

My name is Andrea Culver and I live at 35534 SE Bluff Rd. I live in the core analysis area. I am a business owner, wife and mother of four. I am also on the Steering Committee for the Cottrell Community Planning Organization.

My husband and I had been dreaming of moving to the country for over 20 years. We are a nature loving family that would take every opportunity to escape our city neighborhood and explore the outdoors. In the summer of 2016 we toured a property in the country that had everything we were looking for. A place where our kids could have plenty of room to explore *our own property*, where we could have a big garden and have animals, an orchard and blueberry bushes. This property would support all of this and more. It was surrounded by the most beautiful rolling hills of trees, all lined up in rows of green. Looking out across Bluff Rd, I specifically asked how long we had before the beautiful hillsides would be developed. The Realtor assured us it wouldn't be, as this was in a rural reserve! We had 40 years left of protection against development. That was a huge selling point for us as we were desperate to get away from the constant drone of the industrial fans coming from the chip plant in our neighborhood.

On our property we have been able to plant a very large garden that has benefitted not only our family, but various neighbors and friends. We planted a small orchard, have 40 blueberry bushes, a variety of grapes, raspberries and marion berries. We have a dairy cow and her calf, lots of chickens, some rabbits, barn cats and a couple of dogs. My children know how to muck out a stall, milk a cow, look after livestock and harvest a garden. They know the rewards of hard work. We are the fourth owners of this 125+ year old property and we are honored to care for this piece of history. We have plans to offer a CSA, pottery workshops and studio sales.

We love how quiet it is, out in our rural community. We don't have to deal with the drone of industrial fans, constant traffic and city lights. I have multiple videos submitted that prove just how quiet it is. We have taken an interest in astronomy and constellations because we can actually see the stars now! We look forward to cheering on the Hood to Coast runners that pass in front of our house every year. Many weekends see classic cars and motorcycle groups winding their way down Bluff, as it is a beautiful country drive. It really is all that we've been dreaming of.

In the summer of 2018 we were informed by a neighbor that the water bureau was looking at building a filtration plant on the very hillside that I had asked the Realtor about. Not knowing much, we showed up to the Portland Water Bureau's meeting, hoping for answers. We were met with police parked out front and no answers to our questions. I do vividly remember being told that 'construction would be rough, but once the plant was done we would be able to enjoy their park-like campus and tour the facility.' We don't need a park when we have acres of our own to enjoy.

Since that first meeting I have been a part of a community-wide effort to oppose this audacious plant. We have been misled, bullied and *told* that this was happening. We decided to do our own research, hire experts and gather information. Over the past four years we have come together donating considerable time, money and efforts to provide undeniable evidence that this *does not* fit in with the character of the area. It would *absolutely* cause a change in agricultural practices. It would strain our local public services. It would create hazardous conditions. We have submitted many expert testimonies that show all of this. They can speak to that much better than I can. Multnomah County Fire District #10, Gresham Barlow School District, Oregon Trail School District, multiple businesses, county commissioners and many others have agreed with us. Please take the time to go over our findings, reports and testimonies and see what we are all saying. Placing a 135 million gallon per day massive water filtration plant is not consistent with the character of the area, is not specifically mandated and does not benefit the majority of the community who are on well water.

Personally, if the construction traffic that is proposed uses Bluff, our produce will be negatively effected. In order to maximize the usage of our acreage, the orchard, berries and garden are all situated close to Bluff Road. Dust and fumes will contaminate all that we grow. Noise of the dump trucks going over the uneven roadway could make our sweet dairy cow nervous or spook her. We rely on her milk production. A calm mama cow also ensures a calm calf. We rely on our chickens being able to roam our acreage and forage for bugs and seeds to produce the most nutritious eggs. I wouldn't even want my kids to be near the garden or orchard anymore. Our peaceful property would feel just like our house in the city did. I would not feel safe living next to 4, 50 foot tall chemical silos or a 180 ft tall microwave and

radio communications tower. It doesn't matter what color they paint the 30 buildings. It will still remove valuable, beautiful farmland.

They have other options in the urban growth boundary that they declined because "Insight and experience...confirmed that neighborhood, environmental, or other difficulties would be significant if PWB were to construct a filtration facility at Powell Butte. It is also anticipated that Powell Butte would be the most difficult to secure land use approvals for development. This is because the land use process would require a Major Amendment to the Bureau's Powell Butte Conditional Use Master Plan (CUMP) and would trigger a subset of other land use reviews including conditional use, environmental, and likely an adjustment review to accommodate the impacts of development in the park and surrounding area...larger Powell Butte land use reviews...have been appealed to LUBA by the neighborhood association and other public members creating additional monetary costs, approval delays, and political scrutiny for the project and for PWB." (Excerpt from Technical Memorandum, September 11, 2018) It is not appropriate for PWB to put this problem on our community, knowing that it would be denied elsewhere.

In their application, the Portland Water Bureau states that, "Agricultural and nursery fields and traditional barns contribute to the visual character of the study area; the appeal of living in an area with this character helps explain the large number of rural homesites found in the study area..." (A.0.1 pg. 9) Please consider this as you make your decision.