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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project, Recommended Draft**

The parcel that this comment is addressed to is an HOA owned piece of property which contains the, now abandoned, association's private water supply main that connected the project to the City system in SW Ridge Drive before the recent installation of the Huber Street pressure controlled system connection. When it was originally created the parcel was denominated for use as a City required pedestrian connection from Quail Park's Public Pedestrian Paths system to the Indian Hills street that is now Ridge Drive. The parcel has never been developed for use as path and Quail Park's pedestrian connection to the Indian Hills street system was ultimately developed by building a bridge that crosses the stream on Quail Park common property near the 30th Ave. unimproved ROW and connects to that ROW. The 30th Ave. connection has challenging locational and maintenance issues that have been exacerbated by its being incorporated into the original environmental zone. They will only be heightened by expansion of the ezone. A social path has developed on the subject parcel which because of the steep slopes adjacent to the stream is an ongoing hazard and a problem for water quality. The staff's clarification regarding new construction setbacks is useful in concluding that there is a possibility of ultimately using the parcel as a pedestrian and perhaps more importantly a bike connection to the the Ridge Drive Green Street envisioned by SWIM. But clarification is needed from the City regarding the HOAs authority to manage access to the parcel prior to development of acceptable and adequate pedestrian facilities at this location. It would also be highly useful if the City could designate single office or committee to serve as a point of contact regarding needed activities and projects in the newly denominated ezone, hopefully with input from stakeholders.

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