

Myers Way Comments

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Katie Garrison	2/2/2016	kbcegarrison@gmail.com	<p>HELLO,</p> <p>I am wondering if I could please have my email address added to a list to be informed of any future news on this property?</p> <p>Thanks!!</p> <p>Katie Garrison 206.963.7804</p>
Elizabeth R. Devine	2/2/2016	princesstort@aol.com	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke:</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed sale of the 3 Myers Way parcels 4540, 4541, and 4542. (These are the parcels near the Training Facility, the Latter Day Saints Church, and the SHAG apartments.)</p> <p>Based on the descriptions on the website, a significant portion of these parcels is occupied by steep slopes and wetland, while some is suitable for buildings.</p> <p>In their current undeveloped and unmonitored state, these parcels have been magnets for illegal dumping, sex workers, drug sales, and injectable drug use with syringes littering illegal campsites.</p> <p>Yet despite its current degraded condition, the area has unique natural features, and amazing potential for a mixed-use open space.</p> <p>I believe it would benefit the neighborhood and the environment if any development included large public-access courtyards, natural areas, recreational areas, and transitional landscaping to blend with the existing slopes and wetland areas. The goal would be to attract community activity and foot traffic within the parcels in order to discourage the illegal activity that is currently degrading the area and posing a public safety hazard.</p> <p>In an ideal world, the city would develop the whole area as parkland. However, in the current fiscal environment, it seems reasonable for the city to require at least some preservation/restoration of these large open spaces, which are among the last remaining in Seattle.</p> <p>Sincerely, Elizabeth R Devine</p>

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Cass Trunbull	2/11/2016	cassturnbull@comcast.net	<p>----- Original message----- From: Bretzke, Daniel Date: Thu, Feb 11, 2016 9:43 AM To: Cass Turnbull; Subject:RE: please send Hi Cass, At this point we are in the initial public notice phase, thus a PIP has not yet been drafted, nor has a decision to classify the sale as complex been made. Nor has any specific time line been drafted, although we are following the steps that are described on our web page. I will include you as a party of record. As a party of record, you will receive the draft preliminary recommendations report, when it is published, which in this case will include a the draft PIP and the complex/simple determination form. After it is published there is another 30 day comment period to make comments on the report. I do not have any new reports on environmental or social issues. I have been uploading any reports that to the web site, and it is currently up to date. Thanks Daniel</p> <p>From: Cass Turnbull [mailto:cassturnbull@comcast.net] Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:34 PM To: Bretzke, Daniel Subject: please send Greeting Daniel, Kindly send me a copy of PIP for the complex decision on Myers parcels. And if there is anything addressing the social and environmental issues involved I would like to know any conclusions that have been drawn. AND any draft timelines. Thanks, Cass Turnbull</p>
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Ben Calot	2/13/2016	lobacten@yahoo.com	<p>Hi Daniel</p> <p>I received the notice regarding the three lots (9 parcels) on Myers Wy S. I'm curious what the different statuses mean.</p> <p>Specifically, what's the difference between (lot 4540): This property has been identified as potentially supporting economic development through a sale. and (lot 4542): The property has not been identified for a potential future City use, although, with the existing wetlands and steep slopes, it will be preserved either under continued City ownership or under private ownership. The first seems to indicate a recommendation to sell the land, but the second is somewhat ambiguous. Is the recommendation for the 4542 lot, to sell or to hold the land?</p> <p>Thank you, Ben Calot</p>
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<p>Ian Powell</p>	<p>2/14/2016</p>	<p>iannpowell@gmail.com</p>	<p>review for redevelopment by the city of Seattle.</p> <p>My wife and I use Myers was to commute to downtown Seattle daily for work, and have become all to familiar with the misuse of the area.</p> <p>Before area residents stood up, local construction companies and commercial drivers were using the area as their own private parking lot and shop for dozens of dump trucks and heavy equipment on a daily basis. Spilling oil and other toxins, which no doubt end up in the nearby Hamm Creek, and filling the air with diesel fumes while they tooled with their rigs and warmed them up in the early morning hours. Luckily that was put to an end, only to be replaced with worse. Many homeless, drug dealers, prostitutes and other non residents that have no problem with using the area as their won private garbage dump. This type of criminal activity is a well know hot button topic at the moment in Seattle, and one that has no single easy answer, but I believe doing the right thing with the properties I'll be referencing in this email, will no doubt have a positive impact on the Myers way, White Center and South Park areas and Seattle as a whole.</p> <p>In my opinion, creating a thriving public space, reviving Hamm Creek and restoring the surrounding natural habitat should be the number one goal for the area under review. I believe using as much of this land as possible to create an urban park and recreational area would be the best service to the community and its residents. The Seattle Fire Department has made it known they believe they have a good use for at least five acres of the area, I would need to review an environmental study to agree or disagree with their claim. With the current housing deficiency Seattle is plagued with, using some of the land for new housing would seem to be beneficial to the community if it is possible without further destroying the wetland and the Hamm Creek habitat, and the landscape permits it.</p> <p>These four parcels appear to be the most difficult to deal with. With the easement dividing the parcels in two, one solution for all four seems impossible. I believe some of this land would be a great addition to the park I've proposed above. Hopefully this would help to rid the wooded areas nearby of the homeless and the criminals who currently claim them before it becomes another 'Jungle' and we are hunting for murderers in our nearby neighborhoods.</p> <p>PMA 4542 The develop-able areas in these parcels would seem to be well used for housing, with the wetland and hillsides used for a public park and habitat rehabilitation.</p> <p>PMA 4541 The FAS recommendation for this parcel seems well made.</p>
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<p>Julia Field</p>	<p>2/16/2016</p>	<p>juliafield@gmail.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels B, C and D located respectively along 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South. As noted in the West Seattle Blog, all parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11.</p> <p>This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>I am deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>I ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Julia Field Ballard, WA 206.605.5910</p>
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<p>Marianne Hudson</p>	<p>2/16/2016</p>	<p>mehud7@aol.com</p>	<p>Dear Daniel, I am writing to give my opinion on the Myers Way land parcels, 32 acres of undeveloped land in Southwest Seattle. I drive past the area twice daily in my journey to and from work. I would love to see the area made into open park space. It seems to be one of the few undeveloped areas left in the area and would make a wonderful destination for people if made into a nature park. When I first moved to the area in 1999, I saw a coyote/fox(?) late one night. I also picked up a saw whet owl from the shoulder a few years ago (unfortunately it died), so I know there is great diversity in the wild animal population in the area. Please use or reserve the area for outdoor recreation rather than development for business. Thank you, Marianne Hudson 110 SW 116th St #A34 Seattle, WA 98146 (206) 719-4864</p>
<p>Steven Richmond</p>	<p>2/16/2016</p>	<p>gardencycles@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Dear Daniel, The following seems a reasonable appeal to me. Thank you for your consideration. Steven K. Richmond / Garden Cycles GARDEC*932JF; http://gardencycles.com/ (206) 650-9807; fax (206) 763-0144</p>

