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From: Council
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:21 AM
To: 'DANNA SIVERTS'
Subject: RE: Requests in association with the proposed SMP that would revise the private Lake Burien shoreline to become Public Access

Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming City Council meeting.

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From: DANNA SIVERTS [mailto:dsiverts@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 11:18 AM
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Subject: RE: Requests in association with the proposed SMP that would revise the private Lake Burien shoreline to become Public Access

As a long time resident on Lake Burien, I am very concerned about protecting the health and environment of the lake. Elements of the revised SMP, if implemented, will seriously endanger the ecological balance of this small, shallow lake. Other lakes that have allowed public access have have been almost destroyed by millfoil brought in by transient boats. Lake Killarny is a prime example of millfoil encroachment. Residents of Lake Burien have a committment to the health of this very special lake, and allowing public access would take that process out of our hands and put the lake at risk. We enjoy a large variety of migrating birds who spend time on Lake Burien during migration. In addition we have resident eagles, osprey and other unique birds who depend on Lake Burien for their subsistance, which would be disrupted by public access. Please consider the requests made below.

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The City of Burien is currently planning a SMP that as proposed would take private access on Lake Burien, a lake with abundant wildlife and minimal access limited to the private property owners residing there, and turn it into a high priority public access area.

I am against public access for this lake.

- **I request that you do an EIS (Environmental Impact Study) before the proposed SMP goes to the City Council**
- I request you change wording in the Public Access *Policy* in draft SMP section 20.20.015 Public Access Policy 5 to read "**Highest priority should be placed on reaches without existing public access except for the Lake Burien reach because it cannot support the additional impact that public access would create.**" (the underlined portion is the revision)

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- I request you revise the wording in the *regulation* for public access in draft SMP section 20.30.035 2. to read **"Public access improvements shall not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions. For any reach without existing public access, public access shall not be permitted unless it has been demonstrated that such use or access will not jeopardize the environment of the reach in question and will not interfere with pre-existing shoreline uses."** (the underlined portion is the revision)
- **The SMP once approved must not be devolved into other policy and regulation documents in City of Burien.** If it is devolved in that fashion, the future updates of the SMP will not be able to be done against a single document. Also baseline affects and effects will not be easily assessed.
- **The City MUST commit in the SMP to a scientific baseline collection of water quality, flora and fauna inventories both resident and migratory over 3 years or more in order to have a solid baseline of conditions and standard variations before they can ever bring a park to the Lake.**
- **The City Planner is not well versed on environmental issues or the science.** Therefore the SMP should not be adjudicated in policies or regulations. There are other municipalities that have dealt with this same issue and they have defined requirements for the person in the role of SMP Administrator/Director

Thank you
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