Open space is a gem for me personally. I can walk my dog there, I can ride my bike there, I can invite my friends there for a group hike. Lots of way for me to utilize.	
	Waterdog is a fantastic mtn. biking spot! Please help keep it open to bikes, if we need more rules, so be it! I would strongly urge you to ban ebikes.	
Get rid of the illegal Soho Bike trail.		
Please make more trails accessible and make at least one park accessible to children with disabilities		
	Our entire family absolutely loves mountain biking and hiking in Belmont's open spaces. It was one of the attractions for us to choose moving to Belmont.	With the exception of Belmont Sports Complex, our fields are often in poor shape. More maintenance needs to be performed to keep
	In general, I think the open spaces are great. Easy to visit, limited crowds, nature-focused. I don't want to lose the "get away" aspect of them.	
	One of the best things about belmont is biking at water dog. It's one of the few activities I can still do that doesn't aggravate my knees.	

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Uses should remain open to all. Stop trying to add restrictions or designations.	Uses should remain open to all. Stop trying to add restrictions or designations.	
Building community around our public parks is a great idea. Without a true downtown area, Belmont lacks the clear central destination that other Bay Area communities enjoy. Hoping the plans around El Camino will help change this vibe.		
	Need more mountain bike trails	
	love trail running, hiking with kids and biking!	
more time needs to be spent by staff on maintenance and on-going upkeep		
Baseball game facilities are superior to girls softball	appreciate the multi use and natural feel	community pool would be great
Please do not limit the very few mountain biking opportunities (Waterdog for example) in our city. I would really rather not burn fuel to drive to riding locations outside the area.	Please don't let a vocal minority of trail users drive policy for all residents.	
	Please don't ban biking, I love biking in Belmont. It has been a godsend during COVID	
A skate park and a pump track would be great for our older kids, we have plenty of playgrounds	We enjoy mountain biking there and want to keep it open for all users	It would be nice to see more outdoor recreation programs for tweens and teens
	WaterDog park is an absolute treasure. I appreciate that it is a mountain biking mecca. If I felt safer hiking those trails on foot I would do it more often, but dealing with bikes can be stressful. Is there any tracking of accident locations and causes? Perhaps some specific danger spots could be addressed. Some parts of the trail could be widened to allow for peaceful coexistence.	I am not aware of any such program. I've lived here for two years and have not seen any information on any programs.

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	<p>I have been mountain bike riding in the Waterdog Lake Open Space since the 1990's. Back then there were far fewer trails to ride as there are now. Over the years, trails have been added and maintained by mountain bikers. So when I hear of opposition to mountain bikers riding in Waterdog, it disappoints and concerns me. Mountain bikers should be credited with some of the trail expansion and maintenance over the past few decades. I am not blind to the fact that there are some mountain bikers that ride with excessive speed and poor etiquette. I have also witnessed hikers and dog walkers that are guilty of poor etiquette as well. But in all my years riding and hiking in Waterdog, those folks are in the minority. Yet it appears they have the loudest voices. I think we all just need to get along, take a deep breath and remind ourselves of the beauty we have access to at Waterdog Lake Open Space.</p>	
	How did we completely miss the mark on trail use signage?	
We love our parks and open spaces...it's one of the reasons we moved here	We love Waterdog and it's bike/hiking trails	
Hidden Canyon is a gem and should have options for bikers and hikers.	Belmont needs more bike lanes on roads connecting our parks.	Some fields should have soccer nets available outside of organized team sports. All nets
We have plenty of sports fields and playgrounds for younger kids. We need more amenities like skate parks or pump tracks for middle school and high school kids.	the trails are doing well thanks to volunteer efforts from mountain biking groups and it is vital that multi-use access be preserved to keep this going	
	I support keeping the trails open to hikers, bikers, dog walkers - basically everyone. The trails have been multi-use for decades, and the system is working well.	

