

RIVER VIEW NATURAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Dear Mayor Hales and City Commissioners:

January 14, 2016

I am writing to encourage you and your staff to hold off approving the Riverview Natural Area Plan, or short of that to adopt it with a caveat that it may be amended pending outcome of the Off Road Trail Plan currently being developed. I am a recently retired trails planner with the Mt. Hood National Forest and my daughter attends neighboring Lewis and Clark College.

I read the River View Conservation Easement developed by Portland Parks and Rec, BES, and Metro which provides the sideboards for how River View Area is to be managed. In addition to protecting fish, plant and wildlife habitat, and water quality, the general purpose of the easement is for and I quote:

“preservation of land areas for outdoor recreation by ...the general public.” There are additional mentions of managing for recreation in that guiding document.

The parcel was purchased with at least some parks and recreation funds as well as a Oregon State Recreation Trails Program grant to develop at least part of the area for recreational trails. According to the data collected during planning, the primary recreational use of that land was mountain biking. I am the first to admit that the user created bike trails are too steep and unsustainable and have no bridges to cross the streams. There have been adverse resource impacts as a result of this unmanaged and undersigned use. However, there are many skilled trail planners as well as willing mountain bike partners such as Northwest Trail Alliance who are willing to design, construct, maintain and patrol mountain bike trails within River View Natural Area.

These trails can be co-located with hiking/running paths to address user conflicts, while protecting core habitat and riparian areas for wildlife. These trails would remove little to no vegetation so that tree canopy cover and vegetation objectives from this plan are met. Mountain bike trail tread can be sloped for drainage, hardened with packed gravel if necessary, and maintained in a sustainable manner. Groups like the NWTA are providing examples in Stub Stewart State Park and Sandy Ridge Trail System, 30 miles east and west of here.

My 30 years of experience in managing National Forest lands with conflicting use demands and important fish, water and wildlife resources, helps me understand your predicament. One admired leader once told me that we cannot “lock up” and block off access to all these natural areas treating them like a rare special book that one can know about, but not use and read. If we do that, it is more difficult to get those same people to protect more areas. We may have all the rules and regulations on the books to restrict people, however, the City of Portland and Metro have few limited staff and budgets to enforce those rules and restrictions. And then these areas are taken over by scofflaws, homeless camps, etc. We must engage users who are able to help us plan, build and maintain sustainable trails, use the area responsibly, and patrol and encourage voluntary compliance with those rules and regulations by others.

I hope you agree that mountain bikes can co-exist in a part of the River View Natural Area. Please amend the plan to include co-located mountain bikes.

Sincerely,



KATHLEEN WALKER

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Riverview Testimony 1-14-2015

I'm Chris Sautter. I'm on the Riverview PAC, and a long time neighbor of Riverview. I've regularly visited Riverview for 15 years as a cyclist, hiker, runner, parent, and dog walker.

To cut to the chase, I cannot support the proposed plan in its current form.

A little history of what I saw as a PAC member.

Initially I was excited and nervous about the city acquiring this property. Would city management make things better or worse? As a cyclist, I was definitely fearful of loss of access based on park's track record of excluding bikes from most trails in Portland. So when I had the opportunity to join the PAC and help shape Riverview's future, I jumped at the chance.

In 2013 and 2014 we had a series of what I thought were very fruitful PAC meetings. The PAC members had a variety of viewpoints and we had good spirited discussions about a range of topics. During the process I honestly thought we were getting somewhere. Then the meetings stopped for nearly a year in 2014

About March 2 2015 I received a call notifying me that bikes would be excluded from the plan effective 3/16 (just a 2 weeks out!). This was a shock to me for a few reasons. This wasn't at all the direction the PAC or TAC were headed, this was out of the blue, and this closure was QUICK. Much quicker than anything else has happened at Riverview.

The closure of Riverview to bikes was in conflict with the TAC and PAC findings along with majority opinions from the public input process. It's bad practice to ask for input, receive the input, and then proceed to ignore that input. The decision to arbitrarily exclude bikes, and the way it ignored key stakeholders significantly damaged the credibility of the city, parks, this process, and the resulting Riverview plan.

