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Dear Burien City Council members,

This letter is submitted to you before you vote on the final Shoreline Master Plan in regards to Lake Burien. I ask that you do not allow physical public access to Lake Burien. There are many reasons that this would cause a devastation of the fragile ecosystem of Lake Burien. Small lakes like Hicks Lake and Arbor Lake are examples of what would happen to Lake Burien. Physical public access would have the following impact:

1. The introduction of invasive weeds can choke off the waterway thus destroying oxygen levels in the lake and destroying wildlife,

2. The introduction of inappropriate gas levels into the water column can damage water quality thus destroying wildlife and encouraging the growth of toxic plankton populations like a red tide,

3. The introduction of animal and human fecal matter into the lake will destroy water quality as well as wildlife and will encourage the growth of fecal coliform (Escherichia coli) bacteria and create a health and safety issue for humans,

4.The introduction of boating contaminates in addition to speed and density issues will create habitat destruction and traumatize wildlife as well as serving as a contaminator and spreader of infection and noxious weeds such as Eurasian milfoil to the lake and invasive animals and organisms such as quagga mussels, zebra mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, rusty crawfish, spiny water fleas, snail fever organisms and others,

5. By exceeding the carrying capacity of the land and water of Lake Burien by the introduction of large numbers of humans, their pets and their wastes and litter it will damage the fragile ecosystem of the lake, and

6. The sheer number of people granted public access will increase the turbidity of the water resulting in the degradation of water quality and the destruction of the habitat for spawning fish , nesting wildlife and other animal populations of the lake.

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Research shows that small lakes that are opened to physical access, within two years of having physical public access granted, develop problems with invasive species and fecal coliform problems. These problems require chemical treatment and the poisoning of the lake waters in an attempt to correct what would have been avoided if public access had not been granted. Most cases have not been remedied without significant damage to the ecosystem. Lake Burien is the last healthy small lake along the Urban Corridor. Do not allow this to happen to it. Do not allow physical public access to Lake Burien now or at any time in the future.

There is another issue regarding Lake Burien that needs to be considered. After reading Deputy Michael A. Glasgow's letter in the Forum section of the BTown Blog another serious argument can be made against granting physical public access to Lake Burien. Deputy Glasgow is with the King County Sheriff's office and is assigned as a City of Burien Patrol Officer. In part he states that in the four years he has been on the job, parks in the city have had a large amount of problems. He states that they are being "terrorized" by teenagers and young adults and that vandalism, littering, alcohol consumption, drug use as well as major assaults and robberies are occurring in the parks. He further states that he and his fellow officers are actively working on these issues because he wants to make the parks safe for families and their children. He asks for citizens to report their observations as a uniform showing up has a chilling effect on criminal activity albeit temporarily. It appears that these officers have their hands full already with park problems. Why add another one to the list? Burien has many parks as it is to maintain and to patrol. I commend Officer Glasgow for having the courage to state publicly his concern about these problems. If the officers are concerned why shouldn't the residents around Lake Burien be concerned? Lake Burien is also home to a fragile population of youth at the Ruth Dykeman facility. A public access point/park near them or at any point around the lake could also have an extremely negative impact on the staff and residents. Do not allow physical public access to Lake Burien- now or at any time in the future.

Sincerely,

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May 24, 2010

Dear Burien City Council Members,

I would like to ask that the Burien City Council add the new "Species and Habitats of Local Importance" Section E-487 to the Shoreline Master Plan. This was adopted in October, 2008 as part of the King County Comprehensive Plan. This would replace the information included in your draft which is from 1994. It is important that the Shoreline Master Plan reflects the latest information and is in compliance with the latest King County Comprehensive Plan.

Additionally, I request that the Lake Burien habitat portion of the Shoreline Master Plan have the same language regarding the Bald Eagle as Seahurst Park and Eagle's Landing now has. It is my understanding that the members of the Burien City Council have been given a CD from Robbie Howell containing photos of some of these "Species of Local Importance" that live in the Lake Burien habitat.

Thank you in advance for your time that will be required to effect the change in the Shoreline Management Plan ensuring the City of Burien's compliance with the updated "Species and Habitats of Local Importance" section included in the King County Comprehensive Plan referenced above.

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Species of Local Importance-Birds- Lake Burien (denoted by an asterisk *)

1. Western Grebe *
2. Great Blue Heron *
3. Hooded Merganser *
4. Barrow"s Goldeneye *
5. Common Goldeneye *
6. Osprey *
7. Band-Tailed Pigeon *
8. Belted Kingfisher *
9. Hairy Woodpecker *
10. Purple Finch *
11. American Bitern
12. Brant
13. Harlequin Duck
14. Wood Duck
15. Cinnamon Teal
16. Blue-Winged Teal
17 Surf Scoter
18. White-Winged Scoter
19. Black Scoter
20. Red-Tailed Hawk
21. Sooty Grouse
22. Ruffed Grouse
23. American Three-Toed Woodpecker
24. Olive-Sided Flycatcher
25. Mountain Chickadee
26 Western Meadowlark
27. Cassin's Finch

June 8, 2010

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am here on behalf of my mother, who with my father, purchased Lake Burien property in 1952. They looked at other lakes but chose Lake Burien because there was no public access and the area was low density allowing for larger lots on which to build. Subsequently they built their home doing almost all of the work themselves. Five generations of my family have enjoyed this pristine lake spanning my grandparents, parents, myself, my children and grandchildren. I am requesting today the following from your commission:

Change the comprehensive land use map to match the policy description as low residential density to reflect the historical land use and policy designation. This has been the traditional designation for as long as my family owned this property.

In any future decisions regarding the map showing residential density around Lake Burien, it is important to rely on both best practices and the most recent scientific and ecological research and findings of fact from experts in these fields. This area qualifies as a critical area thus making it imperative that the low density designation is maintained. The Lake Burien homeowners have been good stewards of this fragile lake and surrounding ecosystem and its inhabitants. Increasing the residential density designation to moderate would surely risk damaging Lake Burien and its environment.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of my family's requests.

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