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Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am very concerned about the proposal to cut down part of Hamlin Park to use as a facility for Public Works/Park Department. Hamlin Park is an oasis of calm in the midst of the noise and techno- pollution of modern life. We need natural places to renew our spirits and souls – and manicured parks just don't do it.

Even more important is the role that the forest plays in the production of oxygen. Every day millions of acres of trees are lost globally to disease, development, and natural disasters. Even though this project involves just a few acres of woods, it links with the larger global crisis. Can we know when we will reach the tipping point where the human and animal population will outstrip the capacity of the oxygen producers? The old slogan “think globally and act locally” applies to this decision. Surely, the City of Shoreline has properties that are already cleared and could be used for this project. Given the rapid human population growth and the current epidemic of natural disasters, we need to err on the side of conservation.

Thank you for your consideration

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