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<p>Virginia Havre, Ph.D.,</p>	<p>2/16/2016</p>	<p>ginnyandgerry@centurylink.net</p>	<p>Please save, not sell, Myers parcels B, C and D located respectively along 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South. As noted in the West Seattle Blog, all parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11. This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>I am deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>I ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Thanks. Virginia Haver, Ph.D., 4003 49th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116</p>
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Cameron Okell	2/16/2016	cameron.okell@gmail.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels B, C and D located respectively along 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South. As noted in the West Seattle Blog, all parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11.</p> <p>This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>We are deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>We ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Thank You Cameron Okel</p>
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<p>Elaine Ike</p>	<p>2/16/2016</p>	<p>elaineike@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels B, C and D located respectively along 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South. As noted in the West Seattle Blog, all parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11.</p> <p>This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>We are deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>We ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Thank you, Elaine Ike West Seattle Resident and member of Seattle Green Spaces Coalition</p>
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<p>Benjamin Lukoff</p>	<p>2/16/2016</p>	<p>benjamin@lukoff.us</p>	<p>I am writing to ask that the city not sell Myers parcels B, C and D (9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South, respectively). As noted in the West Seattle Blog, all parcels are presently “zoned for C2 commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “environmentally critical” in a list of City/County properties from April 2011.</p> <p>This is one of last large pieces of undeveloped property in the city that could become a major park in the future or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres are comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>We are deeply concerned by the environmental-justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large-scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents who live elsewhere. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>We ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Thank you, Benjamin Lukoff 3216 29th Ave. W.</p>
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Jennifer Costello	2/16/2016	jcostello71@comcast.net	<p>My family and I are fairly new residents of the North Highline District. The parcels in question have become a public dumping ground attracting other illegal activity. Everyday my neighbors and I drive down Meyers way only to see more broken down cars, discarded furniture, bags of refuse and homeless encampments/RV's. I would be so happy to see the parcels put to some use by the city and maintained by the city that would improve the quality of life for all. A public park with a water play area and picnic shelters, low income housing, mixed use development? The area has beautiful territorial views and so much potential and I greatly look forward to the proposed solutions.</p> <p>Thank you, Jennifer Costello 206-446-1331 211 S 102nd Street 98168</p>
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<p>Tiffany Ann Mowatt</p>	<p>2/16/2016</p>	<p>tiffany@wccda.org</p>	<p>My name is Tiffany Mowatt, I work for the White Center Community Development Association here in White Center. First, I would like to thank you for taking suggestions for the proposed land use on Meyers Way. I recently received mail from the city for the proposed land use for the Meyers Way Parcels. Not only do I work here in White Center, but I also live one block away from these said parcels. My family, the Panorama Heights neighborhood and I have had experience with the empty lots and the people occupying them. If no one knew, there are many homeless people/families living in the east lot and many more in motor homes pull up on the west lot to park. From experience of my family and neighbors, people from these camps come up to the neighborhood and break-in, steal and commit other crimes and run back into the woods. Police come and go, but nothing happens and we aren't updated at all on what's happening, if any progress is being made, nothing...they're aren't moving, they aren't trying to leave and it's not safe for them or people in the neighborhood for these camps to get out of hand, as they have been doing. I think this preposition of re-using the land should be an opportunity to help these people. I think a homeless shelter or community center, women's shelter, or something useful should come out of this. Not everyone will be unanimously happy, but something that will make a majority of the people happy. Something that will make the homeless feel welcome to come and get the help and resources they need to get them off the streets; something safe from harm's way after the shooting that happened in south Seattle at "The Jungle"; and something that offers a change so they are not here committing crimes against the neighborhood that is surrounding them.</p> <p>But let's make this email a little more lengthier, because I know that this is a neighborhood that I will stay in until I get old and retire. This is a neighborhood I want to raise my children in, a neighborhood I want future generations to be proud to be from, I also don't want this proposed land use to be used for a shopping mall or something for big business that may gentrify the neighborhood. White Center is a small neighborhood that lives and breathes on mom and pop stores, food, parks, community events and more. We live in such an ethnically diverse neighborhood that strives to bring each other together. I personally don't know how a AMC movie theatre or strip mall would do anything but raise property taxes for those in the area. I also saw that the land is zoned "C2" which means the developers could put up to a 6 story building, can we propose to get more affordable housing in the area? How can we propose a neighborhood park or business district run by neighborhood community leaders? Can we hold a community meeting where people of the community could come together and tell you what we want to see there/what we don't want to see there? Maybe give our opinions as to who we think should be buying/developing the land? How do we become more active in this decision?</p>
