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It's currently April 25, 2023 at 10:48 am. The sun is making it's very welcome appearance after a very wet, cold spring. I hear the robins, mourning doves and Junkos calling to each other. I hear my chickens scratching in the yard and a neighbor mowing their lawn. A small plane passing overhead. A car just drove by. Now it is quiet again. Another car passing by at 10:51am. My wind chimes are sounding softly and our bull calf, Norman is calling for his mama. I can smell the daffodils and the grape hyacinth. I can't wait for my lilac trees to bloom. We chose to live out here to get away from the noise and constant buzz of the city. We chose this property at 35534 SE Bluff so that our kids could grow up amongst the sights and sounds of nature. To see the stars at night. How bright the moon can be, lighting up the pasture on a cloudless night.

When we viewed this property in the summer of 2016 we specifically asked the realtors if we would need to worry about a development going in anywhere. We were told no, it's a rural reserve and a no-build area. That sealed the deal for us! We couldn't wait to start the life we'd always dreamt of. We wanted to grow our own food and take pride in the rewards of the hard work of it. The slower pace of life. The ability to grow what we liked and have room to experiment with new vegetables and fruits. To know that the air is cleaner than in the city. To know our community, the people at the feed store and grocery store. Wave to the regular walkers and runners. Cheer on the Hood To Coast runners that go right in front of our house every summer. It's 10:53 and three cars passed by. I can tell it's getting closer to lunch time because there is the natural uptick in traffic. 10:56, another car. Now it's quiet again.

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My name is Braeden Culver, I'm almost 22 and I live on 35534 SE Bluff RD Boring Or 97009. I live on my parents farm that we started almost 7 years ago. We moved out here from the Rockwood area. We saw all sorts of things out there from drug dealers right across the street to police shutting down and barricading our whole neighborhood searching for people. We had police spotlights going through our backyard multiple times.

As the oldest brother of 4, I never felt safe being able to have my siblings go and play or ride a bike or even play with chalk. They weren't able to be little kids because of where we lived. Living out in the country my siblings can run and play all day long without a worry at all. They can have that childhood that they deserve, that every kid deserves. If there was anything to ever happen out here we have neighbors who are close and can help who we trust.

We are able to have livestock out here. We have chickens, cows, bunnies, dogs and cats. Owls in the barn, they can hear birds of prey looking for their next meal. They get to learn what it's like to take care of animals and have farm chores that will set them up for their future life. We have a huge garden stock full of produce that we use on the daily. We also have a fruit tree orchard and berry field. My siblings and I are able to learn real life lessons that we weren't ever taught in school.

By being out here they get to have fresh air that smells like spring and summer with trees in bloom. It's not polluted by a microchip plant across the street, like where we used to live. We could hear the constant drone of fans 24/7. We moved out of Gresham specifically to get away from the factories and industrial plants.

There's peace and quiet with very little road noise. We live on a road where folks like to go for a country drive. See the sights and watch nurseries grow trees and flowers and grain. Watch farmers where they grow and get their meat from. See the cows that feed them. There's no construction out here. We are a tight community and if someone needs something we all will be right there. We can't do that if hundreds of construction trucks go by day after day.

We get to see the stars. I never was able to see stars till we moved out here. To much white noise the stars just weren't there. I'm able to teach my siblings about constellations and where stars are. We can lay underneath the night sky and fall asleep to the sounds of frogs in our creek and the crickets in the grass with the owls hooting overhead.

If the water plant barges in and builds what they are wanting it's going to ruin our way of life that we have carved out here. What's going to stop others from taking advantage of this land also. There is a 50 year no build zone, we still have 40 more years of no build zone. This land is agriculture not utility and they are undermining everything and everyone who lives here.