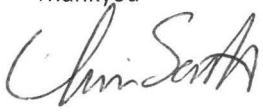
After this decision, the PAC reconvened and finished its job. The plan put forth to the PAC for recommendation excluded bikes and limited other recreation access to the site in conflict with the goals communicated to the PAC and TAC.

I can't support the proposed plan as is because:

1. It excludes the possibility of bike access even though the facts show little to no conflict between bikes and the environment goals.
2. The proposed trail routing skirts the perimeter of the property for a reduced user experience even while failing to follow the guidelines of the buffer zone around the core habitat. Effectively the proposed trail will degrade user enjoyment from that of the current unmanaged trail system.
3. The proposed plan effectively re-opens the property for illegal camping and partying in the interior CORE habitat, over 80 acres with no trails for maintenance, security, or access. In the past, camping and partying were both longstanding uses on the property. Without eyes on the park, high impact uses will again become a big problem.
4. The opaque process used to ignore stakeholder input was unacceptable and I hope not representative of how we do things in this city.

In conclusion, many dedicated people put in a lot of good effort to make this plan. Much of it is good. But the results were spoiled by key decisions. And because of this, I cannot endorse the proposed plan.

Thankyou


CHRIS SAUTTER
1-14-2015

River View Natural Area Testimony

January 14, 2015

My name is Denny Barnes and I am the Chairman of the Collins View Neighborhood Association Tree Committee. I am a fifth generation Oregonian, born and raised in Portland. My home is a few blocks from River View Natural Area (RVNA) where my family hikes and studies nature.

I strongly support the RVNA Masterplan which is in accord with the 2011 Conservation Easement Agreement. Sadly, my family's personal experience has been quite different from the Vision.

The existing trails at RVNA are rogue mountain bike trails built illegally when it was private property owned by River View Cemetery. They are built for jumps, bumps, steep declines and high speed turns. The dirt surfaces are deeply rutted by tire tracks and channel muddy torrents when it rains. High banked turns made of now rotting logs and mud feel precarious. Large tree roots have been exposed by severe erosion. The bark and cambium layer of major cedar roots have been worn away by the impact of bike tires. These cedars are now doomed to suffer root rot and an early demise when fungus enters through the wounds. Just off the main trail, a 200 year-old cedar nurse log has been used as a bike jump destroying its value as wildlife habitat. Trilliums at the edge of the trail have been flattened by bicycle tires.

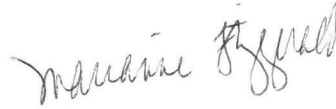
Some illegal mountain bikers can be polite, but some are dangerously insensitive. Meeting them on narrow trails can be unpleasant. We were standing quietly observing a magnificent Pileated Woodpecker. A bike storming down the hill forced us off the trail as the object of our joy flew away in terror. Another time we were studying a wooded canyon and a bike came around a turn almost hitting my seven year-old son. My wife was as angry as a mother bear, but the offending bike fled. "Never bring my son here again!" she shouted at me. And, I haven't.

Our stories are not isolated incidents. Other neighbors have reported near misses, some involving young children. Some single women have asked me to accompany them on hikes because of safety concerns. One avid naturalist only enters RVNA accompanied by her large dog, but now dogs are being banned, even as the banned mountain biking continues unabated.

An accident or violent confrontation is waiting to happen. Please do not ignore the safety and liability issues. The Conservation Easement is clear, "permitted uses shall therefore include public access for nature based recreation, such as hiking and nature watching, environmental education and research." Allowing a departure from the permitted uses is dangerous and illegal. Before any concessions to special interests are contemplated, please consider possible legal challenges to actions that violate a binding legal agreement.

January 14, 2016 City Council Agenda Item 52
Riverview Natural Area Management Plan

Personal Testimony of Marianne Fitzgerald
10537 SW 64th Drive, Portland OR 97219



Dear Mayor Hales, Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Novick and Saltzman:

I'm here to express my support for the draft 2015 management plan for the Riverview Natural Area that is before you today, and urge you to affirm its acceptance today to guide the city's efforts to protect the habitat and ecosystem health of this fragile landscape.