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Cass Turnbull	2/17/2016	cassturnbull@comcast.net	<p>wording that goes something like...'let people know that if they do not respond within 30 days they may not be included in future notifications. ' I'm on the bus right now and can't look it up.</p> <p>Do you know the paragraph or what I am referring to? The West Seattle Blog said they hadn't heard about it until a neighbor told them.</p> <p>The people, organizations, and media that you should send notice to....Duwamish Cleanup Coalition, the West Seattle Blog, the Seattle Times, Crosscut, the Stranger, the neighborhood councils and groups in Georgetown, South Park, Highland Park, Seattle Green Spaces Coalition, Nature Consortium, Native Plant Society, Seattle Audubon (spell?) Forterra, Parks, KCHA,</p> <p>----- Original message----- From: Bretzke, Daniel Date: Wed, Feb 17, 2016 11:30 AM To: Cass Turnbull; Cc: Subject:RE: Complex disposition</p> <p>Hi Cass,</p> <p>Yes there is all ways something new to learn. I may not be the most knowledgeable about the process, but I try to understand it and make sense of it.</p> <p>The initial public notice was sent to the residents/ property owners located within a 1000 feet and posted on the City's website. We do not keep track of who downloads the notice from the website. As you have noted this will be a complex decision, which will include additional public outreach.</p> <p>In general, I understand the disposition policies are intended to solicit and receive public comment. I collect public comment until a legislative decision is made. I also add interested parties to the party of record until a legislative decision is made.</p> <p>In my previous email I told you that I have included you as a party of record.</p> <p>I was under the impression that you had already viewed the notice, as you have made comments on the West Seattle Blog, and more than likely you have downloaded information and the notice as found on our web site. If you have not, please check it out on the web site.</p> <p>I will start to review and consider the comments after the comment period due date, so please send me your comments as soon as possible. If you have suggestions on to whom additional interested parties are please let</p>
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Elaine Ike'	2/17/2016	elaineike@hotmail.com	<p>From: Elaine Ike [mailto:elaineike@hotmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 1:46 PM To: Bretzke, Daniel Subject: Sale of the Myer's Parcels Can you send me a copy of the Spanish and Vietnamese versions of your outreach to obtain comments from residents affected by the sale of the Myers Parcels. So many nearby affected residents in South Park and White Center are native speakers of other languages. Thank you, Elaine Ike, West Seattle Resident & member Seattle Green Spaces Coalition</p>
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diane fields	2/18/2016	dianefields41@aol.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels B, C and D located respectively along 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South. As noted in the West Seattle Blog, all parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11.</p> <p>This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>We are deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>We ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Send your comments as required to Daniel Bretzke, Finance and Administrative Services and the City Council no than midnight February 28, 2016 to meet the February 29th deadline</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
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<p>Peggy Sturdivant</p>	<p>2/18/2016</p>	<p>peggysturdivant@gmail.com</p>	<p>In reading over the August 27, 2012 notice of Myers as excess property I was struck by the lines: FAS is committed to the disposition and eventual use of the property which will balance commercial development and long-term environmental stewardship. It is now 2016 and concerns for long-term environmental stewardship should be greater than ever given Seattle's increased population and density. This is the last large parcel of undeveloped land owned by the city. I hope that the City Council and City of Seattle government will show the commitment to long-term environmental stewardship that was created by protest for the non-sale of what became Discovery Park. Looking at the flow chart between property being declared excess, to review and then to City Council decision I want to know more details about the "review." How will public be notified, in what geographic range, over what time period, through what means?. With a tract of land this large I would see the necessity of a rigorous outreach and public meeting process (minimum three meetings) over the next 6-9 months. This much land deserves the time necessary to think what it will mean to the city 100 years from now, not next year.</p> <p>I look forward to learning more about the review process and being involved in it.</p> <p>Peggy Sturdivant 6412 34th NW Seattle, WA 98107 peggysturdivant@gmail.com At Large in Ballard</p>
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<p>Toni Wells</p>	<p>2/18/2016</p>	<p>tonimarie@gmail.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels B, C and D located respectively along 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South.</p> <p>All parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11.</p> <p>This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>We are deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>We ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Thank you, Toni Wells Pigeon Point Neighbor</p>
<p>Johann Gurnell</p>	<p>2/18/2016</p>	<p>gurnellj@gmail.com</p>	<p>Trees, small animal and birds have a place in our society. Please don't take away there space put the Duwamish at father risk.</p> <p>Johann Gurnell 206-937-3724</p>

