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To: <u>City Council</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] HAMLIN PARK

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HI

I am writing to ask you to leave Hamlin Park intact and preserve the area. It is a forested area where families meet, where wildlife can be found and it is an incredible asset to the area and the city of Shoreline. There are native plants, even a federally protected Trillium that blooms come spring, animals and forest areas that have been growing for years. Stands of old forest trees of Douglas firs and others, and refuge for people wanting to connect with quiet and wildlife and nature!

I walk there daily, with my dog. I help other dog walkers keep the park clean and cared for. I see owls, woodpeckers, wrens, Douglas squirrels and many others. Children I know build forts and run freely, using their imaginations to create games. There are school age children that have outdoor class in the park. It is a meeting place for all. I watch my nephews play baseball at the fields. It is a park to be cherished and to be preserved.

I humbly request you search somewhere else for the utility area you so desire. Not in an area that receives so many visitors, human and wildlife!

Thank you.
Michelle Aucott