I worked for over 30 years as a natural resources specialist, and understand the complexities and challenges of implementing strategies intended to protect and improve environmental quality. Similar controversy has surrounded proposals to close logging roads that the US Forest Service can no longer afford to properly maintain.

The Riverview property was purchased with the intent of complying with the terms of the Conservation Easement dated July 22, 2011, between the City of Portland and Metro, signed by Commissioner Fish (for Parks) and Bill Ryan (for the Bureau of Environmental Services).

I want to draw your attention to language in the Executive Summary of the Plan that describes how this plan before you complies with the Conservation Easement:

"The primary management objectives for the trail system are protecting natural resources, water quality, and creating a safe place for visitors. Management recommendations include a no-dogs policy and seasonal trail closures to maintain water quality and protect wildlife during sensitive periods of their life cycle. Safe and sustainable access to RVNA will provide nature-based recreation opportunities and will help support stewardship, community connections, and environmental education opportunities."

Natural resource protections for the Riverview Natural Area have been my major concern all along, and I urge you to support these priorities and accept the 2015 RVNA Plan today.

Comments on River View Natural Area Master Plan Hearing before Portland City Council, January 14, 2016. Submitted by Jill Gaddis

Thank you for this opportunity to present my views on this important issue. My name is Jill Gaddis. I am the chair of the Friends of April Hill Park, and, for the past 8 years, have represented the Maplewood Neighborhood Association on the Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. Parks and Recreation Centers Committee. I am also an active member and former chair of the Maplewood Neighborhood Association.

I would like to express support for the Conservation Easement, which clearly specifies the goals which BES and PP&R, as Holders of the Conservation Easement, agreed to and are legally bound for the management of the River View Natural Area.

Specifically, Exhibit C, Grantor's Prohibited Uses and Activities, Item 4 states:

"Unless as part of the restoration activity, the manipulation or alteration, diminution, or drainage of any natural water course, wetland stream bank, riparian area, shoreline, or body of water on the Easement Area, any activity that causes or is likely to cause significant pollution of any surface of the subsurface waters, or any use or activity that causes or likely to cause significant soil degradation or erosion."

When representatives of PP&R's City Nature West took the SWNI Parks and Recreation Centers Committee on a tour of River View Natural Area, we saw first hand the damage done by off road bicyclists. We saw the recreational trails built by the bicyclists in flagrant trespass on public lands. These involved removing vegetation and disturbing soils and natural contours, causing serious damage in the form of erosion and degradation of habitat. The trails were clearly causing soil erosion and habitat destruction. These activities are clearly contrary to the goals of the Conservation Easement that the PP&R committed to.

We submit that recreational use of bicycles in the River View Natural Area, as in all natural areas, is destructive and contrary to the goals of natural area conservation and to the protection of the ecological functions that are protected in the Conservation Easement. We urge you to insist that the goals of the Conservation Easement be honored and very strictly carried out.

Thank you,

Jill Gaddis
Maplewood Neighborhood Association
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SWNI Parks and Recreation Centers Committee

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January 14, 2016

Mayor Charlie Hales and City Council
City Hall
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Portland, OR 97204

Mayor Hales and Commissioners,

I am writing to urge your immediate adoption of the *Riverview Natural Area Management Plan*. City staff, the advisory committee, and technical committee have done an admirable job of documenting the myriad ecological attributes of the 146-acre site and have developed a management plan that will ensure the ecological integrity of the site.

Frankly, I was initially opposed to any public access to this site, owing to its importance as a natural resource. After reading the plan I have come to the conclusion that the plan, as laid out in its text and trail alignments, adequately addresses my concerns regarding public access. Furthermore, the plan explicitly states that "Mountain biking is prohibited only until the city-wide Off-Road Cycling Master Plan is completed. It does not preclude future consideration of mountain biking. There is no rationale for delaying adoption until the off road cycling master plan is completed, as some will likely argue.

While there may be a need for trail design refinement should cycling become a use, the network as laid out in the plan is sufficient to meet all future uses, while protecting natural resources. Regardless of future recreational uses, including cycling, the trails should not be expanded.

As a member of the Off-Road Cycling Master Plan advisory committee, as far as I am concerned mountain biking will be on the table with regard to Riverview Natural Area. I urge you to adopt the plan now, precisely because the plan is critical to protecting the ecological integrity of the site, while guiding sustainable recreational access, regardless of what the uses are.

