

Merkel, Karynn

From: Joyce King <samonely@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 11:45 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: Re: Comment on Open Space



Ooops. I neglected to spell out the acronyms.
Please replace with this corrected version.

Thanks, Karynn.

Joyce King

Many of us love living here because of our abundant and beautiful open spaces. But as we've witnessed in other places, without community vision and protection, it can be swallowed up or spoiled in an instant (for a 70 yo, 10 yrs is an instant)

About 2 instants ago, most of McKinleyville could probably walk or bicycle from their yards into the forested hills if they turned one way, or to the Mad river estuary and ocean beaches if they turned the other. Kids could play in creeks, lots, and woodlands, in walking distance from home. Now, most probably have to drive.

Urban McKinleyville has 2 public parks managed by McKinleyville Community Services District, 2 public natural areas maintained by the McKinleyville Land Trust, and the wonderful Hammond Trail. But it is no longer possible for the majority of urban residents to walk to useable open space unless they are willing to trespass on industrial timberlands to the east (which is less condoned as the population grows).

I am a member of the McKinleyville Land Trust, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, which has a steady work load managing its public natural areas - the parking, trails, vegetation, clean-up, public education, funding, etc. It also monitors privately donated conservation easements which are not open to the public, but enhance open space diversity & connectivity. And it often partners with the McKinleyville Community Services District in helping to improve public access to open space. The opportunity for ordinary citizens to participate with government in making such a positive contribution to the community is a joy, and I hope it will be encouraged by the General Plan.

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From: Joyce King
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Merkel, Karynn
Subject: Re: Seasonal wetlands

Thank you, Karynn.
Kind regards to you, too,
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Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 8:57 AM
To: 'Joyce King'
Subject: RE: Seasonal wetlands