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Owen	2/22/2016	tboneabq@aol.com	<p>Please don't sell Myers parcels B, C and D located respectively along 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South. As noted in the West Seattle Blog, all parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>We are deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>We ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Sincerely, Owen</p>
Wayne Scamuffa	2/22/2016	DAPOPHENOM@aol.com	<p>Don't sell them. Wayne Scamuffa</p>

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<p>Judi Carr</p>	<p>2/22/2016</p>	<p>judi.carr@comcast.net</p>	<p>From: Judi Carr [mailto:judi.carr@comcast.net] Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 5:25 PM To: Bretzke, Daniel; Bagshaw, Sally; Burgess, Tim; Harrell, Bruce; O'Brien, Mike; Sawant, Kshama; Johnson, Rob; Juarez, Debora; Gonzalez, Lorena; Herbold, Lisa Subject: Vote NO SALE on the Myers Way Parcels! Protect diverse Southwest Communities, Hamm Creek and Duwamish Watershed Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels B, C and D. This is land was described as "Environment Critical" in a list of City-King County properties from 4-9-11. If you sell it to be developed, I'm afraid it looks to me as though our environment, the creek and the Duwamish River's cleanliness isn't important. I'm afraid that's what's been happening to our whole planet. I live just north of this area and I can't think of anything worse than selling it to people that already have a lot of money to develop commercially. Save this area and make it a useable green space for us to enjoy. Help make our environment healthier. Thanks. Judi Carr Judi.carr@comcast.net 206-817-7212 cell – text works best 206-535-8824 home "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." – Dr. Wayne Dyer</p>
<p>Doug Coulbert</p>	<p>2/22/2016</p>	<p>Doug.Coulbert@seattle.gov</p>	<p>I received a call regarding the attached public notice, from a Mary Fleck, co-Chair, Seattle Green Spaces Coalition. I told her she should call you. When I'm looking at the list of properties, the very first parcel listed may have a typo. I could be wrong, but the King County Parcel Viewer lists it as ending in 9257 if it's one of those making up 9600 Myers Way S. If it is wrong, it also is listed wrong on the first page of the linked disposition overview but correct on that second page where it gives the legal description next to each parcel. Glad to see the parcel adjacent to the JTF is not on the list – thanks! Good luck with this project, -Doug</p>
<p>Tara Greenwood</p>	<p>2/22/2016</p>	<p>greenwood.ts@gmail.com</p>	<p>Hello, I live in White Center and the green spaces (Parcels 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South) are essential for noise reduction, heat capacity, air purification, erosion control, slowing water runoff, and mental wellbeing. I know you would make wise use of the money from the sale, but the neighborhood (and the Duwamish River) will be worse off for it. Thank you very much for your consideration. Best Regards, Tara Greenwood</p>

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Bruce Colwell	2/22/2016	brucecta2@gmail.com	<p>Bruce Colwell Regional UniServ Staff 2177 Diamond Blvd Concord, California 94520 925-676-2822 brucecta2@gmail.com</p>
Jim and Sharon Price	2/23/2016	jasprice@isomedia.com	<p>My husband and I have spent time in recent years helping clean up the Duwamish as have many others, and we worry a lot about continuing to improve the river and not slide backwards. Much money and labor has gone into this, and developing the Myers way lots would surely go backwards. It is shortsighted for the city to consider selling off the green commons for short term gain. We are losing trees every year, and this greenbelt has many old trees that we need. We will never regain the greenbelt once it is turned over to developers. Please find another way to raise money and don't sell off greenbelts.</p> <p>Sharon Price West Seattle</p>
Karen Tsuchiya	2/23/2016	kdtsuchiya@outlook.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. 'When you sell the land, it is the end.'</p> <p>Karen Tsuchiya 12345 Lake City Way NE #157 Seattle WA</p>

