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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, Recommended Draft**

If The City council allows any sort of structures being built in our protected wetland and water sheds they are basically saying Portland no longer cares about the Environment. Portland for many years set the pace and trends for green and sustainable living, but now our City has fallen into disrepair. Our City is filthy, and now the consideration is to destroy our protected wetlands? I am not anti-homeless, however the destruction I have seen first hand is appalling. I would invite anyone on the council to tour SE 110th and Foster. Go into the protected lands and see what you have already allowed to happen. I challenge you to take a look at the mess that our failed city policy have created. Allowing the homeless to live like this is cruel. Not just for the homeless but for all of us that have to live in a city that does nothing to help the average citizens. The citizens of Portland deserve a clean environment. It should not be a crime to be homeless, but it is a crime to litter, camp in no camping zones, and to sell drugs out of the park that kids used to play in. How can Portlanders expect our leaders to lead the way to a cleaner planet when they cannot seem to keep their own back yard clean.

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