

From: Phil Koen
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Matt Morley <MMorley@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Laurel Prevetti <LPrevetti@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Agenda item #7

Matt,

In reviewing the Roadside Vegetation Management Plan, the vegetation map on page 1 of Figure 2 appears to have incorrectly identified a road that doesn't exist. I have attached the map in question. The map shows a road extending up Fairview Ave to the Town boundary. There is no roadway that extends from Fairview Ave to the Town Boundary.

I have attached a picture of the street map for this area. As you can see Wadsworth Ave extends from Fairview Ave past San Jose Water's storage reservoir (which is critical infrastructure for the Town and is shown as #1) and then intersects Laurel Ave. Laurel Ave and Wadsworth provide a critical evacuation road for the multi-family complex (shown as #2) bordered by Laurel Ave, Wissahickon Ave, Overlook Ave and Madrone Ave.

I would request that the vegetation map be corrected to reflect Wadsworth Ave and Laurel Ave as evacuation routes.

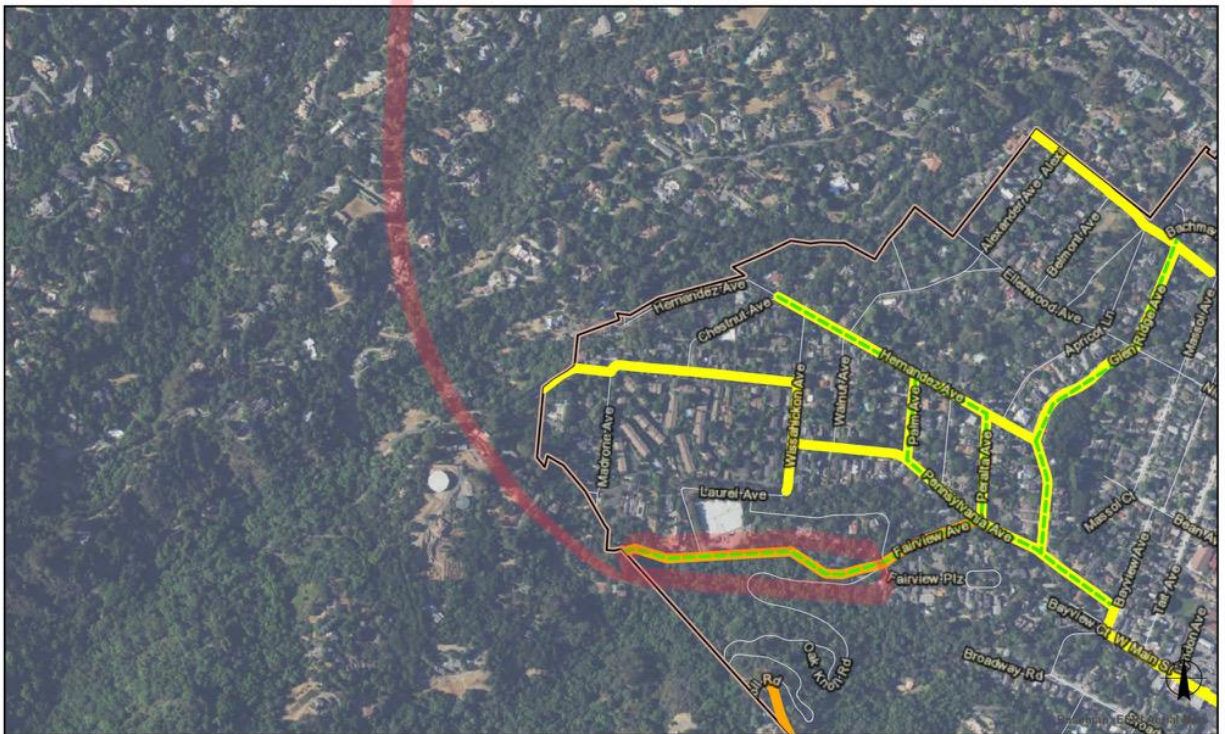
I have also attached pictures of both Laurel Ave and Wadsworth Ave. As you can see there is extensive dense vegetation with considerable overhead growth. Given that both Laurel Ave and Wadsworth Ave are roads that serve as evacuation routes for the multi-family complex and as well as a fire emergency access road to protect the water reservoir and the multi-family complex, I believe that these roads should be designated as VMAL priority level 1. They certainly meet the criteria outlined in the Vegetation Management Plan for priority level 1 designation.

