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Dear Council

I have enjoyed the nature and hiking at Hamlin Park for decades and was shocked to hear that you are considering making the park smaller so that you can put up a parking lot.

I hope that you learn to appreciate how much locals need and use this park for exercise and relaxation, and how it is such a positive feature of the Shoreline neighborhood. This would be a really bad idea even before one considers the critical need to preserve large trees and habitat that are invaluable and can never be replaced.

I also hope that you can use this controversy as an opportunity to discuss Shoreline's commitment to improving rather than blighting such a unique and invaluable park, and to think about strategies to preserve and expand the Hamlin Park woods.

Thanks for your consideration

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