Respectfully,

Mike Houck,
Executive Director

January 14, 2016

Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Support for RVNA Master Plan Adoption

Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

My name is Torrey Lindbo and I live at 910 SW Maplecrest Dr. I appreciated the opportunity to serve on the RVNA Policy Advisory Committee as a representative of the adjacent Tryon Creek Watershed Council.

Like many PAC members, I have had a long history with RVNA that includes hiking and running the informal trails of this natural area prior to public ownership, as well as watching the amazing ecological transformation during and after invasive plant removal and revegetation.

When BES purchased this tract of land, I completely supported the allocation of resources to ensure watershed protection for the ecosystem services provided – primarily contribution of cool clean water from the numerous small streams flowing to the Willamette River from this site. And I still believe that to be the only objective this management plan is required to address.

As the president of the Tryon Creek Watershed Council and a watershed scientist and resource manager for the City of Gresham, I feel that the plan you have before you considers the best available science to meet the original intent of the purchase of this property – to protect water quality and critical habitat for wildlife.


The process was thorough and considered a wide range of uses and opinions. In addition to wildlife and natural resources, the PAC was heavily influenced by adjacent neighbors and mountain bike advocates. While no single user group is going to feel that the current plan meets all of their desires (for example, neighbors might prefer to not have additional parking and access needed to accommodate future users or the potential siting of a bathroom near their homes), the plan represents a compromise for ALL groups represented.

Despite being the most discussed and considered use in RVNA, the one disappointing aspect of the plan is that it did not explicitly answer the mountain bike question – rather leaving that open to a broader discussion and decision as part of the Off Road Cycling Master Plan process. I say “disappointing” because the ORCMP process will not bring together the same group of concerned experts and citizens focused on access and conservation of a specific place based on its unique constraints and opportunities. The RVNA PAC was a group convened to weigh all of the factors (soils, aquatic resources, existing and future potential forest habitat, etc), specific to this particular site and recommend policies that would best serve this city investment.

As an environmental scientist and representative of an organization working to protect and enhance watershed resources, I would have supported a plan that restricted ALL human access to this natural area. But understanding that citizens need opportunities to access nature, I can appreciate the proposed trail alignment and design guidelines specified in the current plan; especially since these trail guidelines come directly from the International Mountain Bicycling Association. Regardless of whether or not mountain biking becomes an allowed site use as an outcome of the ORCMP process, I believe the current plan balances the need for human access with the need to keep undisturbed areas of the natural area for wildlife use. And the trail design guidelines included in the master plan are the best available practices for ensuring that the water quality benefits for which this parcel was purchased will be adequately protected.

Thank you for your time, and I encourage you to adopt this plan today as presented.

Sincerely,



Torrey Lindbo
President, Tryon Creek Watershed Council
Resident, 910 SW Maplecrest Dr, Portland, OR

Invited Comment of River View Natural Area Master Plan by Fran Laird – submitted 1/14/2016

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you about the process and to comment on the proposed Master Plan for River View Natural Area. My name is Fran Laird. I was honored to be on the Public Advisory Committee as the representative from Collins View. I am the Southwest Neighborhood Incorporated representative for Collins View, the Parks representative from Collins View to SWNI and the second vice president of the SWNI board.

I was asked by Emily Roth to comment on the proposed Master Plan and the process.

On November 7, 2006, the voters approved Ballot Measure 26-80 (the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure) which provided funds for the acquisition of natural areas from willing sellers. The measure was designed to provide the ability to protect the region's significant natural areas, fish and wildlife habitat, greenways, water quality, and lands near rivers and streams. River View Natural Area is regionally significant because it provides protection for wildlife habitat and water quality and is a connected riverfront corridor for wildlife and people and a refuge and rearing habitat for salmonids.

This purchase was made with the specified intent to preserve one of the last remaining natural areas in the urban Portland setting. I have stated at the Public Advisory Committee meetings that I would like to see a policy of regrowth and no usage permitted other than educational in the natural area.