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James Rasmussen	2/23/2016	james@duwamishcleanup.org	<p>February 23, 2016</p> <p>Ms. Cass Turnbull Seattle Green Spaces Coalition 4511 50th Ave SW Seattle WA 98116</p> <p>Dear Ms. Turnbull:</p> <p>This letter is to support TreePAC and the Seattle Green Spaces Coalition's efforts to stop the sale of the Myers Parcels. Our organization just found out about this sale and is also concerned by the potential negative impacts that this sale would have on Hamm Creek, especially if these parcels are sold for commercial development. The health of Hamm Creek is critical to the health of the Duwamish River, a federal Superfund site in the process of being cleaned up.</p> <p>Furthermore, we would like time to study this sale further and provide input. We also support a robust and inclusive community engagement strategy prior to the sale of these parcels so that community members, particularly communities of color, low-income residents, and limited English proficiency community members can be a part of the decision-making process.</p> <p>Finally, the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/TAG would like to be included as a party of records by Finance and Administrative Services so that we may be sent copies of any environmental reports related to this sale. Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.</p> <p>Sincerely, James Rasmussen Coordinator (206) 954-0218 james@duwamishcleanup.org</p>
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Bonnie Miller	2/23/2016	bmiller@serv.net	<p>From: Bonnie Miller [mailto:bmiller@serv.net] Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 7:29 AM To: Bagshaw, Sally; Bretzke, Daniel Subject: Save the land!</p> <p>Dear Councilmember Bagshaw,</p> <p>There must be an alternative to selling off the Myers parcels for a one-time funding boost. This land would be better saved to serve the future citizen of the region with open space and the breathing room that a densely populated city will need.</p> <p>I am also a bit uneasy with selling our land located in a less-than-desirable residential neighborhood because I suspect the future owner would not add anything to the quality of life to the low-income and senior residents of the area. If this would become a large scale commercial or industrial development it would only add the higher level of air pollution that already exists.</p> <p>Since moving from Northeast Seattle to Downtown I have very much missed the green trees and meadows of the neighborhood parks. The City may well expand south and the need for open space will be just that much more.</p> <p>Sincerely, Bonnie Miller 900 University Street Apt. 15BC</p>
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Mike Arst	2/23/2016	marst12017@gmail.com	<p>-----Original Message----- From: marst12017@mail187-27.suw11.mandrillapp.com [mailto:marst12017@mail187-27.suw11.mandrillapp.com] On Behalf Of marst12017@gmail.com Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 11:46 PM To: Bagshaw, Sally; Burgess, Tim; Harrell, Bruce; O'Brien, Mike; Sawant, Kshama; Johnson, Rob; Juarez, Debora; Gonzalez, Lorena; Herbold, Lisa; Bretzke, Daniel Subject: Save Myers Parcels</p> <p>Sent to: all Council members, Seattle City Council</p> <p>Dear Council Member,</p> <p>Please vote to save and not sell Myers parcels, a 32-acre property containing of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle -- a future Discovery Park to the south.</p> <p>The heart of Myers is the central grassland area. It is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland is easily accessed by people who are physically challenged and is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development, and senior housing.</p> <p>The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds -- warblers, goldfinches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a "Nature Play" park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake -- now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk as it hunts for voles, or hear the chorus of frogs in the evening.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads -- both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth: & When you sell the land, it is the end.& ;</p> <p>Mike Arst</p>
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Seattle Nature Alliance	2/23/2016	seattlenaturealliance@gmail.com	<p>Thank you for your comments. You are included in the [mailto:seattlenaturealliance@gmail.com] Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 8:11 PM To: Bretzke, Daniel; Bagshaw, Sally; Burgess, Tim; Harrell, Bruce; O'Brien, Mike; Sawant, Kshama; Johnson, Rob; Juarez, Debora; Gonzalez, Lorena; Herbold, Lisa Subject: Regarding the Sale of Myers Parcels</p> <p>Mayor Murray, in an effort to find much needed funding to address the homeless situation in Seattle, has proposed selling Myers Parcels and using a portion of the money to fund this initiative. (see map) We are writing in support of TreePac's effort to stop the sale of Myers Parcels.</p> <p>Although we appreciate the urgency of addressing the needs of providing more resources for the homeless, we believe selling off Myers Parcels is shortsighted. This property is one of the last large tracts of undeveloped land in Seattle. Because it already is composed of trees, wetlands and meadowland and associated wildlife, Myers Parcels seems particularly well suited to serve Seattle in adding to much needed greenspace in the city.</p> <p>Although we are known as 'the Emerald City', in comparison to other cities of similar size, we fall very short. With population in Puget Sound expected to grow exponentially in the coming years, saving Myers Parcels would preserve some open space amidst the increased density. In addition, Myers Parcels has potential to be developed into a park, which could provide access to nature to an underserved neighborhood.</p> <p>Saving Myers Parcels would align with the city in its commitment to clean the lower Duwamish waterway and also serve in helping meet other important commitments/goals surrounding climate change: as a green utility by helping mitigate air, noise and light pollution, as filtration for storm water runoff, and by leaving its trees - and potentially planting more - it would have a positive impact on tree canopy goals.</p> <p>Lastly, saving Myers Parcels would carry on John Beal's vision. A self-made environmentalist who devoted thirty years of his life to restoring Hamm Creek, his philosophy was so simple, yet one often forgotten by city decision makers - 'to leave this place better than it was when I found it'. We believe if the city chooses not to keep the future in mind and sells Myers Parcels to developers, it will be squandering an opportunity to save a greenspace, to help with the restoration of the lower Duwamish waterway and potentially develop a park that could be enjoyed by many generations to come.</p> <p>Please choose to leave a legacy of hope. Save Myers Parcels.</p> <p>For additional information, please see our blog post at: http://wp.me/p4CAda-Bo</p> <p>Thank-you for your time and consideration, Seattle Nature Alliance</p>
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Ellen Hecht	2/24/2016	Ellen Hecht <hechtellen@comca	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke and Seattle Councilmembers,</p> <p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels B, C and D located respectively along 9501, 9701, 9600 Myers Way South. Although the parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11.</p> <p>This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>I am deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years the land will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City’s budget.</p> <p>I ask that at the very least, the sale of this parcel be postponed until a robust, transparent, and multilingual community engagement process has been outlined for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p> <p>Thank you for listening and doing the right thing,</p> <p>Ellen Hecht hechtellen@comcast.</p>
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<p>Jesse DeVoid</p>	<p>2/25/2016</p>	<p>jessedevold@gmail.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake-now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Jesse DeVoid 10614 8th Ave SW Seattle WA</p>
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Stephanie DeVoid	2/25/2016	stephanie3p4@gmail.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake-now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Sincerely, Stephanie DeVoid 10614 8th Ave SW Seattle</p>
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Caryl Folger	2/25/2016	carylfolger@comcast.net	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake-now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. 'When you sell the land, it is the end.'</p> <p>Caryl Folger 32033 11th ave SW Federal Way WA</p>
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<p>Richard R. Kolpa</p>	<p>2/26/2016</p>	<p>RKolpa@prologis.com</p>	<p>Hi Daniel – We have reviewed the information on the City of Seattle website describing the Myers Way sites and have done investigation on our own as to the feasibility to develop the site. As the foremost provider of sustainable industrial projects, our development team would like to construct a state-of-the-art facility at the Myers Way site while minimizing the environmental and social impacts of our business. Locally, we were the first developer in the Puget Sound area to voluntarily develop a LEED certified facility which is now our standard spec. We are leading the industry in energy conservation, solar energy production, and very recently we were Top 20 for 2015 on Newsweek's America's Greenest Companies for 2nd consecutive year. In addition, Prologis has invested significantly over the last few years in the South Seattle Industrial market with a focus on transforming older generation industrial and port related properties to newer functionally efficient facilities. Prologis feels the 9501 Myers Way South portion of the property will provide the ability to add additional industrial capacity to the South Seattle market and create additional job opportunities within the City of Seattle. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me any time. Rick Richard R. Kolpa, Vice President, Market Officer, Seattle Prologis Local partner to global trade™ 12720 Gateway Drive, Suite 110 Tukwila, Washington, 98168 United States</p>
<p>Ciscoe Morris</p>	<p>2/26/2016</p>	<p>ciscoe@ciscoe.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Green bridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can be heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. 'When you sell the land, it is the end.' Ciscoe Morris 7554-44th Ave NE Seattle WA</p>

