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Sat, Jun 15, 2024 at 10:48 AM

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**Are you a Malibu resident?**

Yes

**If yes, do you live in East or West Malibu?**

West Malibu

**Your Message**

Please do not build anything on the Trancas field land, the last pristine space left in Malibu, and the only never developed coastal space from Western Malibu to San Clemente. This natural preserve is home to Coyotes, Mule Deer, rabbits, squirrels, Red-tailed hawks, Peregrine Falcons, Bobcats, mountain lions, various snakes, and a host of wildlife species too numerous to mention. Malibu was founded as a city on the premise of being an interface between the natural coast, and a conscientious group of residents who sought to limit the human footprint in favor of the native flora and fauna. Let's keep it this way, as it not only keeps it beautiful, it assists in preserving our property values. Keep it NATURAL!!!

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**Are you a Malibu resident?**

Yes

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West Malibu

**Your Message**

I would really love to have a community swimming pool that is open to residents throughout the week and weekend. Malibu High School pool has very restrictive hours and very few lanes to swim in, plus no free swim area for families to just have fun! And - not all of us can afford to have a private swimming pool on our properties.



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### Are you a Malibu resident?

Yes

### If yes, do you live in East or West Malibu?

East Malibu

### Your Message

Our Hotspot, the Santa Monica Mountains

“Around the world, 36 areas qualify as hotspots. Their intact habitats represent just 2.5% of Earth's land surface, but they support more than half of the world's plant species as endemics — i.e., species found no place else — and nearly 43% of bird, mammal, reptile and amphibian species as endemics.” (emphasis added)

Conservation International <https://www.conservation.org/priorities/biodiversity-hotspots#:~:text=Around%20the%20world%2C%2036%20areas,and%20amphibian%20species%20as%20endemics.>

“The California Floristic Province, a region that extends from Santa Barbara in Southern California to the parallel 30th in Northern Baja California (about 220 miles from San Diego), has been identified as one of these 35 regions that present a high degree of endemism and biodiversity.”

Terra Peninsular A.C. <https://terrapeninsular.org> > Cover > Blog Terra Stories  
California Floristic Province - Terra Peninsular A.C.

We have an obligation to preserve this precious habitat and to restore what we have destroyed. In that process we can make Malibu a uniquely beautiful city blessed with the natural incredible beauty of multiple ecosystems, a model in preservation of our planet.

Besides development, the worst and most serious offenders are scientifically unsupported clearance of chaparral and other native plant systems – which of course mean all of their animal inhabitants – and the consequences of that: invasive weeds, hotter land and decrease in moisture in adjacent wildland plants. This is happening throughout the Santa Monicas. The responsibility lies with both the Fire Department on developed land, City policy, and County Agriculture which require meaningless clearance of habitat, depriving plants and animals of their natural home which in turn allows invasive weeds to inhabit not only that land, but to spread into the remaining wildland. That increases wildfire risk. They are more flammable, retaining less water than native plants and setting a model for what people should expect to see in the mountains. “Aren't those fields of mustard pretty?” Until they burn like tinder.

We are showing both visitors and residents that this is ok, even desirable. The City's active clearance of natives and acceptance of invasives serves as a model for maintenance of private property. Soon the invasives are everywhere, filling distant habitat with non-nutritive, fire-prone plants. That's where we are now. We need to remove invasives before they suppress native plant growth, about mid-March, probably June and sometime in the fall, before they go to seed. Native plants can be marked for preservation and will fill in. We need to require this and give support and education to accomplish that.

We need to change our city modelling: Remove invasives, restore natives passively by removing weeds and in some cases restore by planting new plants.

We need to change our city education so that people do not falsely think that removal of 100, 200,300 ft of native habitat will protect them from wildfire. It does not, it increases the risk and makes it hotter, with the sun baking the soil and drying out additional wildland habitat.

An additional benefit of wildland habitat it that it improves mental health. Yes, a recent study noted that there is a linear relationship between mental health and greater levels of biodiversity, comparing, as I recall, city with concrete, grass, manicured garden and wildland. As the biodiversity increased so did mental health.

For our health, for beauty, for fire safety, for biodiversity, for cooling, for the planet, protect and nurture native habitat in yes, our own backyards. Please set the model for passive and active restoration. We do not need to wait for a decision and a development plan to protect and enhance natives and consistently remove invasives – and always before they go to seed.

1. My top priority is restoration of native habitat. Open spaces should be preserved. Trancas field is ideal for walking paths which could accommodate people with disabilities, and a few benches. A water fountain, including for pets. This is an ideal place for planting pollinators for all seasons with ID markers so that plants can be identified for use in home gardens. Home gardens with natives have been shown to increase pollinator populations. This will help abate the insect apocalypse.
2. Heathercliff could easily accommodate a small 21st century library with increased digital content, computers used for community meetings, maker space and other activities. Library funds should be available for this. A high quality vending machine for coffee and tea might be nice depending on community interest. I would suggest some tables with benches on a lawn for kids to play on, surrounded and interspersed with native plants and walking paths. There may be a requirement for parking because of mandated use.
3. Solar panels on all buildings with cool roofs and a microgrid in civic center and at Trancas market shopping center to serve commercial structures and surrounding residences. This will eliminate reliance on the grid, reduce electrical costs and protect the community in power shutoffs and natural disaster. Electrical wires in surrounding areas should be buried to preserve the integrity of the power source. Power in these two central locations would provide food, medications, urgent care, gasoline and permit communication with police and fire services. It would also allow residents to continue working remotely.
4. La Paz might be used for a dog park or housing for low-medium income people who work here – ie small apartments.
5. loki should have native plants sculpting whatever facility or field is put there. A small art museum with a space dedicated to indigenous art and artifacts would be lovely surrounded by native plants, lunch tables.
6. Triangle might be a native plant garden with sculptures from various artists, including indigenous artists, as in Santa Fe.
7. A pool for people of all ages amidst a native plant garden, located near civic center since the west side has a pool at the high school – which should be expanded.

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**Are you a Malibu resident?**

Yes

**If yes, do you live in East or West Malibu?**

West Malibu

### Your Message

There is so much development going on in Malibu that bit by bid it is destroying the natural world in Malibu . The best use of these properties is to restore their natural habitat to the greatest extent possible and to designate them natural public open space in perpetuity

If their is a true need for certain recreational amenities they should be placed in the Civic Center area since it is centrally located between the east and west.

Trancas should remain natural open space for the following reasons. it is in a residential area where the residents fought for years to prevent it from being developed. There is a major blue line stream that runs through the property and it is a wildlife corridor. Many wildlife live, forage and depend on this field for their existence. Chumash site(s) are on this parcel. Trancas is a major scenic view-shed as seen from PCH and Trancas Canyon Road and from the many residences that surround the field.

Heathercliff should remain open space. If it is to be developed, the vast majority of the parcel should remain restored natural open space.

Any use of these parcels are to be for the benefit of Malibu residents and no one else. Hardscape should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Thank you for hearing my thoughts on the use of these parcels. . .

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