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I wish to add my voice to those expressing concern about the Plan's treatment of the Greenway along the Willamette. I live in a building overlooking the Greenway and use the South Waterfront section of it almost every day for walking.

Setback. 33/475.220. The setback needs to be at least 75 feet and ideally 100-150 feet. The current narrowing of the path in front of Block 37 to 25 feet is ugly and dysfunctional. At this moment, because the path ends right beyond Block 37, bicyclists go slowly in preparation for turning around. But as soon as the Greenway is extended, the path will not be useable safely by bicyclists, walkers, dog people, children.

Grandfathering. 33.475.404 and 33.430.080. A group of South Waterfront residents protested the design of Block 37 which crowds the Greenway; was it grandfathering that allowed the Design Review Committee to approve the design? Further south there are other buildings that are far too close to the Greenway. This exemption should be removed.

Vegetation Removal. 33.430.080 and 33.475.040 and 33.475.220. There should be a ban on residents doing landscaping (i.e., pruning or pulling) on riverside plantings. There should also be an appeal process in which residents can go to the city to ask that the city remove view blocking vegetation or that residents be allowed to alter the landscaping but in a way that preserves native vegetation. In the South Reach there appears to be a whole section that has been clearcut and treated with Roundup. Not acceptable. Since so much damage has already been done by self-appointed landscapers, the plan should require all properties abutting the Greenway to come into compliance with vegetation requirements.

Please protect the Greenway from further depredations. This will come back to haunt is in future years.

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