

To Whom It May Concern,

I live in the Pacifica building at 1830 NW Riverscape St, next to Lot 8, which has started development as of today. I am only a resident and not an owner, and therefore did not attend the meetings regarding the development of Lot 8.

My concern is two fold:

One: the amount of apartments/condos under development and the lack of greenspace for the estimated population of not only people, but their pets.

Second, the daily hunting habitat for two bald eagles I have observed for the past 4 1/2 years every winter.

I have written before to the pdxcompplan, and have been told to contact both PSC and BEP regarding this. My concern for the greenspace comes from the fact that we have potentially thousands of people (considering there are four new buildings with a couple hundred units each, and most people are not single-dwelling individuals, not to mention the one that will be built on Lot 8), their cars and pets moving into a four block space on Riverscape, and the only proposed piece of non-residential space on Lot 8 looks like a courtyard for the new residence only. The original plan was to use the front half of the water side for greenspace and even an airplane/boat dock. I'm not sure why plans changed to increase population density rather than also invest in the space around us. The river's natural environment is not aided by humans living next to it (even myself), especially when the only pathways and spaces to enjoy around it are cement... It is ultimately a greedy plan.

My second concern is of more importance, and has to do with what I am told is the Bureau of Environmental Services property just north of Lot 8. I have witnessed, with pleasure, two Bald Eagles that roost daily in the winter months (from mid-fall through the beginning of spring) on the light posts on this property for the past 4 1/2 years (and who knows how long this has been their space before I moved in). I have emailed the Audubon Society, and they have suggested that property owners or developers of such space are usually encouraged to maintain these roosts. I have not been concerned about this space until I watched a building come down on it this past summer, and there has been some activity since. My partner has also called the leasing company on the sign of said property and notified them as well. I am hoping that this letter reaches the right helpful hands, and that perhaps we can move toward saving these majestic creature's day-time hunting habitat. (I would also point out that while the eagles have been mostly absent in these past weeks as weather has warmed, I did have the privilege to see one perched there yesterday.)

Thank you for your time, and I appreciate any help I can get to save these birds, if in fact it is too late to save the lot next to mine.

Respectfully,

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