

June 7, 2022

MOUNTAIN VIEW NATURE PARK AND POND

Whereas: The Parks Master Plan states, "This open space protects the natural landscape providing critical habitat for wildlife and native species."

Whereas: The Nature Park and Pond is the only Gardnerville park that specifically prioritizes the protection of wildlife and habitat.

Whereas: Local residents are major stakeholders in the Nature Park and Pond and have not been proactively included in the decision-making process.

Whereas: Throughout February, March, April and part of May, 2022, a developer's crew worked over 500 hours removing dirt for their project. As a result, more than 90% of the Nature Pond waterfowl disappeared.

Therefore: We strongly urge a strict moratorium on special events and noise-generating activities for a minimum of two years in order to promote recovery of waterfowl and wildlife. Please give the Nature Park time to heal. We are all guardians of this unique space.