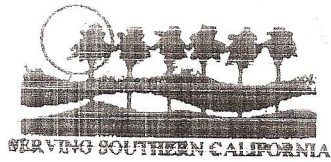


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The Riverside Land Conservancy is dedicated to the preservation of open space by seeking to identify, protect, and manage habitats of rare and endangered species, natural lands, and other sensitive sites throughout the Inland Southern California Region.

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Eric Haley, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Haley,

The Riverside Land Conservancy (RLC) is aware that there is interest and discussions on potential development of a Highgrove/Metrolink station on a 35 acre triangular parcel of open land just north of Citrus Street, within the Riverside City limits, adjacent to the community of Highgrove. This parcel is bisected by the Springbrook Wash Arroyo; any development for this purpose would almost certainly require crossings of the arroyo with a rail spur, pedestrian crossing from a parking area, and/or new street access.

We are writing to make you aware of extensive planning and coordination efforts the RLC has been doing with the City of Riverside, Riverside County, the Department of Fish and Game, and others in preserving the Springbrook Arroyo for long term Open Space Habitat and Regional Trail use.

At this time, we see no objection to development of this parcel for such a Metrolink Station, but want you to be aware early on, that the development and any crossings of the Springbrook Arroyo should provide reasonable protection of the natural habitat and an under-crossing for the Regional Trail as well as for habitat usage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Nelson
Springbrook Wash Trail
Subcommittee Chairman

Jane Block, President
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cc: Ken Gutierrez, City of Riverside Planning Director