TOWN OF FAIRFAX · SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING · JULY 22, 2026

Naming the Fairfax Open Space Preserve

A resolution establishing official names for the 100-acre “Wall Property,” its features, and its trails — shaped by the community, the Fairfax Open Space Committee, and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

Why We're Here Tonight

The Town acquired the 100-acre Wall Property in 2024 as permanent public open space. After eighteen months of community input, committee review, and tribal consultation, the naming slate is complete and ready for adoption.

Receive

Accept the final naming recommendations of FOSC, the Council subcommittee, and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

Adopt

Approve a resolution establishing the official names for the property, its features, and its trails.

Direct

Authorize staff to proceed with design, fabrication, and installation of signage consistent with the adopted names.

Staff recommendation: the process is complete and reflects both broad community input and appropriate cultural consultation.

A Community-Driven Process

~100

name nominations from Fairfax residents

Fairfax Festival / Ecofest · Town Picnic · online outreach through fall 2025

Dec 2, 2025

FOSC adopts a recommended slate of names after an ad hoc committee narrows ~100 public submissions.

Jan 12, 2026

Council forms a subcommittee — Mayor Hellman and Vice Mayor Egger — to refine the recommendations with FOSC and the community.

Jan 30, 2026

Town submits a formal inquiry to the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria before proceeding with any Indigenous place name.

Apr 28–30, 2026

FIGR Tribal Council recommends Liile Yomi; FOSC votes unanimously to adopt it as Liile Yomi Way.

Liile Yomi — “The High Place”

Pronounced “lee-lay yo-me”

A respectful ask

FOSC's original placeholder, “Miwok Way,” was forwarded expressly subject to tribal approval. The Town formally requested a recommendation from the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

The Tribe's own process

The FIGR Cultural Programs Manager brought the inquiry to the Tribal Council, which engaged its Cultural Resources Department and Sacred Sites Protection Committee — members of which knew the site firsthand from the Town's ribbon-cutting.

A name with meaning

The Tribal Council recommended Liile Yomi, “the high place,” for the property's principal fire road. FOSC adopted it unanimously as Liile Yomi Way on April 30, 2026, and FIGR has offered continued help with signage.

**Every sign bearing the Liile Yomi name will be developed in consultation with FIGR on design, spelling, and pronunciation.*