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<p>Patricia Naumann</p>	<p>2/26/2016</p>	<p>patnaumann@msn.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake-now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Patricia Naumann 4002 29th Avenue South Seattle WA. 98108</p>
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Kristin Evans	2/26/2016	klynn369@gmail.com	<p>Since my family lives not too far from the property in question, I wanted to briefly voice our opposition regarding the sale of this land. I'm sure you've heard from plenty of people with different reasons for wanting to keep the space open, so I'm not going to add to the list (other than to say this is a great opportunity for a groundbreaking "Urban Nature Preserve/Learning Center," which I'm assuming is already under consideration). I would just like to remind you, the council and any other interested parties of one vital truth regarding this situation: there will ALWAYS be a way to find alternative sources of funding for combating homelessness (or any other public need); but there will NEVER be alternative ways to find undeveloped space. Money is essentially a renewable resource-- urban access to nature is not. Please help keep the Emerald City as green as can be!</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Yours truly, Kristin Evans 12239 Des Moines Memorial Dr Apt 4 Burien, WA 68168 (Unincorporated King County)</p>

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Alexis Lair	2/27/2016	alexis.lair@gmail.com	<p>Dear Daniel -</p> <p>I am saddened to hear that, once again, there is a trifecta choice between developing land for commercial use, providing it as space for the human services world, or preserving it as unused space for environmental stability. This market vs human services vs environmental pitting needs to stop. I wish that instead of putting human rights against environmental rights, we started regulating the private housing market that has exacerbated the unaffordability and resulting staggering homeless population. We let the market determine so much and I think it's time we stop deciding between human rights and the environment, but pick both as priorities by regulating how Vulcan and other private developers dictate the cost of living in this city.</p> <p>I say don't develop this land. Let it be one of the natural scapes that the low-income/middle class and diverse neighborhood of south Seattle has left for their children to be in close proximity. Wild scapes are of little access to low income children in the city.</p> <p>Holding the market economy accountable will help reduce the homeless population, not just throwing them temporary pieces of land.</p> <p>The sad part is, I doubt my email will be considered at all in this process. At the end of the day, money will determine the decisions as the city struggles for funding within a heavily regressive tax system. It's all connected, yet we narrow the scope of problems like they are isolated events.</p> <p>Thanks receiving my input -</p> <p>Alexis</p> <p>Please pardon brevity and typos: sent from my iPhone.</p>
Ruby Keefe	2/27/2016	redeyegraphics16@gmail.com	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Please consider my concern over the sale and potential development of this property.</p> <p>The last thing our area needs is more buildings. We need to preserve what little green space is left and protect the wildlife living there.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Ruby Keefe</p>
Jason Dean Wick	2/27/2016	jason@jdwick.com	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I normally don't lend my voices to things, but I saw this story in KUOW about the Myers Way Excess Property and felt as a South-End Seattle-ite to give my feedback. Please add my opinion to those who want advocate for revenue generated for more housing for the homeless. In fact, I don't see why we can't have parts of this land to sell back for revenue and then make other parts of the land low-income housing? When we have tent cities popping up due to necessity, this seems to be a clear cut decision (no pun intended).</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Jason Wick</p>

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Paul Unwin	2/27/2016	pdunwin@gmail.com	<p>I just read a KDOJ report about the proposed sale of some land in the South Park area. I'm not against the use of the land for any clean, profitable purpose the city sees fit, but the key part of it for me is that the money from the sale be devoted to helping homeless people in the area. From my perspective, the number of people who need help is growing and I want them to receive that help. I don't know who has the say in how that money is used, but I wanted to have mine.</p> <p>Thanks, Paul Unwin</p>
Charmaine Slaven	2/27/2016	charmainslaven@gmail.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. I live nearby, and Greenspace in our neighborhood needs to be preserved. We do not need development on these parcels. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Charmaine Slaven 10624 4th Ave SW Seattle WA</p>
Heather Hughes	2/27/2016	heather@hrhmedia.com	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>I am writing in response to the city of Seattle's request for public opinion on the Meyers Way properties. I believe these lots should be cultivated as a park and should not be developed. I understand the financial lure of selling the lots or developing them. But there is no price on green space and the benefits Seattle residents reap when visiting such parks. Losing forever such beautiful and pristine land, that could be enjoyed by all, would truly be a travesty. We can never replace it.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my input.</p> <p>Heather Hughes</p>

