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14-Jan	<p>Dear Park Commissioners,</p> <p>With as few as 1,000 remaining, this beauty below is the rare and endangered San Francisco garter snake, christened "the most beautiful serpent in North America."</p> <p>It is found ONLY in SF and the peninsula, and needs a riparian (pond/wetland) habitat for survival.</p> <p>I have seen one in Waterdog, and they are documented on the General Plan Conservation Element as present in Waterdog, but they are very rare and are protected under the Endangered Species Act (U.S Fish and Wildlife Service).</p> <p>If you are not aware of this beautiful creature, and our legal obligation to protect it, I highly recommend visiting this website to fully appreciate the importance of the disappearing riparian habitat that supports the few remaining animals; https://sfgartersnake.wixsite.com/dhsseadisc/why-should-you-care:</p> <p>Moreover I urge you to take immediate action to close the illegally built trail, cut by bikers, that bisects Waterdog marsh, trampling and fragmenting one of the few remaining habitats of this rare and endangered snake.</p> <p>That trail violates both the existing Park Master Plan (which stipulates no development in that marsh) and the John Brooks Contract, and it contradicts the General Plan Conservation Element.</p>