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<p>I think the parks are great. I take my kids three to four times a week to Central and McDougal Parks.</p>	<p>I use Waterdog for Mountain Biking several times a week. I'd like the city to help maintain the trails but overall I think the conflicts are minimal and can be managed to allow all users to enjoy the park.</p>	<p>My son is in BRSLL so we've practiced at Nesbit and Ralston. I'd love to see the city have a better plan for Barrett Community center.</p>
<p>Three new rogue trails have been created by bikers at the parklet on the upper/Southern end of Hallmark Dr. damaging the hillside and causing erosion, just so that they can have quick access to the existing trail below. Consider adding a fence, down below and just above the existing trail, to block access to the trail from that site, but not to block the scenic view from the parklet benches.</p>	<p>I feel sorry for the homeowners next to and within a block of Lake Rd on both sides of Hallmark Dr because of the massive increase of people using the open space for hiking and mountain biking. The narrow single-track trails should be for hikers only as the bikers are causing safety problems and environmental damage to the ecosystem. Belmont police should patrol the area, at least during the busy use times, and write citations to bikers for deviating off of the six multi-use trails onto the narrow trails that should only be used by hikers to enjoy the nature, quiet and solitude.</p>	
<p>We love the parks in Belmont! It's one of the reasons we've lived here for the last 12 years.</p>		
<p>They are underdeveloped.</p>	<p>They are underdeveloped. Opportunity to optimize the resource for all to enjoy.</p>	<p>Underdeveloped. The Belmont Sports Complex in general could be further developed for more</p>
	<p>keep them well maintained and open to everyone.</p>	<p>More things for youth or ways to get to know</p>
<p>Please fix the asphalt trail to Hallmark park and the Cross Country Course. The tree roots have broken up the asphalt and it is an accident waiting to happen. This is a high traffic area with tennis courts, playground and many going to the cross country course.</p>	<p>Love the new trail marking signs!</p>	
<p>Dog friendly please!</p>		

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<p>When are you bringing adult classes back. Maybe outdoor until we can be indoor again or by zoom like other gyms did.</p>	<p>Please protect. Very disappointed and disturbing to see what bike riders and electric bikes, night riders and what some have done to the trails.I see groups of the bicycle community coming out of the trails.with shovels and saws who are making their own trails and tearing out plants and trees to carve out new trails destroying the walking trails and open space.</p>	<p>Bring some classes back.</p>
<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p>It would be nice to have some grass and shade trees at the Cipriani Dog park</p>	<p>Pls widen trails and remove poison oak. Iâ€™d use the trails a lot more with my dog if not so much poison oak right at the edge of narrow trails.</p>	<p></p>
<p>We have lots of tiny parks! It would be great to have a bigger multi-use park w/walking paths, seating areas and nice gardens/landscaping near a food area (like San Mateo's Central Park).</p>	<p>Love them!</p>	<p>I'm sure you know this... it is always hard to find fields/spaces to play sports.</p>
<p>Electric bikes should be allowed wherever bikes are allowed. The ADA allows for people with health issues to use an electric bike to exercise and get around</p>	<p>Please reduce the yellow jacket population with environmentally safe traps, in the early spring</p>	<p>I believe a community pool like the one in Highland center would help the community</p>
<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>
<p></p>	<p></p>	<p>Construct Bocce ball courts as the City has</p>
<p>Swimming places!!!!</p>	<p></p>	<p>Swimming pools needed</p>
<p></p>	<p>Is there a chance of keeping cyclists off the Lake Loop Trail?</p>	<p></p>
<p>I think Belmont has done a great job managing there Parks.</p>	<p>Iâ€™ve lived in Belmont for 35 years and very much enjoy the Multi use open space that Belmont has. My entire family enjoys biking and hiking in these open spaces. My hope is they remain multi use.</p>	<p></p>
<p></p>	<p>Would like to know of any development proposals in these areas, especially San Juan Canyon where there are still numerous privately owned lots.</p>	<p></p>
<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

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<p>We have two city parks that are undeveloped, and a great need for more park space. The space at the end of Carlmont Drive should be developed into something great for the city, such as a dog park which is much needed, or a community garden, or a bicycle feature such as a skills course or pump track. We love the parks in the city and know that cost is an issue for more parks. The Carlmont Drive location could be made into a fantastic amenity for the city for a relatively low cost if it is bicycle oriented. It would create a safe place for kids of all ages to hone their cycling skills.</p>	<p>The open space in Belmont is amazing and our family is there all the time. Continuing the multi-use nature of these trails is the highest priority for us, as we hike there, walk the dog there, and ride our bikes there. We moved to Belmont because of the multi-use trails. We can all get along and the entire community should benefit from this great asset.</p>	
<p>Parking needed everywhere</p>		
<p>Too many eucalyptus in Twin Pines - play areas should have artificial turf (grass dies too quickly)</p>	<p>Both bikes and walkers should be able to use the open space</p>	
<p>I'd love a second dog park</p>	<p>Please keep them open for leashed dogs</p>	
	<p>Belmont really lacks bigger open spaces compared to neighboring cities.</p>	
<p>We need more fields, better quality fields, better playgrounds but get rid of the tanbark.</p>		
<p>They are great, but we need to stay on it and keep ahead of the curve by constantly improving and adding features.</p>	<p>They are great, but we need to stay on it and keep ahead of the curve by constantly improving and adding features.</p>	<p>I haven't seen much of what's on offer, more publicity or signage would be a good idea.</p>
<p>I love Belmont parks - you are doing a great job!!</p>	<p>I think generally they are working very well.</p>	<p>Good job balancing needs between sports and individual users!</p>
<p>NA</p>	<p>Trail use is perfect as is, a vocal minority is the source of complaints. We do not need more rules and regulation.</p>	<p>NA</p>