Katrina Dawson
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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Katrina Dawson and I am a mother of 4 children. My husband and children and I live on Dodge Park Blvd. All 4 of my children have had the blessings of growing up for some part of their childhood out here off of Dodge Park Blvd. My older two children spent the first 6-10 years of their lives growing up in Gresham, close to the Rockwood area. Their young childhood looked very different from the younger years of their two younger siblings, who have spend the entirety of their lives out here in this beautiful area. Living in Gresham, my kids could only play in the backyard that was fenced. They couldn't play in the front yard unless I was standing out there with them. Riding their bikes meant I had to be right out there carefully watching to make sure that no one came driving rapidly through the neighborhood and hit them. They grew up hearing sirens on a regular basis through the night and day. My younger children have had a childhood that looked very different, just because of this area and environment that we live in today. They spend most of their time outside playing in the fields or riding their bikes or even skateboarding up and down our driveway. When it snows they can sled and snowboard down the hill. There is never a fear of someone hitting them with a car or someone taking them from the sidewalk. It is safe out here, in our own little slice of heaven.

For my family now, we very rarely hear sirens during the day or the night. Instead we wake up to the sound of a chorus of birds singing outside our windows, or fall asleep the the two owls that call back and forth through the trees. We can hear the frogs croaking in the drainage pond, or the wind rushing through the tops of the stand of trees behind the house. If you stand in the quiet of the morning you can hear the rushing of the Sandy River in the distance. In the middle of the day, if you pause and listen you can actually hear the sound of the train on the tracks all the way down in Troutdale. You see out here we don't have the multiple layers of sounds of city life that drowned everything else out. We get to hear nature waking up or going to sleep. It is serene and calm.

At times it is so quiet that if cyclists are riding down Dodge park, which happens frequently, you can hear them talking to each other because the sound of their voices carries through the trees. There isn't the sound of machines constantly running to drowned them out.

We love go outside at night and look up at the stars. Because we don't have the constant light from the street lights, billboards, shopping centers, and what not polluting the pure dark of the sky. We get to see the actual stars, or even can catch a glimpse of the international space station and it passes by in the night.

During the summers, in the cool of the morning I love going out into my garden and watering the plants and watching the sun rise over the trees. It is my quiet place. I can pause to think and plan. We can watch the rabbits bound across our field, or even the deer that wander onto our place looking for food.

My older two children have learned to drive a car on the country roads out here. It has given us great peace to know that it is a slower pace. They learned on these roads until we felt comfortable taking them into town to drive. We didn't have to worry about a lot of traffic for them have to navigate when they first started this very seriously task of maneuvering a car.

You see when we made the choice to move out here, we were choosing a different way of life. We gave up some of the convenience of living in the city, like access to high speed wifi for inexpensive and other such things. We knew it would cost us more or even some of those conveniences were not available to us, but that was less important to us than the safety and the quiet. We chose to live life differently for a reason. Building a plant out here and dropping it in the middle of this quiet and peaceful place would change all of that for good.

In short what we get to enjoy living out here will forever be altered should this plant be dropped into the middle of this beautiful quiet environment.

Thank you for your time,
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To Whom it May Concern,

Portland Water Bureau's (PWB) proposed water treatment facility is incongruent with the character and nature of rural Clackamas/Multnomah County. My family and I live in this area because we value the quiet mornings and evenings, with the sound of the Sandy River at first light and owls hooting at dusk. We love the sunrise, when the early morning mist hangs in the fields. We love the evening sky, unpolluted by city lights and filled with stars and constellations. Although we lack sidewalks, our roads are quiet enough for walkers, runners, and cyclists, as well as providing a safe space for our children to learn how to drive.

The PWB facility will impact all of these treasured aspects of our home. The quiet times of the day will be shattered by the whine of pumps and clatter of diesel engines. Likewise, the calm mornings and dark skies of night will be offset by requisite security lights and activity associated with a facility operating 24 hours a day. The increased traffic and heavy truck operations required to support this plant will create hazardous road conditions.

In short, this facility does not belong in this area, in any way shape or form.

Thank You,

Mike Dawson

I would like to preface my following comments with the following requirements of Multnomah County for a conditional use permit. Please pay special attention to items 1,2,4, and 8.