The infrared photo presented at the May 15, 2015 Public Advisory Committee meeting (and attached), shows that there are very few sources of cold water feeding into the Willamette River and River View Natural Area provides three of them. The devastating images of dead salmon in the Willamette (Oregonian, June 2015 “Warm Water Expected to Keep Killing Willamette River Salmon”) emphasizes how critical the River View Natural Area cold water input is.

I support the Master Plan for the efforts to protect the natural area as specifically defined in the Conservation Easement Agreement signed at the time of the purchase of the property, especially the General Purpose and Specific Purposes, Conservation Values as designated on page two of the purchase agreement contract.

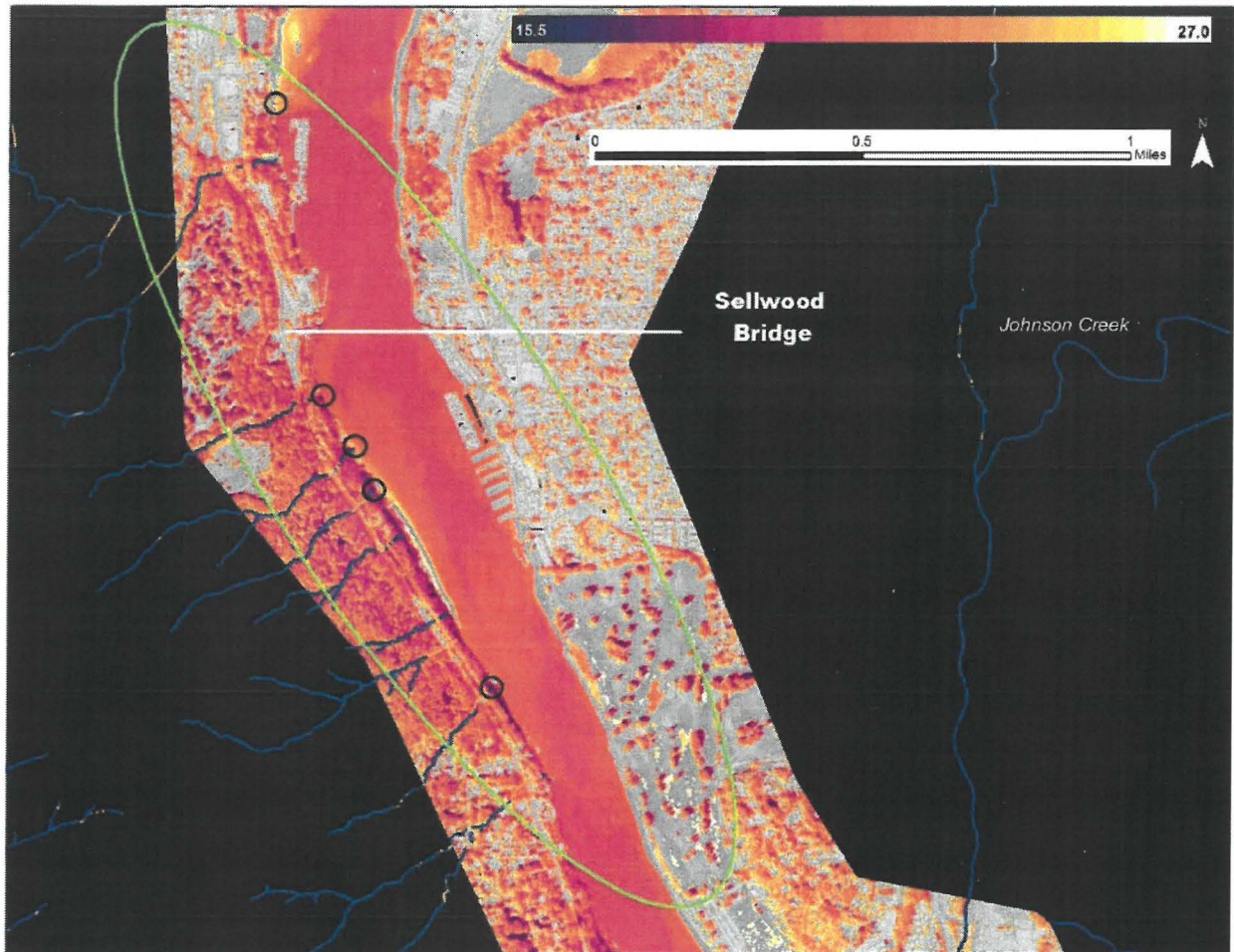
Prohibited uses and activities include the manipulation or alteration, reduction or drainage of any natural water course, wetland, stream bank, riparian area, shoreline, or body of water on the Easement Area, any activity that causes or is likely to cause significant pollution of any surface of subsurface waters, OR ANY USE OR ACTIVITY THAT CAUSES OR IS LIKELY TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT SOIL DEGRADATION OR EROSION.

