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PROPOSED "TRESTLE TRAIL" ALONG THE HISTORIC TRESTLE BERM OVERLOOKING BLACKIE'S PASTURE

The goal in creating the TRESTLE TRAIL is to provide a place for recreation, as well as reflection, with a connection to Tiburon's history. The trail will unofficially mark the entrance to the Belvedere-Tiburon downtown area and will be enjoyed by residents as well as visitors to the area. Sensational views of Richardson Bay are an added bonus for those who walk the trail.

This project involves constructing and maintaining a paved 550-foot walking path, from an existing extension of the Old Rail Trail, to the 130-year-old timbers that are the only remaining evidence of an 800-foot trestle that once spanned Tiburon Boulevard—the route that brought trains into downtown Tiburon for more than 80 years.

The TRESTLE TRAIL will be a subtle reminder to the thousands of people who pass the trestle site daily that Tiburon owes much of its existence to its history as a "railroad town." The trail will be the width of a railroad track (4' 8") and be defined by header boards that appear like rails and will be bordered with gravel similar to the appearance of the old Northwestern Pacific Railroad of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

At the end of the trail there will be a 20-foot stretch of actual historic rail with a 140-square-foot turn-around area where two viewing benches and an informational history plaque will sit.

The TRESTLE TRAIL will be professionally designed, engineered and constructed.

Estimated Costs:

Construction of path and retaining wall	$85,000
Acquiring and moving rails	15,000
Landscaping and maintenance	25,000

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Total	$125,000

Potential Sources of Income:

Town of Tiburon	$40,000
Tiburon Peninsula Foundation	15,000
Belvedere Community Foundation	20,000
Sale of "Donor Ties"*	50,000
Total	$125,000

*"Donor Ties" will be custom milled eight-foot long, 3" x 8" timbers replicating historic railroad ties. Forty of them would be placed ten feet apart along the 400-foot pathway and will prominently display the name of the donor, be it a family, neighborhood, organization or business. At present, their estimated cost to a donor ranges between $2,000 and $2,500 (Their cost to be milled and labeled has not been determined). It is also anticipated that spikes, holding down the 20-foot section of historic rail, would be offered for a yet to be decided donation amount.

The TRESTLE TRAIL has been discussed with Tiburon Town Council, town staff, Landmarks Society staff and GreenTeam. The Big Four – railroad historian Phil Cassou, architect David Holscher, businessman Tom O'Neill and Marin Magazine co-founder Jim Wood – along with Town of Tiburon staff, will manage the project to completion.

The TRESTLE TRAIL 2016 timeline is:

1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr
Present concept. Get feedback.	Comp. rendering. Apply to council/ foundations. Donor tie design/cost. Final design, get bids.	Sell ties/spikes. Firm up funding.	Start const.