(A) A Conditional Use shall be governed by the approval criteria listed in the base zone under which the conditional use is allowed. If no such criteria are provided, the approval criteria listed in this section shall apply. In approving a Conditional Use listed in this section, the approval authority shall find that the proposal:

- (1) Is consistent with the character of the area;
- (2) Will not adversely affect natural resources;
- (3) The use will not:
 - (a) Force a significant change in accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use; nor
 - (b) Significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.
- (4) Will not require public services other than those existing or programmed for the area;
- (5) Will be located outside a big game winter habitat area as defined by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or that agency has certified that the impacts will be acceptable;
- (6) Will not create hazardous conditions; and

(7) Will satisfy the applicable policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

(8) For uses in the West of Sandy River Planning Area, the use is limited in type and scale to primarily serve the needs of the rural area.

My name is Samuel Diack. I reside at 35547 SE. Lusted Rd., Boring, OR 97009.

I have been on this property for 80+ years. There are now five generations of the family having been involved in our ownership (and more to come!). We have a small farm operation producing hay, berries, and maple syrup from trees we tap.

In the early 70s our family donated 150+ acres to The Nature Conservancy. TNC knew this stretch of the sandy river gorge had unique properties that needed preservation and protection, from potential development in the future. My wife, Conni, and I remain on the property as volunteer preserve managers. We are deeply intimate with this biome, which extends into adjacent rural areas.

We are now threatened. A years-long industrial construction project is proposed on 100 acres of land that is part of the above-mentioned biome. This is not a small project. Hundreds of thousands of large truck trips bringing diesel exhaust, and heavy equipment, excavators, bulldozers, etc. doing the same. There will be drilling and tunneling within eyesight and ear shot of the Sandy river gorge and security lighting to confound the wildlife, not to mention local residents. Bird nesting habits will undergo

mutation. We could lose certain species commonly found here because they were scared away. As for animals, they will find roadblocks to their normal areas of movement, and perhaps move away. Please reread item two. Industrial activity in a rural area does indeed change the character of that area. Our furred and feathered friends will attest to that.

I have been educated by my upbringing on this property more than I could ever get in any classroom. My memories of the berry farms, the nursery's, the dairy farms and horseback riders are deep inside me. The wildlife abounded, and still does. Deer and elk at all times, bear, cougar, fox, bobcat, bald eagles, osprey, owls...all in their rightful place, part of an enviable ecosystem which is under threat by PWB proposals. I live in this quiet, bucolic, and visually energizing place. But the PWB filtration project will tear my existing quality of life to shreds, not to mention that of future generations.

PWB would make my memories just memories. It will apply a tourniquet to our rural lifestyle. It will alter forever a jog in the morning, walking a pet by day, cycling for fun or just sightseeing.

I offer an analogy. If the Mona Lisa were to undergo a small modification, erasure, or coverage of the lips for example, how would it then be appreciated? Its intrinsic

value would be lost. The enjoyment of the whole work of art would be lost.

The PWB filtration project would have the exact effect on our rural area, and we implore Multnomah County to deny a conditional use permit for this project. Our future well being depends on this decision.

Thank you

Sam and Conni Diack

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I live on Bluff Rd directly across from the proposed Portland Water Filtration Plant. We bought our five acres 28years ago with the idea of having some land to live on and enjoy the quiet of living out from the city. The beauty of the area is breathtaking. We often have bikers, walkers and runners along our roads enjoying the beauty of the area. There are several Tree Nurseries also adding to the beauty of fall colors. We have quail in our area that we can hear because of the quiet. We also have coyotes we hear late at night. We feel that if the Filtration plant goes in it will change our area forever. There is Cottrell School on Proctor and Bluff Road and 362nd also connects to Bluff Rd This can be congested because of the traffic from the schools and there have been several accidents over the years including several Rescue vehicles and Police and even life flight. We feel the Filtration plant will take away from our rural living with lights and noise and added traffic and visitor's center that will need parking space also for cars and buses. Please consider rethinking the filtration plant in our area.

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My wife and I moved to the country after years of living in NW Portland, in fact we made the decision after a few months of my return from active duty in Iraq, taking possession of the property in October of 2004. To put it simply, we were tired of Portland's deteriorating environment, I for one realized I had felt safer in Baghdad under combat circumstances than I did walking the streets of Portland.