The lot that is located between Laurel Ave and Wadsworth Ave needs to be abated of all hazardous vegetation and downed wood. I have drawn this lot to your attention before, so I know you are aware of the specific issues associated with this parcel. The potential for wildfire to spread from the roadside vegetation to the adjacent properties and the critical water storage infrastructure is very high. This can easily be confirmed by inspecting the lot.

Thank you.

Phil Koen

No Street



- Town of Los Gatos Boundary
- Open Space Area
- Evacuation Routes
- Other Roadways

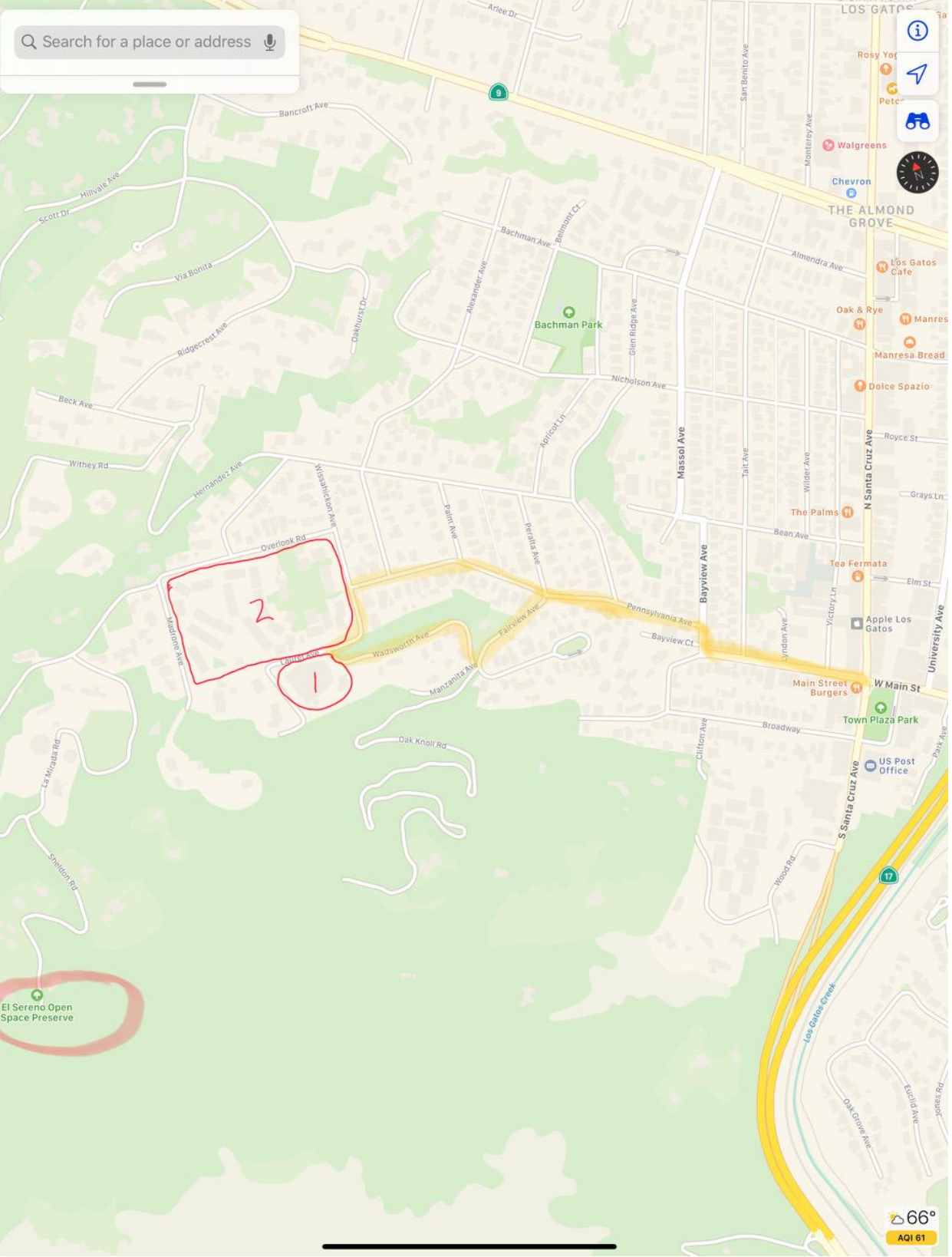
- Vegetation Management Action Levels**
- VMAL 1 (5.30 Miles)
 - VMAL 2 (13.98 Miles)
 - VMAL 3 (11.81 Miles)



