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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing this letter in support of allocation of general fund dollars to address the funding gap of the renovation of the pump track located at McGregor park. This winters storms had a Fallen tree, which severely damaged the track. Not only was the track damaged from the tree, but a majority of the damage was sustained during the removal of the tree from machinery used to remove the debris.

Damage from the tree as well as erosion from rain and heavy use over the years has the tracks riding surface worn and unsafe. An afterschool program "Flow Loves You" used to frequently utilize the pump track, however due to its current condition the after school program no longer uses this public park.

The existing dirt surface requires maintenance as well as human resources after rain events to place signage to close the park when wet. I have personally lead volunteer efforts to maintain the parks riding surface, a more durable asphalt surface which would not only save city staff human resources after storm events, but eliminate maintenance needed from volunteers as well. I appreciate your time and thank you for your consideration. -Alex Fowler, Resident of Aptos