A short time after our move, the city of Portland built a small water facility on Lusted near Hudson. The dump trucks used for the construction phase routinely shook the windows of our house, and caused damage to the boulders securing the water culvert under Lusted Rd. These incidents were reported, but nothing was done nor did the city of Portland attempt to contact us to discuss our concerns. A Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputy did respond to our complaint about speeding dump trucks and did observe a truck traveling well over the posted 45mph limit.

There is no doubt in my mind that construction of a major facility would be harmful to this area. The city of Portland has no idea of traffic conditions in this area, has shown little interest in restricting construction traffic to accommodate school hours, nor did they seem to understand the need for agricultural equipment on the roads when the issue was brought up during public meetings.

The Portland water bureau has stated in several meetings that construction traffic would only be for a few months, never mentioning the daily traffic of trucks needed to support the plants daily operation. There seems to be no plans for icy or hazardous road conditions. Overall, the impact on area roads will not be for a few months, but for all the coming years this plant is scheduled to be in operation.

I am also greatly concerned about the hazardous materials scheduled to be used at the new plant, and the lack of hazmat planning on Portland's behalf. It appears that the city's plan to paper over such concerns with "special teams", and then call on country officials for actual support. During one meeting with the local Fire department, a water bureau official was forced to state that the "team" consisted of first aide providers with some additional training. The local Fire Chief stated this was unacceptable, that his department could not support the plant and that the city had to come up with a better plan. So far it appears they have not done so.

I feel strongly that an industrial plant utilizing hazardous materials in its daily operation has no business being placed in an agricultural setting where it will negatively impact the lives of farms workers, several of whom have farmed land for generations.

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I am a City girl – born and raised in Portland. My husband was raised in the country. He always wanted to have some space around us, but I couldn't imagine not living in a residential neighborhood.

Twelve years ago I agreed to at least look for a place with an acre out in the country. We found our home on Bluff Road. I absolutely love our home in the country -- being able to enjoy my garden, enjoy the peace and privacy of my home, wake up to the sound of doves welcoming the morning and the curiosity of the robins as they watch me care for my flowers. No more weaving through neighborhood streets lined with cars day and night and look alike houses all crammed together with tiny backyards. Instead, I leave via my turn-around driveway and drive past fields filled with nursery stock, lovely old farm houses and barns as well as beautiful modern homes and the quiet town of Orient. We truly found the home and neighborhood we wish to live out the rest of our years.

You can imagine our surprise when we found a note on our front door from a neighbor advising us of a filtration plant across the street above the Surface Nursery property. **Now this isn't just a small industrial building – it is currently a proposed 45 acre facility with plans to expand in the future.– Let's put that in perspective: 45 acres is 1,960,200 sq ft. – Clackamas Town Center's total retail space is 1.5 Million. How can anyone say this won't change the character of our community?!**

Why is this happening? Oh yes, PWB explained the cryptosporidium issue so originally I thought we would just have to accept this disruption to our country life. But then I heard there was a EPA approved option; (UV) and UV+Ozone which meant no additional chemicals to the water and minimal disruption to the community at a much less cost. We have some of the purest water in the world. Why choose an expensive filtration plant? UV is used in New York, LA, San Francisco and Seattle. Why not here?

I can't imagine the concrete trucks on our narrow, poorly kept roads. The School District has already expressed their safety concerns for our children who walk on these roads to catch their school bus. These roads are not only narrow but curvy and the "dips" are risky. I am concerned that people behind a slow moving truck may pull out to pass not realizing you can't see the oncoming traffic due to the road conditions. Now factor in the bicyclists who enjoy riding in a country setting and folks walking or running along the narrow shoulders.... Looks like a disaster waiting to happen. Everyone will be so sorry, but it will be too late. Once this project is started, there will be no turning back -- the rural life we know and love will be gone and we will have to live with the dangerous roads, fear of chemical spills, excessive truck traffic, and only the **memory of what once was.**

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I chose to live on Dodge Park Blvd to escape the city lights and noise. The peace and quiet I have experienced over the last twenty years since we moved here has been just what I had hoped for. I also feel safe on Dodge Park Blvd due to the low traffic and lack of industrial endeavors in our area.