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	There is a limited number of parks that allow mountain biking. Building on this activity in Water Dog could increase the city appeal to many visitors.	
	The open space areas should be for all to enjoy not just a specific group.	Keep funding to insure that our youth have a place to learn and enjoy
We use and like Lauri Woods a lot. It is great for our grand children.	Twin Pines is great	
	Please continue mixed use for all Open Spaces. We hike with our dog and also mountain bike, and would love to be able to continue to do both.	
Improve Ralston Middle school field to turf, multi purpose	Add Cross Country Trail into Belmont's care	
More shade trees please. And more areas to sit and relax outside.	Limit bicycle use on the trails or widen them. The current trails are too narrow for bicycles and make it dangerous for walkers and runners.	More drop in adult exercise classes would be great! We need a community pool.



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	Keep open and maintain	Needs by far the most focus is the poor condition of fields and recreation facilities at the schools. In general, they are poorly maintained. This is by far where resources should be directed. The grass fields are okay a few months
	The sharing of narrow trails with bikes and hikers is totally unsafe. If it hasn't already happened, someone will be killed or seriously injured because the trails are too narrow to accommodate bikes and hikers. On the wide main trails, bikes are often going 20 to 30 mph downhill. Whether on narrow or wide trails going too fast is common and dangerous. Thank you for sponsoring this survey	
It would be nice to have a perimeter walking track at each of the elementary schools. That would help alleviate pressure on the open spaces, as some folks prefer to walk around their community. Also, this would help with running club at each school site that would help students burn off much needed energy.	Belmont Open spaces should be available to all mountain bikers and hikers. It is a way for many families to get out and exercise, as well as keep student's out of trouble.	The city of San Francisco just partnered with Outward Bound to run a ropes course. We have one in our backyard and it would be nice if our community is able to use this resource. Perhaps, we can also partner with Outward Bound to make this community connection.
Hallmark park is so sad.. please upgrade it, tennis courts.	LOVE Waterdog park, would love it if had WIFI Coverage or at least cell service in the park, for emergency usage, and to listen to music/podcasts while walking. Also please weed the poison oak more please. More love to the Cross Country trail behind the HallMark park would be awesome too - it's neglected .	More aquatics programs for kids - after school and on weekends, summer time camps. More STEAM/educational programs.
	I want to make sure EVERYONE has the ability to use the parks. I know there is a group of retired people who are actively trying to ban bikers from the open spaces. That is exactly what we should not be doing. Encourage safe considerate joint usage.	

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<p>I would like to attend more Council meetings. But a the same small handful of people complain at the Council meetings about bikers at Waterdog wastes a large amount of time in each meeting discouraging me to attend the meetings for other issues. Please find some way to limit their complaints.</p>	<p>Please give more recognition to all the volunteer groups that maintain Waterdog and let the public know how these volunteer groups use the park.</p>	<p>More basketball courts please</p>
<p>We love them to death. Lets work to preserve and repair what we have.</p>	<p>Limit bikes to be used only on large fire road trails.</p>	<p>You guys do a great job!</p>
<p>Belmont has such a wonderful small parks spread across our little town. Unfortunately there are none walkable from where I live and the closest ones do not have any parking available. TheNew park at Davie Glen is usually filled up with apartment residence in the parking places for that could be used for the park. Maybe some time restricted parking so that people who want to actually use the park and donâ€™t live within walking distance would be wonderful.</p>		<p>So many of the recreation programs for individuals who are older than 55 are offered during the day. Many individuals who are over 55 are still working and would still like to take part in the recreation programs that park and recâ€™s offers.</p>
	<p>I mostly walk &amp; hike, but Belmont needs to adapt its parks and open space to offer more unique activities, and less of the common ones we can do anywhere.</p>	
<p>The updated Belmont sports complex has been great for multiple activities. Well done!</p>	<p>Waterdog has been a blessing as my son and I have gotten into mountain biking and found it to be an amazing community in a time needed especially for my son.</p>	
<p>Generally very happy with the types and amounts of parks. Thanks!</p>		
	<p>I wish you could remedy the damage done by bikes to hiking trails (ruts, etc.)</p>	
	<p>Being able to mountain bike at Waterdog is amazingly special and unique. A true gem</p>	