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Janet Hasselblad	2/28/2016	janetlynnh@comcast.net	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>As a Southwest Seattleite, living in unincorporated King County, I see the extreme density in other areas soon to overtake this corner of the city. This area has a very high number of families. The children need more places to play, explore, learn and grow.</p> <p>Parks do get used, and will continue to get used. I believe that all great cities are great because there is diversity in it's people, which this area has, and in it's public spaces. The council needs to look at the long term legacy and not the short term gain.</p> <p>Please consider the children and families coming up.</p> <p>Sincerely, Janet Hasselblad</p>
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Sandra Perkins	2/28/2016	sandraperkins@seanet.com	<p>Council Member Lisa Herbold suggested that I send my comments about saving the Myers parcels to you. Please save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle-Discovery Park south of the future.</p> <p>The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening.</p> <p>Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads, both of which could be done later.</p> <p>Here are some other possible sources of funds to help pay for the homeless project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Take it from the rainy day fund. . Stop creating the homeless problem by slowing down the rampant development that causes it. . Tax the developers. . Build parking garages and use the fees for homeless. . Delay the building of a new entrance to West crest park. . Use Myers as an encampment site until such time as Parks can afford to buy it and develop it as a park. <p>Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. 'When you sell the land, it is the end.'</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>Sandra Perkins</p>
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<p>Kathleen Kerkof</p>	<p>2/28/2016</p>	<p>katkerkof@hotmail.com</p>	<p>South. As noted in the West Seattle Blog, all parcels are presently “zoned for “C2” commercial up to 6 stories,” even though the land was described as “Environment Critical” in a list of City-King County properties from 4-29-11.</p> <p>This is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in the future (Discovery Park South) or remain an environmental buffer for diverse neighborhoods. The 33 acres is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and meadows.</p> <p>The slope on parcel D drains into the Hamm Creek and eventually to the Duwamish River, which many agencies have worked so hard to clean. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area of parcels B and C, also earmarked to be sold for commercial development, will continue to pollute the Duwamish River. Kept as it is, these Myers parcels provide a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas. The flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>I and many others are deeply concerned by the environmental justice implications of this sale, especially if it becomes a large scale commercial or industrial development. Residents in White Center, South Park and Highland Park already suffer from elevated levels of air pollution compared to residents that live in Northwest Seattle. Low-income residents need additional green space and more environmentally friendly land-use policies which do not further degrade their air quality. To make matters worse, little, if any, community engagement has been done with the local residents about the land-use implications that will result from the sale of this environmentally critical parcel of land.</p> <p>As a native of Seattle who grew up in the South End on Beacon Hill, I am acutely aware of how the South End has always been used as a dumping ground and of the tremendous losses and changes that have occurred with the industrialization of Georgetown and the Duwamish Valley. I saw the Valley change from beautiful, productive farm land to being listed as a Super Fund site. Two of my eight siblings have died from cancer and two more are currently in remission. I can't help wonder if it is due to the pollution we were exposed to as children as a foundry was located nearby and soot from that foundry would soil the laundry my mother had hung to dry outside when the wind direction was "right". So please stop treating this part of town, its residents, and its green space as expendable.</p> <p>The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor’s much needed homeless project should instead be raised from other funds or the sale of properties that do not drain into the Duwamish watershed, diminish natural habitat, and continue to increase air pollution in low-income neighborhoods.</p>
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Cass Turnbull	2/28/2016	cassturnbull@comcast.net	<p>Greetings Daniel Bretzke, Along with the Seattle Green Spaces Coalition I have been collecting names on a petition to Save Myers Parcels as a greenspace, and also letters of support from organizations. I will attach them all now because I don't know which ones SGSC has or is sending in. I apologize for any duplication. Many people have sent in letters too, but I only have copies of them in their entirety. Probably too long to put in an email. We will no doubt be in touch again. Cass Turnbull TreePAC.org; Plant Amnesty 206-783-9093</p>
Leonard C. Altman MD	2/29/2016	laltman@nwasthma.com	<p>I strongly favor moving homeless from current tents and encampments along I-5 to another consolidated location. I think a distinction needs to be made about truly homeless who wish to be productive members of society who deserve our help and others who are criminals and drug users who need to be removed and arrested. Also I would like you to get the message to the mayor who has managed this problem very badly, that the filth and graffiti that now line I-5 are eyesores and embarrassments for which he is responsible and to get out himself and set an example and clean it up. Some of this is in walking distance of his office. Also allocate more city resources to removing the tents, cleaning the litter and removing the graffiti. Sincerely, Leonard C Altman MD</p>