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The character of the area where we live on the Sandy River is entirely rural/woodland, with a touch of wilderness. We have encountered bears, cougars, bobcats, elk and coyotes. Ducks, deer and eagles are everyday. We live in a river canyon. The air is loaded with birdsong, and background river flow. Noise carries, and is disruptive. One truck with air brakes is startling. Thousands of truck trips will be cacophonous, and the operational noise of the plant itself will create at best a constant din, and likely light pollution visible from space.

I ride my bike recreationally year round and encounter many others cycling, walking, and running on our crumbling roads with no shoulders. These roads are not compatible with industrial traffic, and will become more hazardous to rural residents and especially their school age children.

The plant will require the transportation, use and storage of many hazardous chemicals. It is inconceivable that there will be no accidents. Harmful effects are inevitable. Our home depends on spring water, how will I know when there has been contamination? Or will it be chlorine in the air?

The Portland Water Bureau has singularly pursued siting a \$1B+ industrial plant in a rural area that does not want it, to be paid for over decades at rates yet to be determined, and rising, by people who have never been given a choice. The PWB frequently uses the statement that the project is "required by the EPA." Treatment of cryptosporidium is required, and it is misleading and perhaps in their own self interest to suggest filtration and this site in rural East County is the only and best way to manage cryptosporidium.

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I have lived at 35715 SE Lusted Rd for 31 years. My house is on the Sandy River and only one mile as the crow flies from the proposed site of the PWB's filtration plant on Carpenter Lane. From my living room I've watched mountain lion, bear, elk and deer wander along the river, and each spring my wife and I await the arrival of newborn Mergansers, Mallards, and even Wood Ducks swimming in single file behind their mothers. At those times I keep quiet when I'm on my deck overlooking the river, as the slightest noise will cause them to flee. It is hard to imagine a more inappropriate place to site a 1.5 billion-dollar industrial plant than 1 mile from the scene I have just described.

I have heard the PWB estimates noise pollution from the construction of the plant to be 60 decibels during the day, and 50 at night. I have no doubt these are underestimates given that, for example, city traffic heard from inside a car is 85 decibels. It is clear that the 115 heavy truck trips per day needed to construct the plant over a 5-year period will exceed that. And as any acoustician will tell you, the absolute decibel level does not predict the level of potential harm to humans or animals. Rather, it is the difference between the background noise level and the offending noise that matters, and around here the background noise is just the rustling of leaves if the wind blows. I anticipate disruption to the natural activities of wildlife along the Sandy River if this filtration plant is approved.

For example, every May the peace is broken by the cacophony of Canadian geese during mating season on the opposite shore of the river from my house. Then they fly off once the season is finished. Will the plant disrupt their natural activities?

Here is another example of how plant construction will likely effect local wildlife:



I took this photo on Lusted Rd about half way between my house and Carpenter Lane in December 2021. A piece of the Toyota that hit it was nearby. The elk, deer, bear and lion don't just live along the river. They live among those of us who call this area home, moving through fields and backyards along Carpenter Lane, Dodge Park Blvd, and Lusted. How many have to die to satisfy the PWB's love of large unnecessary projects as the trucks driving on our crumbling roads with no shoulders run them down, along with the joggers, bicyclists and other pedestrians.

The one lie I keep getting from the PWB in the email updates they send me is that "this project is required by the federal government to remove *Cryptosporidium* from Portland drinking water". In fact, "this project" is not required, but only the removal of the parasite. The EPA also lists use of UV light as an acceptable method, and there are thousands of municipalities currently using it for that purpose. Such a project could be built in the Bull Run at one tenth the cost without disrupting the lives of hundreds of families in this area.

This filtration plant is the wrong choice, in the wrong area, and a conditional use permit should be denied.

