

Character of the Area

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I love living in a rural/agricultural area because I feel safe and that I can keep my kids safe while allowing them to have a greater freedom of movement than city or suburban life would provide. We wake up listening to the birds singing instead of truck traffic and can watch wildlife like deer and coyotes from our porch.

My family moved to this area from Portland for a peaceful and safe environment. I am thrilled to live in an area with minimal traffic and beautiful views of the Mt. Hood surrounded by thriving agricultural businesses. We choose to live a more simple, self-sufficient lifestyle and this rural area can provide that.

Given the recent chemical spills we're all hearing about in the news, such as the Ohio River barge and East Palestine train derailment, I can't help but worry about the increased risk our community will face with massive amounts of hazardous chemicals to be used in daily plant operations, transported to the site 365 days per year in all weather conditions.

Of course, PWB will take all precautions, but human error is unavoidable. Our rural, agricultural community is one of a kind in an area trumped by urban sprawl. It seems obvious to me that the city of Portland and the PWB would recognize the value of the health of this land, including a widely used public wildlife area like Oxbow Park.