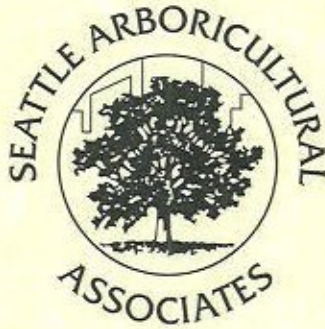


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March 15, 2021

City of Shoreline Council
Rachel Markle, City of Shoreline Planning and Community Development Director
Debbie Tarry, Shoreline City Manager

Greetings,

My name is John Hushagen and I am a Shoreline resident and retired tree care company owner, currently working part-time as a consulting arborist. I am writing today about parcel number 7283900532—a wooded lot between the Park and Ride at N. 192nd St. and homes directly west that face Firlands Way N. It is my understanding that the parcel owner has applied for a re-zone that would allow the site to be developed for housing.

I recently had an opportunity to view the site from both the east and west and I was able to make a rough count of the trees that would almost certainly need to be removed to accommodate a large housing development. The two dominant tree species on the site are Douglas Fir, (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), and Red Alder, (*Alnus rubra*). By my rough count, I believe there are at least 30 Douglas firs and 18 Red alders that are considered to be significant by their size. Other species found on the site and of size to be in the significant class are 9 Pacific Madrone, (*Arbutus menziesii*), and 4 White Poplar, (*Populus alba*), and 1 Western Red Cedar, (*Thuja plicata*).

I observed an old water retention pond near the southeast corner of this site. This indicates to me that the area has issues with excess water at times during the year. While it is almost impossible to quantify how mature trees positively affect soil and slope stability, we know that their contribution is significant and that when too many large and rapidly-growing trees are removed from a site, additional drainage problems are common.

Aside from the open area at the north end of the site, the lot is quite narrow. And clearly finding enough space to the south to place a number of housing units would require the removal of most, if not all the significant trees on the entire site. This woodlot currently serves as a small, yet healthy forest buffer between the Park and Ride and the homes to the west. I urge the City of Shoreline to re-think the plans to re-zone this area and instead consider options that would keep it in tact, and encourage management activities that would enhance its value as urban green space.

John Hushagen
Shoreline Resident and Consulting Arborist.