The mission of the Public Advisory Committee was stated as “the highest priority is protection and enhancement of the natural resource functions and values. The plan will use a science-based approach to identify core natural areas, plan enhancement projects, and design recreational opportunities that are compatible with the protection of the natural resources.”

The Conservation Easement Agreement is a LEGAL contract. It is the legal obligation of Portland Parks and Recreation, the Bureau of Environmental Services, Metro and the City of Portland to ratify and enforce the principles and restrictions as voted on by the citizens of Portland.

Thank you.
Fran Laird

Temperature of Willamette River and Surrounding Areas



From May 4, 2015 Open House presentation

Posted at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/529402>

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January 11, 2016

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Re: River View Natural Area
Management Plan

Mayor Hales and Commissioners:

We ask adoption of the Management Plan as submitted subject to the following:

- The Purpose statement should reflect the purpose for which the land was purchased as embodied in the Conservation Easement of July 22, 2011 and should specifically mention the Easement.
- The Easement itself should be included in the Management Plan as an Appendix listed in the Table of Contents.
- Appendix D should include the notes related to the Public Open House of May 4, 2015 and the PAC Meeting #6 of Sept. 22, 2015 for consistency and completeness.

As we attended the meetings of the advisory group and listened to the presentations by the City Staff, we were particularly impressed by the importance of the small streams in providing a warm weather refuge for salmon and of protecting the wildlife and special plants in the area.

Among the specific terms of the Easement relevant to this are:

1. 2(a) "The general purposes of this Easement are to ensure that the Easement Area will be retained forever predominately in its natural condition for:"
"The protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants..."
2. 3(b) "Permitted Uses...public access for nature based recreation such as hiking and nature watching, environmental education and research."

3. 15(b) "...Any ambiguities in this Easement shall be construed in a manner which best effectuates the Conservation Values of the Easement Area."
4. Exhibit C contains a list of specifically prohibited items including:
 - "2....improvements or development of any kind except in support of permitted uses such as environmental education or nature-based recreation..."
 - "4....any activity that causes or is likely to cause significant soil degradation or erosion."
5. Exhibit D lists "Required Site Stabilization and Management Activities:"
 - "2) Install barriers and fencing as needed to control unauthorized vehicular access"
 - "3) Remove unauthorized improvements and decommission unsustainable trails ... to prevent substantial stream and wetland degradation."

Respectfully submitted,


Dave and Dixie Johnston

cc: Council Clerk

City Council Agenda Item 52, Riverview Natural Area Management Plan, CVNA testimony

Dear Mayor Hales and Commissioners,

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The Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA) has supported the process through which City of Portland Parks & Recreation has developed [a management plan](#) for Riverview Natural Area (RVNA) that is consistent with Metro's [conservation easement](#) and the goals and principles stated in the proposed plan for RVNA. It is our opinion that **the language in this conservation easement is extremely important** in assessing any management plan for Riverview Natural Area.

As noted in the [proposed management plan](#) summary for City Council, our neighborhood will probably experience an increase in traffic once access to the natural area is established; this will require future expenditures on improvements that will mitigate this traffic impact.

In our opinion, that process has been transparent, inclusive and well-managed. Our neighborhood, **including members of the biking community**, participated in the Project Advisory Committee within the planning process; the advisory committee included soil and water scientists as well as an expert from the Audubon Society and mountain bikers from across the city, not just Collins View.

We in Collins View give kudos to the City of Portland for acquiring this natural area and the plans to rescue and preserve it. The natural area was private property before its acquisition by the city, and those who hiked or biked there were trespassing, causing considerable damage, despite the efforts of the previous owners to discourage such activities.

