

Character of the Area
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I am the third generation of Carlson's that have lived on this twenty acre parcel of land. I spent my childhood on this property watching, learning and helping my father raise various small crops from, food crops to Rose bushes and Maple Trees. After my father passed, I continued growing agricultural products from christmas trees to various nursery stock.

My wife and I raised two children and two grandchildren on this property. We have always been so thankful to live in such a beautiful quiet rural setting. We go to sleep at night with the sound of nature all around us. We welcome the soothing sound of an owl hooting from a tree above to frogs croaking in the creek bed below. We hear the cries of Coyote pups in the spring and see deer visiting our goats regularly. It's peaceful and serene. When the skies are clear in the summer months the night sky is spectacular. We love to watch and count shooting stars during meteor events.

We find it necessary to voice our opposing opinion on the Portland Water Bureau's proposed Water Treatment Plant. It would be totally inconsistent with the character of our rural community. It would be a total disruption to the quiet nature of our rural landscape. Not to mention, the massive amounts of hazardous chemicals they will be using in daily plant operations, making it very worrisome to our daily environment.

Our local wildlife will be impacted along with local vegetation.

There will be industrial noise 24/7 from the operations of the plant - even though it is within "acceptable decibel" range, it will be different from the natural sounds we are used to hearing. Agricultural uses have identifiable sounds and patterns that aren't very loud and terminate well before dark.

With a filtration treatment plant the size they are proposing, there will most definitely be light pollution to our beautiful dark night sky.

We whole- heartedly agree with Gresham Barlow School District in their concerns over the safety of local students on the roadway and bus driver safety concerns.

We are worried about our rural fire District #10 not being able to respond to emergency calls due to additional call loads related to the operations of the filtration plant.

Our property is zoned MUA20. You cannot make a full time living on a twenty acre agricultural farm. We have applied for conditional use permits through the years through the Multnomah County Planning Department. We were denied. We will find it very stressful if, The Portland Water Bureau is allowed to come into our rural community and build a plant that is detrimental to our community's way of life!

Sincerely,
Ken and Patsy Carlson