

# BUOW Campaign

*Shoreline at Mountain View*

*Shani Kleinhaus*

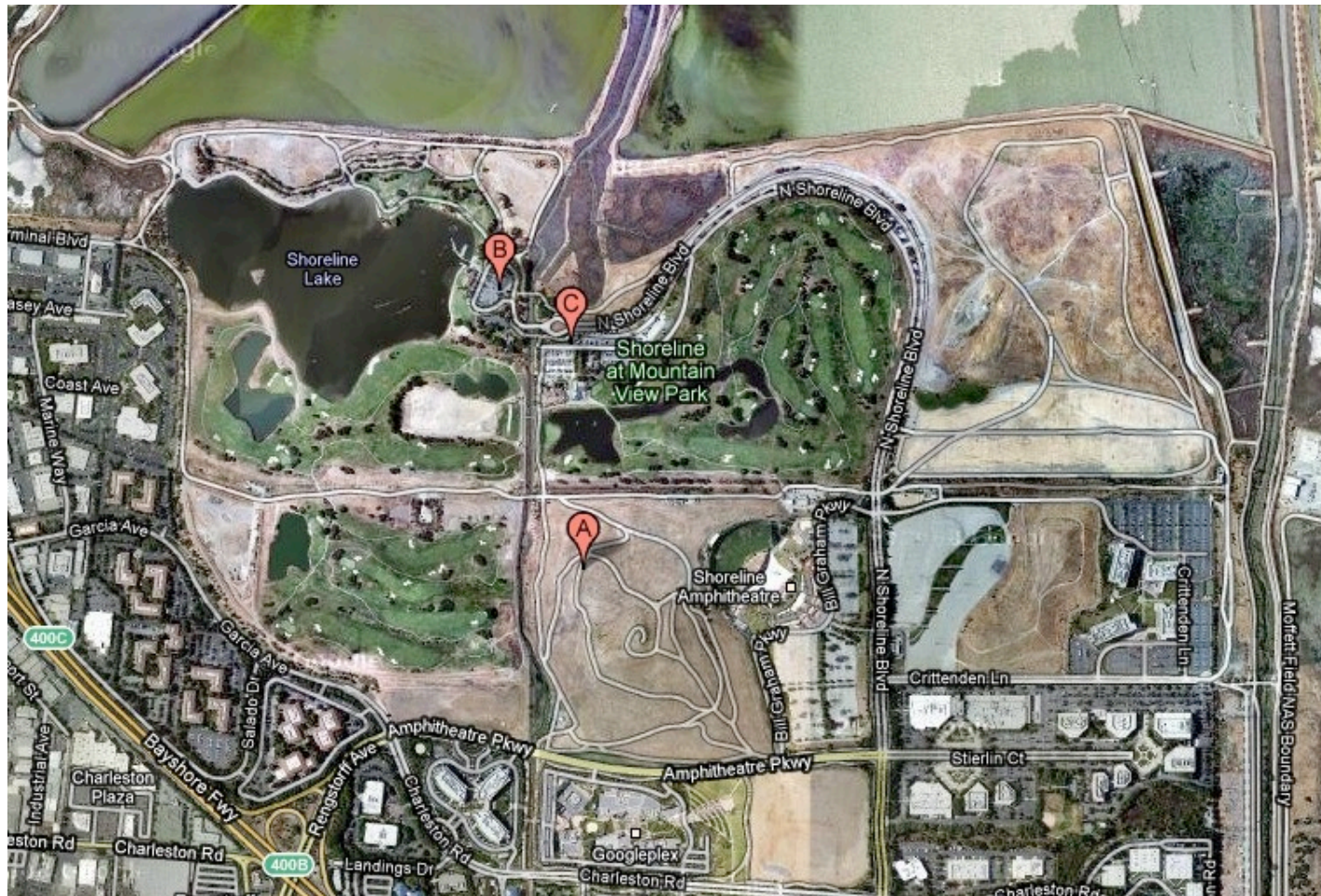
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# Shoreline at Mountain View

- **Former Landfill, 750 Acre Wildlife and Recreation Area**
- **Existing BUOW Management Plan developed in 1998, includes artificial burrows, mowing, pet-prohibition, some designated BUOW mitigation areas (for projects in the vicinity)**

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# Burrowing Owl Breeding Pairs at Shoreline

<b>Year</b>	<b>Breeding Pairs</b>
<b>1998</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>11-12</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>8-9</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>9-10</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>3</b>

## Red Flag

- Sept 2009, City Council approved funding for the design of a new athletic field complex – would use 12 acres of prime BUOW foraging grounds
- Staff proposed on-site or off-site mitigation (purchase of mitigation credits at Haera Wildlife Mitigation Bank) or a combination of the two

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# Planned Athletic Field Site at Shoreline



# Oct-Nov 2009

- **Petition – open to ALL**
- **Organize volunteers to comment in MV City Council, Planning Commission meeting**
- **Publish Op-Ed in the Mountain View Voice**
- **Place Action Alert on SCVAS Website**
- **Email our Armchair Activists**
- **Encourage the public to write letters to city council and the media, comment on articles**

# Petition – Oct 2009



## SAVE THE BURROWING OWLS OF SHORELINE PARK

<b>SUMMARY &amp; BACKGROUND</b>	Fewer than 40 nesting pairs of Burrowing Owls remain in Santa Clara County. Mountain View supports one of the last successful breeding populations. Increasing demand for active recreation and other development projects encroach on the owls' homes and foraging grounds. Protecting the Burrowing Owls and their prey at Shoreline Park is crucial to their long-term survival in the South San Francisco Bay Area.
<b>ACTION PETITIONED FOR</b>	<b>Petition the City of Mountain View to create a large and contiguous Burrowing Owl Preserve at Shoreline Park and to protect and enhance Burrowing Owl's natural habitats so they can survive and thrive in perpetuity.</b>

Name	Address	email	Comments	Date

# Mountain View Op Ed – Nov 2009

- Opinion published Friday, November 20
- “Save Shoreline's burrowing owls:  
City must choose between athletic fields  
or disappearing species”

*by Shani Kleinhaus and Bob Power*

- [http://www.mv-voice.com/story.php?story\\_id=5623](http://www.mv-voice.com/story.php?story_id=5623)

# Media Interest

- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> “Campaign pits sports leagues against owls” by Daniel Debolt, MV Voice
  - [http://www.mv-voice.com/news/show\\_story.php?id=2213](http://www.mv-voice.com/news/show_story.php?id=2213)
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> “Owl City: Mountain View's tiny burrowing owls are in the way of proposed sports fields” by Diana Samuels in the San Jose Mercury News
  - [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_13876246](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_13876246)

## Media Interest cont.

- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> a MV Voice editorial “Howls over owl habitat misplaced”
  - [http://www.mv-voice.com/story.php?story\\_id=5663](http://www.mv-voice.com/story.php?story_id=5663)
- and a letter to the editor by Catherine Trejo “Preserve owl habitat at Shoreline”
  - [http://www.mv-voice.com/story.php?story\\_id=5665](http://www.mv-voice.com/story.php?story_id=5665)

## December 2009 – January 2010

- Continue previous efforts
- Met with city council members and staff and asked for a new BUOW management plan that would protect and enhance nesting and foraging habitat for BUOW
- Mayor Ronit Bryant “I am both very interested in, and very optimistic about, finding a good solution that will protect the owls”.

# Never-ending Effort

- SCVAS and its many volunteers continue to promote preservation and enhancement of burrowing owls and their habitat at Shoreline and everywhere