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<p>I love the pocket park near my house. I walk there daily with my dog and appreciate the plantings (especially the cherry blossoms right now).</p>	<p>Having safe, legal places to let my dog run off-leash are very important to me. One of the things my dog and I miss most is having mountain bike trails we can enjoy together; we used to live in Bend, OR where dogs are allowed on most all trails. Barrett Community Center and Cipriani park are great, but expanding off leash access at Waterdog/Hidden Canyon would be awesome, and a perfect place to have off leash areas.</p>	
	<p>Dangerous to hike on trails because of speeding bikers, there are to many trails for small amount of area, wildlife is being decimated by biking</p>	<p>Would be nice if the lake were stalked with fish occasionally for kids to experience fishing.</p>
<p>Shade, fields and courts are important for the community</p>	<p>Mountain biking is an essential use of Water Dog park and should continue to be allowed without restriction.</p>	
	<p>Convenient and generally well maintained. Only issue is the conflict between mountain bikers and hikers/walkers on narrow trails. Very difficult to pass or be passed when the poison oak is in full bloom (so to speak), as you can't really step off the trail. Plus, mountain bikers often seem to feel they have the right of way, which I don't believe they do.</p>	
	<p>I love to mountain bike at water dog! So thankful this is in my back yard.</p>	
<p>Please put in a skatepark!!! Sports fields (especially Central Elementary) have lots of holes and need maintenance to prevent injuries. I marked yes, for more athletic fields, but perhaps we just need to improve and maintain the ones we have.</p>	<p>So grateful for Waterdog!</p>	<p>We love movie nights!</p>
<p>The playgrounds in particular do feel up to today's standards -- we go to Palo Alto, San Mateo, and Los Gatos for playgrounds.</p>	<p>People running dogs off leash, like at Water Dog, make me less likely to visit</p>	

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	Should remain multi use areas for all to enjoy (bikers, hikers, dog walkers-if they can follow the rules, etc). Should prioritize & enforce existing policies rather than create more (dogs on leash, no electric vehicles, pick up after your dog). Should add new trails or at least leave in place existing trails rather than block them as has recently taken place. Forcing the same, or more trail users (as has been the case during Covid) onto fewer trails does not improve safety.	I started working with groups to improve youth sport fields when my kids were 6 & 4. They are now 21 & 19 & just last year the sports complex got turfed. This took WAY TOO LONG! Too much bureaucracy! Prioritize these projects and get them done!
Plant more tree and shrubs where appropriate. Do NOT remove Eucalyptus trees or other non-native trees if they are healthy. Plant more Sequoia sempervirens.	The most important thing you can do for the future is to provide, maintain and increase your trails and open space areas. They will be used (walking, jogging, biking) by more of the population over time.	It is very important to maintain an adequate budget for future maintenance of our facilities, including buildings, structures, play equipment, lighting, etc. And do not forget to increase City maintenance staff as you add facilities to the Department. This includes park landscape
Maintenance is poor- weeds everywhere, Benches are sparse and or facing the wrong way	Erosion prevention and control needs to be better addressed	
It would be great to have a place for youth bicycling/skateboarding to get them outside. A bike pump-track where we can teach children to ride in a safe environment would be a nice addition.	Continue to improve the trails against water erosion, they get better every year. Additional trails 1-2 designated for bikes only would be great.	I love the idea of more outdoor exercise, also would love to see a large community garden where we can teach children (and adults) the how to grow food, the importance of eating local, importance of pollinators, birds, etc.
	The parking and pedestrian situation needs to be improved at the Hallmark Drive water dog trail head. Very dangerous to both Hallmark area residents and visitors.	
	We love mountain biking at Waterdog, bought our first home because of the location. Thank you for maintaining the trails, please don't widen them or make them easier for riders. I hope E-bikes can be banned.	
	I love riding my bike on challenging trails.	

