

YOUR VOICE FOR QUALITY PLANNING
Rural Quality Foundation and Rural Quality Coalition

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Dear Supporter of Rural Quality,

It is time to renew your membership. Your support and continued investment in the Organizations for Rural Quality is critical to maintaining our community voice in planning for the future of Nevada County.

I wish to thank all of you who were able to make it to the June 1st. Grass Valley City Council meeting. We helped to fill the hall and the Council heard loud and clear from speaker after speaker that the community wants to stick to the 1999 General Plan in regards to the residential numbers for the four major annexations. Reflecting Grass Valley's recent survey, traffic, growth and true affordable housing were major concerns with many people expressing the need also for more parks/ recreation, open space and creative smart growth planning. The R.Q.C. continues to be very actively involved, meeting with all the G.V. City Council members, as well as the developers to not only understand their view point but to facilitate the adoption of a workable plan for our community.

The Rural Quality Foundation has recently submitted a number of grant applications to help increase our land use planning staff time and we recently applied for a 2.6 million state grant through the Sierra Nevada Cascade Conservation program to purchase a 200 acre site adjacent to Empire Mine State Park which is currently proposed for 76 homes. The grant funding would facilitate ownership of this site by the State Park guaranteeing long-term public access, maintenance of the trails/open space and protection of wildlife habitat.

We are continuing to give professional input on Deer Creek 2 (192 homes, 1600 vehicle trips per day added to Boulder Street.) The new EIR on this project will be out soon.

Your support is what makes all this possible and I encourage all of you to donate generously to the tax-deductible Rural Quality Foundation* or to the Rural Quality Coalition

In appreciation of this beautiful place we call home.

Paul Jorgensen
President of the R.Q.C. and R.Q.F.

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