The plan is consistent with Council-approved policies and strategy related to protection of the Westside Wildlife Corridor¹, environmental protections², conservations efforts³, and climate change⁴.

¹ City of Portland, Parks and Recreation, The Westside Wildlife Corridor,
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/204516>

*"The Westside Wildlife Corridor is the forested spine of the west hills that provides the green backdrop to downtown Portland. This local target area will help protect remaining natural habitat, **protect headwater streams**, and create a continuous wildlife migration corridor from Forest Park south along the west hills."*

² City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services,
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/474043>
2014 Stormwater Management Manual, page two.

*"Stormwater management is critical to maintaining and enhancing the City's livability and improving watershed health. The Stormwater Management Manual allows the City of Portland to **protect both watershed resources** and infrastructure investments with every land improvement. As each development and redevelopment project meets the requirements of this manual, it will contribute to achieving these important citywide goals."*

³ City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services,
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan,
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/509613>
Excerpt. TMDL parameter, Temperature. General Strategies/Best Management Practices(BMPs)
Collins View Neighborhood Association letter of support
for Riverview Natural Area management plan

City Council Agenda Item 52, Riverview Natural Area Management Plan, CVNA testimony

The plan supports the goals and Policies in the [Comprehensive Plan Update](#). Here are some specific instances:

1. **Chapter 7, Environment and Watershed Health**
 - a. **Policy 7.22, Land acquisition priorities and coordination.** Maintain a land acquisition program as a tool to protect and support natural resources and their functions. Coordinate land acquisition with the programs of City Bureaus and other agencies and organizations.
 - b. **Policy 7.51, Riparian and habitat corridors.** Protect and enhance riparian habitat quality and connectivity along Tryon and Fanno creeks and their tributaries. Enhance connections between riparian areas, parks, anchor habitats, and areas with significant tree canopy. Enhance in-stream and upland habitat connections between Tryon Creek State Natural Area and the Willamette River.
 - c. **Policy 7.52, Reduced hazard risks.** Reduce the risks of landslides and streambank erosion by protecting trees and vegetation that absorb stormwater, especially in areas with steep slopes or limited access to stormwater infrastructure.
2. **Chapter 8: Public Facilities and Services**
 - a. **Policy 8.94, Natural Resources.** Preserve, enhance and manage city-owned natural areas and resources to protect and improve their ecological health, in accordance with both natural area acquisition and restoration strategies, and to provide compatible public access.

We also approve of the current restrictions on activities in order for the natural area to recover, given the environmentally sensitive nature of much of its terrain. We hope that such protections will be extended.

Collins View Neighborhood Association strongly supports sustainable uses of RVNA that are consistent with the conservation values stated in the conservation easement signed by City of Portland July 22, 2011, which says in part 3(b) *“Grantor’s permitted uses shall therefore include public access for nature based recreation, such as **hiking and nature watching, environmental education and research** (emphasis by CVNA).”*

It is also our view that language used in the conservation easement clearly prevents activities that are inconsistent with the conservation values stated in the agreement:

*(a) Specific Purposes; Conservation Values. **The more specific purpose of this Easement is to prevent any use of, or activity***

“Increase effective shade through restoration and protections; Restore natural stream hydrology and cool water refuges and wetlands; Increase natural stream flow.”

⁴ 2015 Climate Action Plan Summary, page 14,

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/531994>

“Building resilience and improving the health of our natural systems, including urban trees, open spaces, rivers, streams and wetlands, and the fish and wildlife that rely on them.”

on, the Easement Area that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values, (emphasis by CVNA) *as such term is defined herein. Grantor and Holder have identified that the Easement Area provides protection for important wildlife habitat and water quality, connects riverfront natural areas that function as important corridors for wildlife and people, and is an important refuge and rearing habitat for salmonids along the Willamette River's main stem. These characteristics of the Easement Area (the "Conservation Values") shall be preserved, protected, and enhanced under this Easement.* (emphasis by CVNA) *The Conservation Values include:*