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		I would really love to see swimming classes and a pool, either to be able to use the high school pool, or build one at Barrett or wherever else
Twin Pines is a real gem		
	My family loves Belmont Parks and the winding city streets, but they are not safe places for my children to ride bicycles, so we travel to other cities for them. They have ridden pump tracks before, and would absolutely love to have one closer than Santa Cruz.	
While I love how Belmont has preserved the natural surroundings and trails, the city really needs to update our playgrounds and community center. You can see how much they are aging. It would be great if the Barrett Community Center and Twin Pines Parks could be updated to accommodate both younger and older kids and have more water features. Redwood City and San Mateo have wonderful parks like Red Morton and Beresford Parks that accommodate kids of all ages and interests.	Please persevere these spaces and make sure we protect our environment.	It would be great if Belmont offered more programs so we don't have to go to other cities for tennis or soccer camps or dance lessons!
We love mountain biking at Waterdog	Would love more trails and signs in the rugged areas.	Yoga sounds nice
	We need to keep the Water Dog Lake park open as it provides multi use space (biking, hiking, jogging, running, dog walking, relaxation, etc)	
	A bike pump track would be a great addition. Living in Cipriani there is no safe place for kids to ride a bicycle nearby. Waterdog should remain a multi use park. This is a great resource for all users. More trails would be good and I am sure that mountain biking community would be willing to volunteer for trail building	

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<p>Belmont Sports Complex is a good facility that could be even better. We could expand its facilities and make it a really great youth sports complex for the city and the region. Most of the parks could be modernized and optimized to better use these great spaces and make them more appealing. With Notre Dame de Na Mur closing to undergrads, can we repurpose their facilities for the cut of belmont and its residents?</p>	<p>San Juan canyon open space presents a great opportunity to polish a local gem and get the most out of the space.</p>	
	<p>The trail keepers and volunteers are doing a great job at Waterdog! Thanks. Please do not take biking away from Waterdog based on the opinion of a few.</p>	
<p>Don't disallow the bikers to enjoy your open space areas.</p>	<p>Don't disallow the bikers to enjoy your open space areas</p>	
	<p>I consider an Open Space to be similar to a National Wilderness area, that is, no motorized vehicles (including electric bikes), very limited amenities, focused on preservation of the natural environment. This is different from a National Park.</p>	
<p>Water dog open space is fantastic for riding bikes with my teen daughter</p>		
	<p>the open spaces are wonderful.. and so improved since i moved here 30 years ago. i really appreciate the mountain bike community for their upkeep of the trails.. i remember when it was challenging to hike.. i got lost a few times because the trails weren't well marked. i also feel safer walking around on the "single track" since there are more people around with the bikers...</p>	

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<p>Why did we add those exercise stations at Barrett? They might be in use by adults, but I've only ever seen kids play on them.</p>	<p>Is there too much use of the waterdog bike trails? I'm honestly not sure if mountain bikes are pushing out vegetation in the area. The other is the drainage along the side of the fire road in waterdog seems to be getting deeper every year. Is that expected?</p>	
	<p>We especially enjoy biking &amp; hiking on the trails.</p>	
<p>We enjoy the parks activities for kids (play structures) and for being welcoming places to meet with others.</p>	<p>The hiking trails and all of waterdog lake area are one of belmont's most unique and welcoming features.</p>	
	<p>Please don't cave to the vocal anti-bike minority. the trails are for everyone and the space is plenty big to accommodate all. And why prevent night riding??? just let people ride, the more they ride at night the less they will ride during the day when hikers/walkers abound.</p>	
	<p>The 15 year Master Plan seems like a great time for prioritizing habitat preservation, trail quality and safety for the enjoyment of visitors. To do so will take more active management and money than in the past.</p>	
	<p>I like biking in them</p>	
<p>Please encourage SFPUC,SMCo Parks to allow dog walking and bicycle riding on Sheep Camp trail from St James rd all the way to Canada rd</p>		
<p>None</p>	<p>Why renavatiuons are being made to trails that benefit hikers more than bikers</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>I love biking on water dog's trails with my brother</p>	
	<p>Bikers have caused the trails in Water Dog to be unsafe. The use of bikes has threatened wildlife. Bikes should be banned from the Open Space. The trails are no longer a place where a individual can take a peaceful walk or hike. Many people including the elderly and parents with small children now avoid the Open Space as it has been over run by disrespecting bikers.</p>	

