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Dear Shoreline City Council,

Imagine my shock when I learned from neighbors that beach access from Apple Tree Lane was restricted because of private ownership. What?? How could a public beach have restricted access? I understand now, that at some point, earlier misguided public leaders allowed public lands to be sold to private ownership. This needs to be rectified by repurchasing the land to restore access.

While I generally enjoy the beach from the Saltwater Park access point, I have walked north along the beach, and climbed awkwardly up to Apple Tree Lane, not knowing I was trespassing. Also, I was recently helping a friend with a Richmond Beach Community garage sale, on 192nd Place, near Richmond Beach Drive NW. Several neighbors stopped to say hello, on their way to the beach. They were also surprised that their plans to walk along the beach on the beautiful day meant they were essentially trespassing! Some had recently moved to the neighborhood, and this really bothered them. I can imagine that many neighbors in Richmond Beach just ignore the signage or more dangerously, access the north end by crossing the railroad tracks.

This is a no brainer. Restore access points at both the north and the south end that are safe, accessible by all including those with mobility challenges, without trespassing. This is a great use of our tax dollars.

Thank you!

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