

Opposition to the Portland Water Bureau's Proposed Water Filtration Plant

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Hello-

I am a neighbor living on Carpenter Lane and am writing in strong opposition to the proposed water filtration plant in my rural neighborhood. I am unable to attend the Multnomah County Land Use Hearing because it is my granddaughter's 8th birthday party that day. Like her mother before her, she is growing up taking walks with her grandmother down our country lane, exclaiming over the ducks and chickens, mooing at the cows, petting the horses and feeding the pigs. She marvels at the hawks swooping overhead and the many bird songs we hear. She has saved a dove with a broken wing and watched little goats being walked on a leash down our lane.

We moved here precisely to have those experiences with our children and our grandchildren. We smile seeing new drivers learning to drive down Carpenter Lane because it is a safe, quiet, non-threatening road to practice. It is the same with young children and their new bikes, They get their training wheels beneath them and they proudly take off for the first time. Sadly, there are not many quiet country roads where that can occur- but Carpenter Lane is still one of them.

It is also a place where baby trees in the nurseries are lined up and change colors with the seasons. Cars travel slowly and neighbors never fail to raise a hand in a friendly wave. I have walked down Carpenter Lane thousands and thousands of times over the past 28 years living this country life and still appreciate the peace, the serenity, and the beauty every day. It is NOT a place for heavy equipment and loud trucks moving chemicals down our country lane to facilitate a water filtration plant that is unnecessary. It is not the place to build such a facility and as I understand it from attending meetings and reading reports; there are other options and other destinations to consider. Please reconsider and leave Carpenter Lane the quiet country road that we love. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maureen Woodward