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Scale: 1:9,000

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Wadsworth Avenue



Laurel Avenue



From: Matt Morley <MMorley@losgatosca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Phil Koen
Subject: RE: re-evaluate the Town's hillside fire prevention program

Mr. Koen

This coming Tuesday we will ask the Town Council to approve a Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and authorize contracts for up to \$500,000 to begin implementation of the plan. This plan is essential to ensuring residents have a safe evacuation route in case of a fire and compliments other efforts with our partners who implement the Town's weed and brush abatement programs.

In addition, we have applied for a multi-million dollar FEMA grant to address additional needs in our Town owned open spaces. Although FEMA has not provided a timeline on this opportunity, it has been some time since we applied and we are hoping to hear soon.

We're continuing to push forward on this effort and will keep the Town Council apprised of the progress within the budget we have available now. Should we determine that additional funds are necessary, we will bring that discussion to the Council

Please let me know if I can provide additional information.



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From: Janette Judd <jjudd@losgatosca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 7:07 AM
To: Phil Koen
Cc: Matt Morley <MMorley@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: RE: re-evaluate the Town's hillside fire prevention program

cc: Mayor and Town Council
Town Manager L. Prevetti
PPW Director M. Morley

Good morning,

ATTACHMENT 1

Thank you for your e-mail, received by the Town Council and Town Manager. By copy of this message, the Manager's Office has referred your comments to Parks and Public Works Director Matt Morley for review and response.

Once again thank you for contacting the Town of Los Gatos and voicing your comments.

Best regards,
Janette Judd
Executive Assistant
Town Council and Town Manager

From: Phil Koen
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Marico Sayoc <MSayoc@losgatosca.gov>; Rob Rennie <RRennie@losgatosca.gov>; BSpector <BSpector@losgatosca.gov>; Marcia Jensen <MJensen@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Laurel Prevetti <LPrevetti@losgatosca.gov>; Maria Ristow; Heidi Owens; Matthew Hudes; Jak Van Nada; Rob Stump
Subject: re-evaluate the Town's hillside fire prevention program

Dear Council Members,

The map below shows the evacuation area currently in effect from the Santa Cruz (CZU) fire. The distance to the Town border from the edge of the evacuation area is now less than 3 miles.

We need to seriously commit to hillside fire prevention. In my view the Town has not adequately addressed this real danger. The funding in the FY 21 budget for hillside fuel reduction is woefully inadequate. This was pointed out by a number of residents during the budget hearings..

Why not re-allocate all of the remaining money in the Downtown scape capital project to hillside fire prevention? We need to protect the Town before we can worry about remaking the downtown scape.

Thank you .

Phil Koen



Sent from my iPhone