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Proposed Changes to Burlington Bottom

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Dear Mr Cook

I live on McNamee Rd. I oppose the proposed development of Burlington Bottom. It is my understanding that years ago the kids from Skyline School donated money to purchase the property that is considered for development. They were told that the property would be conserved as a wildlife area and to protect the old growth. Were the students hoodwinked? Gaslighted? Lied to by authorities? Or is it the understanding of Metro that their hard earned money that they donated is now not worthy of their effort?

There are elk, coyotes, deer, bobcats, bears, and cougars in the area. Thirty years ago when we bought our land the Friends of Forest Park put conservation restrictions on our land. We were to keep the corridor between the coast and Forest Park clear for the elk. We have respected those restrictions to this date. Those restrictions have not been lifted nor changed. Metro bought the land to conserve its natural habitat. Why is Metro able to change the restrictions of Burlington Bottom? Are you seriously going to stiff the voters that gave you the money to keep the natural habitat of our land? Putting cyclists on this property will move the animals out and destroy the natural habitat. The cyclists have found other off road trails further towards Scappoose. They should stay there.

The swimming pool at Columbia Park has been permanently closed. That facility serves a larger community than a bike park. The picture we are getting is that the wealthy get their play areas and the poor get their play areas shuttered. The inequity is astounding. Use the money the voters gave you for the betterment of society, not for the few wealthy bike aficionados. Spend our money wisely. This project is frivolous. It caters to a few, it ignores the majority.

Forest Park would love to see the cyclist go somewhere else. They are a proverbial pain in the ass to the hikers, walkers, and the caretakers of the park. You know this. They knock people down. They ride at night which is prohibited. They cut down trees. They form trails off the beaten path. They are a menace and arrogant. I do not want them in Burlington Bottom. Their behavior will not change. There is no way to monitor their behavior.

McNamee Rd is a mess. We have more potholes, dips, and large sinkholes. McNamee has a one way passage under the trestle. This road can barely handle the traffic from residents. To put more traffic on the road would be harmful.

We want to be good stewards of the land. We want to protect the wildlife. We want to protect the habitat. We want conservation, not amusement parks for the wealthy. This plan does not enhance livability. It caters to the few. It does not make Portland a better place to live and raise a family. Use the money wisely. We know you here from your staffers that are bike riders that this is important. It is not.

The "park" will not comply with the ADA.

Sincerely

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