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4. The Pleasant Home and Cottrell Communities are blessed with a calm and pleasant daily atmosphere. This is due to the choices of the residents of the area. They lead quiet lives and are considerate of one another's lives and properties. It is one of the main reasons my husband and I have lived here more than 40 years. We enjoy the diverse bird life (Red Tailed Hawk, Coopers Hawk, Kestrel, Kill Deer, Quail, Vultures, Migrating and local Canadian Geese, many varieties of hummingbirds, sparrows, house finches and Western Tanager, and warblers) and wildlife (deer, coyote, rabbits, fox, weasel and elk). What a privilege to provide habitat for these creatures. Our roads provide recreational opportunities for the greater Gresham area as well as for us. Daily, one will find runners, walkers and bikers out for exercise and enjoyment. Families ride their bikes and many ride their horses or exercise their dogs on these roads. These communities offer fresh air, lovely vistas and a place to unwind from the business of life. The farms that surround us are courteous by starting their work at 7am and stopping for the day by 4pm. I appreciate the helpful attitudes of these farmers and their crews. They will mow my hard to get areas, help me get unstuck from the mud, and be available for a conversation or a wave.

My husband and I have a small farm that produces our food and provides us space to raise animals. It is a wholesome way of life and rewards us with good health and exercise.

5. The proposed water filtration plant does not meet the character of this community area. Our biggest concern is that the addition of all the chemicals being transported and stored within our area will lead to safety concerns for the health and welfare of community members young and old. The noise pollution in its self will cause the calm and peacefulness of the area to no longer be available. The very presence of heavy belly dump trucks on our roads day and night will cause noise pollution and destroy the recreational opportunities for Gresham residents and community residents. The very weight of these trucks will destroy our roads. Many children travel by bike to school or walk to high school in our neighborhoods. Parents will fear for the safety of their children whenever they are near a road or even traveling in a car on our roads. It is sad when a city government can ignore Oregon States land use rules or change the codes when they feel like it.

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I live on 63 acres between Lusted Rd, Dodge Park Blvd, Hudson rd, and Bluff. I am within a half mile of the proposed filtration plant. I have been in the area since 1982. My family purchased the property in the 80's. I used to come out and help on the property since middle school. After college, I became a full-time employee, working the land for 25 years, and currently owning the acreage and home. I feel very fortunate to have worked on the property, before inheriting the acreage. I do lease some of my property to Surface nursery.

The wildlife I have seen has been amazing, see attached photos. I have had dozens bobcats sightings, mountain lion, had several bears living on the property, beaver, several mountain beavers, deer, coyotes, and the Bluff Elk Herd (more than thirty elk that migrate back and forth through the area). I also enjoy the Bird of Prey in the area- Bald eagles, red tail hawks, sharp shin hawks, osprey, and golden eagles. At night the owls are vocal, and I have been fortunate to see a spotted owl. I guess that is why the area is a Rural Reserve!

I could not imagine living in where other than the area and my property. It is a quiet Farming Community. I feel safe day and night, I am able to sleep with my windows and doors wide open to enjoy the fresh air, the sounds of the night critters and waking to the birds chattering back and forth. The night stargazing is incredible. I enjoy listening to the nursery workers singing in the fields, the neighbor kids playing in the irrigation pond, and the tractors at work. I have wonderful neighbors- we watch out for each other.

I have been told that this was a big hunting and trading area for the Native Americans Tribes. We have found artifacts. As well as underground lava tubes.

The area has a huge amount of classic car, hot rods and antique car owners! We get a lot of classic car owners touring our roads out here heading to car shows in the summer months. We also have a huge amount of cyclist riding bikes all year round.

PWB proposed Industrial Plant does not fit the characteristics of the area! This is a agricultural community with a lot of history. There is no such plant in the area and no agricultural business that requires massive amounts of hazardous chemical to be transported in and used in their daily operations.

The local Fire District is concerned about call loads. Gresham Barlow School District is concerned about safety of their students during and after construction. This will have a major and permanent impact on the on the wildlife in the area. As well as our watershed, ground water, vegetation.

The proposed Industrial Plant will change the way of farming in the area. It is taking 100 acres

of prime farm land out of production. This farm land is in a Rural Reserve. Surface Nursery was farming the land where the proposed site is located. Not farming that land- Surface is losing 1/3 of their business. The area is for rural living, farming and for preserving the Sand River watershed wildlife – It is not an Industrial Area!

Below is a collection of photos taken on my property by trail cam or cell phone camera. These photos were taken in the last few years.



Bobcat



Bald eagle



Black bear



Black bear



Beaver



Black tailed deer



Grouse