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To: [City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hamlin Park
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Shoreline City Council,

I urge you to re-direct staff to stop investigating, studying, spending time, money and staff resources and otherwise considering additional property in Hamlin Park as a potential site for a new maintenance facility for the City of Shoreline.

The loss of such a huge section of forest and parkland is not acceptable.

Habitat and the forest of Hamlin Park is critical to maintain as our city is beginning to experience massive redevelopment and densification. Much of which will take place within a mile and a half of Hamlin Park.

Hamlin Park and it's mature forest become even more vital as habit and trees in the neighborhood are lost.

Cutting trees down in Hamlin and thinking that replacing them by day-lighting a creek off Ballinger Way is not an acceptable alternative. The loss of one habitat can not be compensated by creating a new one. They are 2 separate issues.

On July 31, 2017 the Shoreline City Council unanimously adopted the 2017-2022 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan. Strategic Action Initiative # 7, is: "Ensure Adequate Park Land for Future Generations" and

#8 is: "Maintain, Enhance and Protect the Urban Forest".

Any thought of cutting down a huge section of mature trees in Hamlin Park and replacing it with Maintenance Facilities flies in the face of the PROS Plan you just adopted.

Again, I ask that you direct staff to take Hamlin Park off the list of recommended sites to be studied.

Thank You,

Patty Hale

Past Chair and member of the Shoreline Parks Board, 1997-2009

Commissioner for King County Parks/ Shoreline District, 1993-1995