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**To:** [City Council](#)  
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Dear Shoreline City Council,

I am writing in opposition to the proposal for a utility yard to be placed in Hamlin Park. Hamlin Park is one of Shoreline's greatest parks. The acres of old growth trees are beautiful to walk through and home to local wildlife including owls, squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks, and a wide variety of birds. If we lose these trees, they are gone forever. Park space is important to the beauty and livability of our city. I know that council members recognize this, since even when the massive city rezones were being planned in conjunction with light rail plans, the park spaces were not to be touched, in fact green corridors were supposed to connect them. This makes it surprising to me that any of Hamlin would even be considered for development. This area of Shoreline already has been unfairly dragged kicking and screaming into becoming the area for rezones and density increases, and we were promised that our property taxes would not go above the rate set by a levy which was soon lifted, and we were promised that our parks would be well maintained and likely even improved, and now here we are with a looming threat of taking out acres of Hamlin Park to make way for a utility yard. This neighborhood is sick of being told that we must bear all the burden of density growth. Please do not make things worse by taking away acreage from our precious Hamlin Park.

Sincerely,

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