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Dear City Council Members:

Just two years ago in January 2013 you published your updated Comprehensive Plan

Here are excerpts from the Vision section:

Imagine for a moment that it is the year 2029 and you are in the City of Shoreline. This vision statement describes what you will see.

People are first drawn here by the city's beautiful natural setting and abundant trees; affordable, diverse and attractive housing; ...

Shoreline is a regional and national leader for living sustainably. Everywhere you look there are examples of sustainable, low-impact, climate-friendly practices: ...

Shoreline is also deeply committed to ... protecting and restoring its streams to bring back the salmon, and making sure its children can enjoy the wonder of nature in their own neighborhoods.

Newer development has accommodated changing times and both blends well with established neighborhood character and sets new standards for sustainable building, energy efficiency, and environmental sensitivity.

Doesn't this sound like a place where you would love to live?

What happened to that civic pride in Shoreline's natural beauty? Did it fall victim to the cash flow that comes with density? We understand there will be tree loss and other environmental damage in the process of building the stations. But how will things look in the long run?

Why are no mitigating natural features shown on any display materials? As you know, there are beautifully restored wetlands, headwaters of Thornton Creek, in Cromwell Park. The entire area was once a bog dotted with wetlands. Where is the space to bring back a few? You are going to need rain gardens and new places for trees. Paramount Park is a beautiful place and a perfect opportunity for creek restoration. Let's grow it!

Please show on all maps the areas proposed for greenspace and environmental mitigation.

The Vision 2029 is a lovely thing. Please keep that as the goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth Williams, President

Thornton Creek Alliance

THORNTON CREEK ALLIANCE (TCA) is an all-volunteer grassroots, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and restoring an ecological balance throughout the Thornton Creek watershed. Our goal is to benefit the watershed by encouraging individuals, neighborhoods, schools, groups, businesses, agencies, and government to work together in

addressing the environmental restoration of the creek system including: water quality, stabilization of water flow, flood prevention, and habitat improvement through education, collaboration, and community involvement.



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