

## I. Summary

The Marinview Paths Committee has inventoried the current condition of paths in Marinview and has developed a preliminary set of suggestions for improvement and maintenance of the paths for purposes of recreation, school access and public safety.

Our goal is to develop a “comprehensive list of all the paths in the neighborhood noting what upgrades/maintenance/repairs they need, what materials and/or labor might be required, and what regular maintenance should look like.”

The Master Plan includes an inventory of paths, a discussion of alternative treatments of paths, and a discussion of the priorities based on purposes served of each path. We have also developed a use plan to increase the full use of the paths to the enjoyment and public safety of Marinview residents, and as a way of increasing public support for these enhancements.

Paths are currently used mainly by schoolchildren for access to school, and by a small number of residents for recreational hiking. We need to find out just how much recreational use is made of the paths. Currently, there appears to be little recreational use, which we wish to increase. We are also reviewing the suitability of the paths for emergency evacuation. At this time the paths appear to be useful, but we need to take a closer look at the likely use of the paths during emergencies.

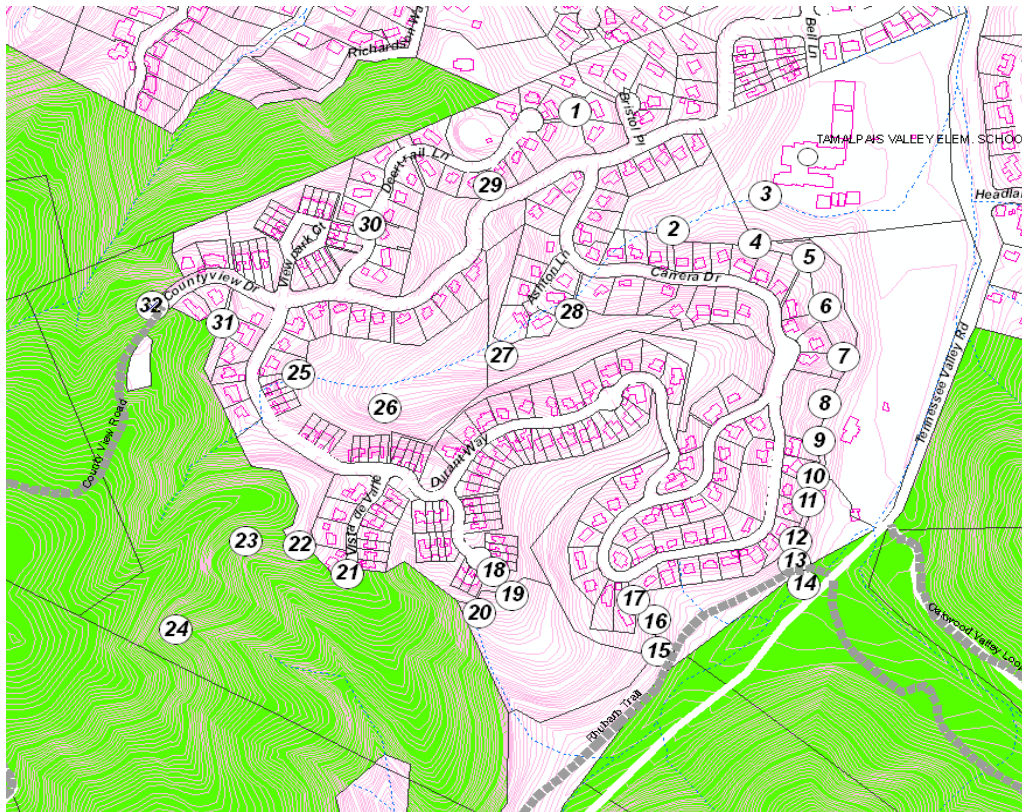
The main problem with the paths appears to be their suboptimal condition for (1) daily use by school children, (2) occasional use by residents for recreational hiking; and (3) one-time use by the general public in case of emergency evacuation.

*[Although we are concerned with the latter -- because there is only one vehicular exit from Marinview for over 200 households and the exit could be congested in case of fire or other emergency -- this issue will be addressed in a future report on disaster planning. The current report focuses on paths for schoolchildren and for recreational hiking].*

That said, we currently believe that the following improvements are needed, listed in order of priority (see markers on map, next page):

- Carrera School Access Path. Improve for use by school children on daily basis. (see markers 2 and 3)
  - Issues: muddy areas and small, slippery wood steps.
  - Work needed: add gravel to muddy areas; install better wood steps.
  
- Lower Carrera Path to Rhubarb Trail. Improve for recreational hiking. (markers 17 to 15)
  - Issues: Until the recent work of a nearby Marinview resident, this connector trail was steep, muddy and difficult to traverse, particularly during the rainy season. A small nearby spring exacerbates these issues. The recent improvements have helped, but they are not permanent.
  - Work needed: Install a drainage system to address the small spring; railroad ties as stairs; and install a raised gravel walkway at the lower part of the trail.

- Rhubarb Extension (to School Path). Improve for recreational use.(markers 2 and 4 to 14)
  - An improved trail would provide the entire Tam Community with better access to the Rhubarb Trail.
  - Issue: the trail's current state is poor with narrow, steep, and muddy spots. A small portion of the current trail crosses over private land.
  - Work needed:
    - i. Short term: install steps & gravel in a few areas; re-position the trail onto TCSD land.
    - ii. Longer term: install a few benches.
  
- Durant-Ashton Canyon Trail. Improve for recreational use. (see markers 25 to 28)
  - a. Issue: the trail has muddy spots.
  - b. Work needed: install drainage and gravel.
  
- Via Recodo Path. Improve for recreational use. (see markers 18 to 20 and south to Rhubarb Trail)
  
- Deertrail Stairs (to Bristol). Minor repairs indicated (see marker 1).



We welcome review and comments by the community. Upon further review and study, we plan to complete the report and present our findings to the MCA Board, hopefully in the next few weeks.