1. *At 145 acres, the Property contains the largest remaining unprotected and undeveloped habitat patch in the West Hills Wildlife Corridor. The large habitat patch size provides critical interior habitat particularly for species that demonstrate patch-size preference. Additionally, native species diversity and wildlife population stability increase with increasing habitat patch size.*
2. *The Property supports mature Douglas fir and western red cedar forest including large trees, vertical diversity and canopy gaps. The higher level of structural diversity in mature forest structure tends to host more native wildlife.*
3. *The protection of seven intermittent and perennial streams and the associated riparian forest provides benefits to water quality and wildlife, including stream shade for favorable water temperatures, stream bank protection, runoff filtration, large wood recruitment, wildlife breeding habitat and travel corridors.*
4. *The Property's location, due north of Tryon Creek State Park, helps to create and maintain a key connection within the West Willamette Wildlife Corridor.*
5. *Cold water flowing from the perennial streams located on the Property creates much needed temperature refuge for salmonids in the main-stem Willamette River.*

It is our view that the proposed management plan for RVNA is sensible, consistent with those

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same values **provided that permitted activities are also consistent with the conservation easement**, and will well serve the needs of the community. We applaud Parks & Recreation for their efforts on the proposed management plan.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Collins View Neighborhood Association,

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Angela Lindbo <adlindb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 1:19 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: RVNA 1.14 testimony

Greetings RVNA management plan team,

First off thank you for all your hard work on this very sensitive and controversial property. I'm unable to testify in person today, thus emailing a quick summary of what I'd like included.

I am in full support of the trail design. I would like to see a culvert repair moved to a priority. They are currently in a failing state and need immediate attention. I fully support the ban on mountain bikes which create an unsafe trail system for other users as well as trail erosion, noise and too much traffic for this small acreage. Although I'm very disappointed to not have RVNA as a hiking destination with my canine companion I understand the reasoning IF environmental protection is the goal of this parcel.

Again, thank you for your efforts to protect our city's natural areas and wildlife corridors.

Kindly,
Angela Lindbo

Moore-Love, Karla

From: John Miller <john@timehaven.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 1:30 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: City Council Agenda Item 52 RVNA Collins View remarks

Greetings.

Regarding the issue of allowing cycling River View Natural Area -

You may opt to kick this can down the road to the ill-defined (to public knowledge) Off Road Cycling master Plan.

In any case, this issue may end up in court. The question is, will it be the Cycling interests suing you, or your government partners and land interest suing you to honor the terms under which the land was acquired?

This is a difficult situation that could have been avoided earlier, by considering the issue when the land was acquired.

John Miller
SW Portland

Moore-Love, Karla

From: artalive@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 5:30 PM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: Riverview Park

Hello,

I am writing this brief testimony to be submitted on behalf of the Collinsview Neighborhood Association Transportation committee.

We strongly urge the City of Portland to uphold its mission of preserving and protecting this Park from activities that may be of detriment to its ecology.

We further urge the City of Portland that the livability of the neighbors be of utmost importance in any decision regarding Riverview park and its permitted uses.

Here are some of CVNA's immediate concerns:

- A) Roads in and out of this area are already severely taxed. WE ARE DEALING WITH TWO (2) INSTITUTES (Lewis and Clark College and Riverdale H.S.) IN OUR MIDST THAT ALSO NEED TRAFFIC RELIEF.
- B) There are only limited options of roads leading to this Park. ALL THE ROADS GO THROUGH SMALL RESIDENTIAL STREETS.
- C) An "off-road" bicycling site will mean vans, busses or SUV's to deliver the Bicyclists and then again to retrieve them from the bottom of the hill for a second....third...runs. WHERE IS THE NATURE CONSERVING IN THIS?.
- D) PBOT has emphatically stated that there are no funds available to remedy even the current traffic issues plaguing the streets and intersections in the Collinsview neighborhood.
- E) The City of Portland (PBOT) does not have funds available for proposed projects related to "safe routes to school". A very important issue for our children and families.

It would be irresponsible to add any more stress to our neighborhood arterial and streets. Off-road bicycling is purely a recreational activity, and it should be of a very low priority to the City.

We support the City's current plan to recover, preserve and protect Riverview Natural Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Prakash Joshi
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Collinsview neighborhood association.
Portland, Oregon.