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**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Debbie Tarry](#); [Heidi Costello](#); [rwitt@shoreline.gov](mailto:rwitt@shoreline.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Urgent You must save the 4.5 acres of Pristine Forest at Hamlin Park for the Future  
**Date:** Monday, October 09, 2017 2:35:54 PM  
**Attachments:** [Nancy Morris.pdf](#)  
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**Importance:** High

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Dear City Council and city staff:

I totally disagree with Mr Witt's letter to rationalize destroying 4.5 acres of mature forest growth that should be held in trust for us now and all future generations of King County and beyond. Hamlin Park is just that -- a park paid for by taxpayers' money. It is not a site for Public Works projects so why on earth is Mr. Witt responding to my urgent request for cease and desist on plans to destroy Hamlin Park? Hamlin Park belongs to the people now and in the future. If the council does not save these 4.5 acres of mature forest in a long established park going back before the USA entered World War II, then one would have to seriously question the competency of this city council. The City Manager, Debbie Terry, and the City Council better weigh in on this issue before it is too late.

I agree with the following alternatives offered by Shoreline Preservation Society and concerned advocates:

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Alternatives:**

Many other sites can provide redundancy and more practical short and long term alternatives to this expensive and extreme proposal to intrude into Hamlin Park's nearly pristine forest ecosystem. Along with the sites already being studied such as Brightwater, Bruggers Bog, and Ronald Wastewater site, other possible ideas include co-location with the North City Water District, leasing property from the State at Fircrest or DNR, Sears site at Aurora Square and other ideas.

And I will repeat my original letter for the third time below:

Dear Shoreline City Council:

Once again I implore you to stop the proposed destruction of the Four Acres of Pristine Forest at Hamlin Park.

As you must know, the City of Shoreline wants to site a huge new Utility Yard there, mainly because of past poor routing and land use decisions. This is

also causing them to consider moving the entrance road!

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If one considers the serious threats to our biosphere by the current US political administration and its attacks on all our public lands nationally, it behooves all of us to act immediately to save our local green spaces for the future. We cannot afford to lose this natural habitat to wildlife and these ancient trees that cannot be replaced in our lifetimes. Their value for pulling toxicants and CO2 from the air make them a valued asset in this community and they should be preserved.

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Regards,  
Nancy Morris  
Shoreline resident and Hamlin Park visitor

On Sep 22, 2017, at 10:29 AM, Heidi Costello <[hcostello@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:hcostello@shorelinewa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Morris:

Attached is a response from Randy Witt, Director of Public Works, to your recent email. If you would prefer a hard copy I would be happy to send you one via U.S. Post if you email me back and let me know.

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**From:** Nancy M [mailto:[ncmisme@gmail.com](mailto:ncmisme@gmail.com)]

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PDF letter from Mr. Witt.





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September 22, 2017

Nancy Morris  
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Dear Ms. Morris:

Thank you for your recent email regarding the City's proposed maintenance facility. The City Council appreciates you taking the time to write and have asked that I respond on their behalf.

As you may be aware, the City Council has not made any decisions on locating a new City maintenance facility in Hamlin Park, or on other City property(ies), nor on the possible expansion of Brugger's Bog Park. When a formal proposal is brought forward, the City will host public meetings on the proposed project. The City Council will make any final decisions; likely to occur next year.

For more information I urge you to visit the City's webpage at: <http://shorelinewa.gov/maintenancefacility>. On this web page, you will find frequently asked questions, in-depth background information, next steps, an evaluation of several City properties for the maintenance facility, and an analysis of locating a City Maintenance Facility in Hamlin Park with the associated expansion of Brugger's Bog Park (as mitigation for using a portion of Hamlin Park for a maintenance facility). You will also be able to view links to City council meeting and project documents. I hope you find this helpful.

You may also be interested in signing up for 'Alert Shoreline' for the latest information on this project. More information on Alert Shoreline, including an opportunity to sign up, can be found on the City's website at: <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/police-department/crime-prevention/alert-shoreline>.

Thank you again for writing the City Council and expressing your thoughts on this proposed project. If you have any questions related to the project, please feel free to contact the project manager, Noel Hupprich, at [nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2472.

Sincerely,

Randy Witt  
Director of Public Works

cc: City Council  
Debbie Tarry, City Manager  
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