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

Thank you Council for all you are doing to address homelessness in Portland. I am writing to ask that Parks, Greenways and Trails be removed from the project's list of possible sites for shelters except in the case of natural disasters such as earthquakes. I visit many of our open spaces. For the past few years and especially during the pandemic the increase in usership and the diversity of users has been noticeable. Portlanders from all parts of the city and all walks of life are finding respite and receiving health benefits from our wonderful green ring. Please preserve these spaces for general public use to benefit ALL of our city's residents. Thank you.

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