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	I feel that the nature, wildlife and humans have been threatened by bikers and made the open space very unsafe. They race by with disregard to wildlife and humans. They have carved out many trails and made some existing ones unsafe by wearing them down and making them slippery. I no longer feel safe bringing my grandkids on the trails as I did with my own children. I have almost been hit several times by bikers in the last twelve months,	
	I have been biking here for my whole life and I know that there is a big movement to ban bikes from trails. Bikers have been the people that mostly maintain the trails and keep them in good condition. Please don't ban bikes here.	
	Parking and traffic at Waterdog Lake entrances on weekends is out of control during peak times. Interferes with nearby residents.	
Would like to see Patricia Wharton Park maintained. It's usually filled with weeds and dead plants	I love Belmont Open Spaces!	
I would love to see the city plant more trees!	I would love to see the city plant more trees!	
	Mtn bikes should only be allowed on wider trails, not narrow hiking trails due to hiker and biker safety. Illegal trails such as "Labor of Love" trails built by thrill seeking bikers should be closed because they are too narrow for hikers and bikers to share safely.	
	Please keep the Open Spaces as multi-purpose recreational areas that are currently being used as.	



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	<p>By encouraging folks outside of Belmont to hike our trails we have severely increased the number of people who are accessing the trails and it has caused an issue in our neighborhood with parking, trash, safety and people abusing the trails. Please put up signs that the trails are closed from sunset to sunrise. There's also crime and drugs at the bottom of sheep camp trail. Which starts in Belmont. Please monitor Waterdog, CSM cross country trail and Sheep Camp more. Putting up dog stations, trash cans and new signage and leaving up the old signage and not taking it down is making the neighborhood look junky and less desirable. There should be more signage that goes out to the open space in the Belmont Heights area that warns of rattlesnakes and mountain lions. During Covid so many kids just running off trails and into the bushes and someone's going to get her at some point.</p>	
<p>Please work to increase the number of sports fields, and to also improve them.</p>	<p>Please do not limit, ban or restrict the use of bikes in Waterdog Park. One of the reasons we moved to Belmont was to be close to Waterdog for mountain biking.</p>	
<p>We love our Belmont parks and open space areas! Thank you for all you do!</p>	<p>We appreciate both hiking and biking in the open space areas. We have been able to safely do both for the last three decades, and are strongly against those who wish to limit access to others.</p>	
<p>Appreciate freedom of mountain bikes and hiking at waterdog</p>		<p>Teen activities</p>
	<p>I'd love to see the steep trails on the belmont side of laurelwood worked on a bit to be easier to go up and down. Also I'd walk to it if we didn't have the bizarre custom of blocking sidewalks by parking on them. It sucks.</p>	
	<p>There are Belmont residents who harass bikers and spread misinformation about the effects of biking on the environment and are working to ban bikes from water dog lake.</p>	

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<p>Please fix the water fountain for dogs at Semeria Park. Please add poop bags the Cipriani dog park.</p>		
<p>Tennis court access is so limited in our fair town, currently. It would be great if we had more options or the courts at NDNU were made available to the city. Alternatively, the courts at Alexander Park (which are great) could use wind shields and definitely are past due for refinishing.</p>	<p>Arbitrarily limiting access to Waterdog to a specific group based on fear and prejudice is really lame. I am deeply disappointed with these residents who, instead of offering a real solution to the problems we face, want to take the ball and go home. There is much more that we could do to improve relations between all users, including posting reminders to yield to other users (bikes yield to runners/hikers) and reminders to hike on the right. I've been riding/running/hiking in Waterdog since 1991 and have never seen more angry and entitled Karens walking around the space as I have seen lately. They don't wear masks, are standing in the middle of the trail, and scream at cyclists to "slow down" regardless of our pace. They are looking for a confrontation to justify their anger and entitlement and shouldn't be accommodated.</p>	
	<p>I would recommend we designate Waterdog as a cycling-focused park and keep the trails narrow and somewhat primitive. Hikers can recreate at one of the many no-bikes regional parks (Edgewood, Cross Country Course, Big Canyon, etc). Cyclists have limited open space choices and and inadequate recreational resources for their needs</p>	<p>love the youth programs, especially dance for my daughters</p>
<p>I love the new BSC turf field and go there for workouts during the day on weekdays. Very quiet at that time of day and high quality turf that can be used year round. Thank you!!!</p>	<p>I love to bike, hike, dog walk and run at Waterdog, Hidden Canyon and San Juan open spaces. Let's keep those trails open to all users that use them respectfully and follow the rules, which is the vast majority of the users. One or two new, well built and designed trails in WDLP for mixed use would really be nice!</p>	<p>BRSLL and local AYSO are great but our kids no longer playing organized sports. Fully support these programs, though and want there to be plenty of fields for the next generations.</p>
<p>Love 'em</p>	<p>Love 'em</p>	<p>Love 'em</p>