The Recommended Names

ENTIRE PROPERTY **Fairfax Open Space Preserve**

The Bright Side Overlook

Jessica's Spiral

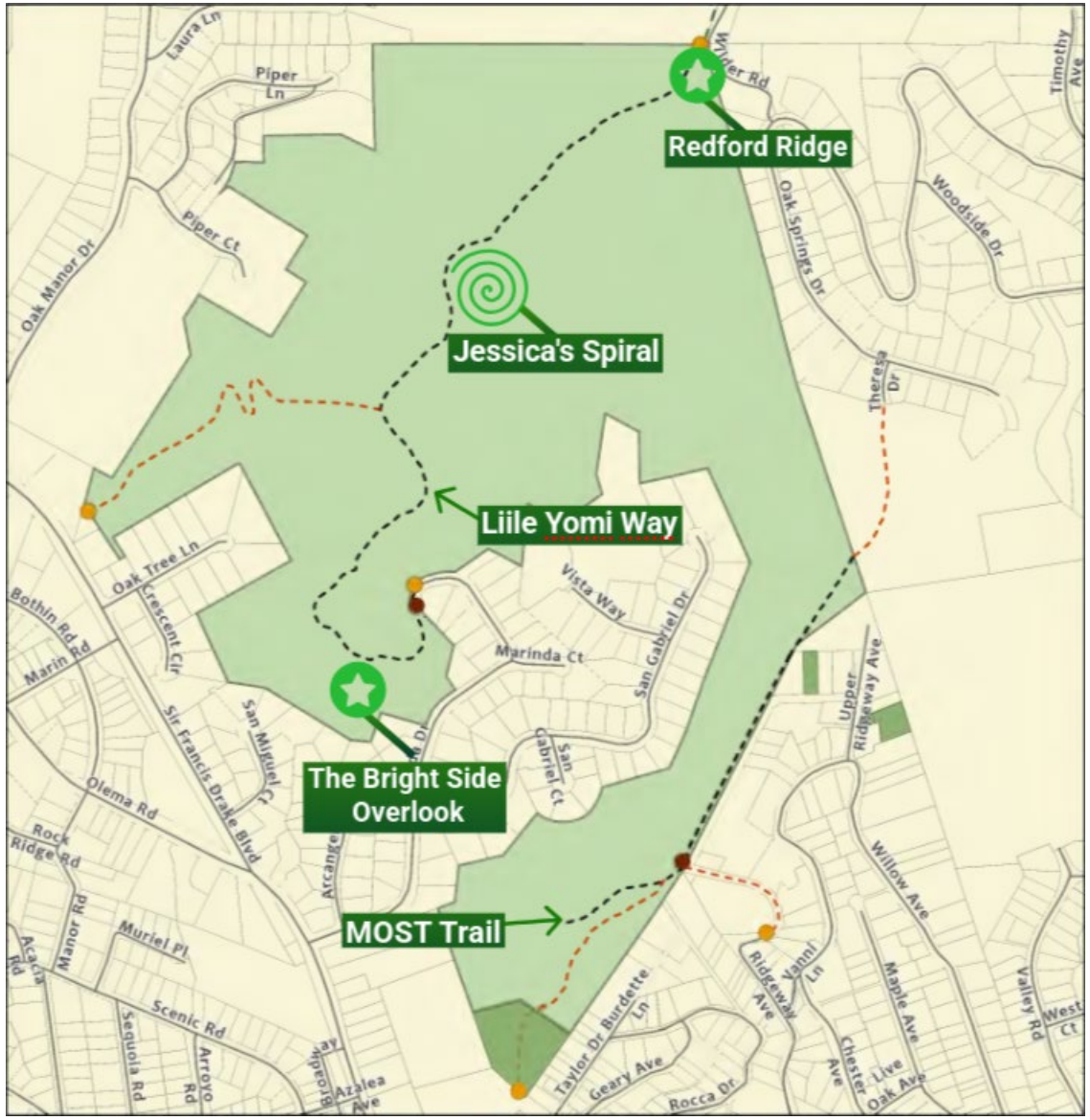
Redford Ridge

Marinda Perch

Liile Yomi Way

Marin Open Space Trust (MOST) Trail

Where the Names Live



- **Jessica's Spiral** — the spiral level near the center of the preserve
- **Liile Yomi Way** — the principal fire road, entering from upper Marinda Drive
- **The Bright Side Overlook** — the bench area on the lower slope
- **Marin Open Space (MOST) Trail** — the other major maintained trail, along the southeastern edge
- **Redford Ridge**— the ridge at the top of property

Redford Ridge and Marinda Perch sign locations will be finalized with FOSC.

Signage & Fiscal Impact

A coordinated signage program

- Identification signs for the preserve, its features, and its trails
- Town park and open space rules signage
- Entrance sign at the Marinda Drive fire road
- Funding acknowledgements for Measure A and the California Coastal Conservancy
- A first-ever sign for adjacent Kite Hill
- FIGR consulted on design, spelling, and pronunciation for the Liile Yomi sign

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~$500

new estimated signage cost — durable metal signs via the Marin County Sign Shop

No fiscal impact from adopting the names themselves. Funds available in FY 2026–27 (Measure A Parks or Park Maintenance Supplies).

Special Thanks

This milestone belongs to the partners who made it possible.

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Our deep thanks to the Tribal Council, the Sacred Sites Protection Committee, and the Cultural Resources Department for the generous gift of the name Liile Yomi — and for their continued partnership on signage and beyond.

Fairfax Open Space Committee

Our sincere appreciation to FOSC for leading a truly community-driven process — gathering ~100 nominations, hosting the conversation at town events, and stewarding the recommendations through every step to tonight's vote.

With thanks also to the Council subcommittee, Marin Open Space Trust, the California Coastal Conservancy, Measure A, and our community donors.

Recommended Action

1. Receive the report and final naming recommendations of FOSC, the Council subcommittee, and FIGR

2. Adopt the Resolution establishing the official names for the preserve, its features, and its trails

3. Direct staff to proceed with design, fabrication, and installation of signage consistent with the adopted names

Questions & discussion — Attachments: Property map (A) · FOSC recommendations (B) · Draft resolution (C)