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From: Dr. Lauren J. Oliver
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Dear Ms. Spencer,

I strongly support inclusion in the Humboldt County General Plan Update of the citizen-drafted restoration-based comments on the Water, Biological Resources, and Open Space & Conservation Elements, being submitted through Trees Foundation.

I am calling for these "watershed-based" goals to be added to the next draft of the General Plan Update. They are relevant to rural residential as well as small non-industrial timber production parcels, and will advance common conservation and restoration goals across Humboldt's rural landscape. These are the goals that will sustain the beauty and uniqueness of Humboldt County - the natural resources which draw most of us to live here.

I believe that incorporation of these goals will help limit the impacts of existing and future rural residential development on the environment while sustaining both rural lifestyles and natural resources. I also believe incorporation of these goals into the General Plan update will significantly improve its effectiveness to guide land use and resource management in rural residential communities and areas zoned for rural residential development, as well as for small non-industrial timber production parcels

I look forward to your serious consideration, and recognition of the value to the General Plan Update.

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