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

To Whom it May Concern, I have lived in my home on 10715 SE Knapp Circle for 22 years. The wetlands and forest directly behind my house is slated for a new designation for Conservation and Preservation. I am 100% in agreement with this new designation. The area in question is a seasonal wetland with standing water, pond and stream-like water activity for 6 months out of the year. In addition to the large canopy of trees, the area in question links the Johnson Creek watershed to the upper section of Mount Scott. The wooded area serves as an active game trail for many types of woodland animals including, deer, racoons, skunks, squirrels, coyotes and hundreds of bird species that inhabit the wooded area year round. During spring and early summer there are also hundreds, if not thousands, of frogs that can be heard croaking. It is obvious to anyone who lives in this area that the greenspace between the New Hope Church property and the line of homes along Knapp Circle is a critical piece of land that deserves to be protected from any type of development. For all of the reasons mentioned above along with the scientific findings from the site inspection, I strongly support the new Environmental Overlay proposal to keep this section of land a Conservation and Protected area. Thank You for making the decision to protect more of our natural wetlands and forest canopies. Sincerely, Chris Hodge

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