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<p>Cole Eckerman</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>fundraising@seattlecola.org</p>	<p>Dear Daniel,</p> <p>I am writing you in regards to the parcel of land at 9601 Myers Way S. On behalf of our membership base, we at Citizens for Off-Leash Areas are advocating that this plot of land remain an open space for public use have a sizable off-leash area added, and not get turned into a development.</p> <p>South Seattle is drastically undeserved in both open spaces and the current off-leash park system. The neighborhood of South Park has even published the South Park Green Spaces Vision Plan that calls for more open spaces; in that study, 1/3 of the community members involved called for a dog park.</p> <p>An off-leash area provides a place for dogs to play and exercise safely, but it is also a place for community. Off-leash areas are to dog owners what playgrounds are to families with kids. It is a place where people go to meet their neighbors, see what is happening in their pocket of the city, and establish the bonds that form a true community. In order to build a strong city, we must foster these places of community and help our people flourish.</p> <p>On behalf of our board, our members, our volunteers, and the dogs of Seattle, thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Take care, Cole Cole Eckerman Fundraising Director Board Vice-Chair Seattle COLA 503.329.3604 fundraising@seattlecola.org "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." - Roger Caras</p>
<p>Gill Loring</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>seattlesatelliter@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke:</p> <p>From the information we heard and read from a report on KUOW it appears the City of Seattle is in the process of selling this "Excess Property". Having lived in White Center since 1998 we have become acquainted with this old gravel pit that is now home to a training facility for the Seattle Fire Dept. as well as Arrowhead Gardens. We would like to see it left in its natural state as a home for the many native species that currently inhabit it as this would provide continuity for the city owned property on the north side of Olsen Place Southwest. We're not sure how far the proposed use of \$5,000,000 would go to help with the homeless problem in Seattle but it would soon be gone. A permanent funding source needs to be found to help with that.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the sale would likely be done for commercial use such as for "a large distribution warehouse". Realistically, Seattle might well sell part of this property for this use. However, there is a great deal of property for sale on both the west and east side of Myers Way South. Can the remaining property be saved in its natural state?</p> <p>Sincerely, Gilbert and Alex Loring</p>

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Bruce Becker	2/29/2016	bfbecker@uw.edu	<p>I am very concerned about the proposed sale of the Myers Way S properties. These are large parcels, and therefor very unusual assets of the city. The best use for these is to keep them as open space. Open space is getting harder and harder to find in the city, especially larger parcels such as these. I don't live near these parcels, but I do know the value of open land everywhere in the city. Please do not sell and do not develop these parcels. They may seem surplus now - I'll bet the local people who use them now do not think they are surplus - but in a few years they be will far more valuable as vacant land than is apparent now. They can be developed as park when the time comes. In the meantime, they can be allowed to stay vacant at no or insignificant cost to the city.</p> <p>Please prevent these parcels from being sold or developed! If you want to contact me, my contact information is below.</p> <p>Bruce Becker 6535 42nd Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115 206.527.0226</p>
Linda Ruffner	2/29/2016	ruffian.lr@gmail.com	<p>Hello, Daniel,</p> <p>This is a beautiful piece of land with a view. Must we sell everything? Why not tax all the lovely new tech workers who are making the city unaffordable and hence creating the increasing legions of homeless persons -- and other high income persons?</p> <p>The city is known for its green areas - that is its claim to fame. This is our children's legacy -- we do not have a right to sell it. You know what other cities look like -- where the green spaces are tiny or overrun. Can we not have a place that you can breathe in, with less crowding?</p> <p>Lincoln Park is a destination now - horribly overrun. Alki is a disaster with loud racing vehicles and throngs. Why not one place that is quieter and reveres nature and allows for personal reverie? Keep the soul of the city and its environs intact. The increasing population density demands more green space to let neighbors meet neighbors, children roam in nature, etc.</p> <p>Thank you for receiving input from citizens who love the open spaces more than the cement ... and commerce at every juncture, Linda</p> <p>Linda Ruffer 9856 24th Avenue SW Seattle, WA 98106 ruffian.lr@gmail.com</p>

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<p>mail@drruhland.com</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>mail@drruhland.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. 'When you sell the land, it is the end.'</p> <p>John Ruhland 4002 25th Avenue S Seattle WA</p>
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<p>Harriet Sanderson</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>harris@harrietsanderson.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Harriet Sanderson 1539 NE 103rd Street Seattle WA</p>
<p>Joyce Moty</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>jmmoty@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dear Daniel,</p> <p>I am writing in support of keeping the Myers property as green open space. Trees and open space are an endangered species in this town. Our city leaders need to demonstrate the vision of city leaders a century ago when they established the Olmsted Parks in Seattle. The City of Seattle owns that property and they should not sell it.</p> <p>Sincerely, Joyce Moty 1531 30th Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144</p>

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Chris Pysden	2/29/2016	Christopher.Pysden@ca.com	<p>Dear Daniel,</p> <p>I was listening with interest to KUOW's report on the City requesting input regarding the future for the above City owned properties. I would support saving the space as a park rather than having it become a warehouse distribution center or the like. A city and it's suburbs needs room to breath, and this seems like an ideal situation where we could save some open land and wetlands for the future.</p> <p>Regard,</p> <p>Chris Pysden Seattle Resident 3906 Burke Ave N Seattle, WA 98103</p>
Linnea Scott	2/29/2016	linnea.scott@comcast.net	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>I am writing regarding the parcels at 9601 Myers Way South. I think it is very important that the City of Seattle not sell this land and instead turn it into a park. It seems that many of the parks currently being developed by the City are previously developed areas, relatively small spaces in busy neighborhoods that will be certainly be pleasant "pocket" parks. Outdoor space in any form is important, but it is vital to preserve this large piece of previously undeveloped land, especially when such space is virtually impossible to find in our rapidly growing city. We need to preserve what natural wetland still exists, especially so near the mistreated Duwamish river. As a lifetime Ballard resident, I feel incredibly invested in this parcel remaining undeveloped. As I watch Seattle grow around me and open spaces disappear all the time, I believe it is imperative to turn this area into a park for all that call Seattle home, birds, frogs, insects, and people alike.</p> <p>Sincerely, Linnea Scott</p>
Gilbert R. Ward	2/29/2016	giroward@hotmail.com	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>I'm speaking up to say, please don't sell off our greenbelt! Providing housing for the homeless is very important, but not at the expense of our natural heritage. Seattle's urban forest is a priceless treasure and once we lose it, it's gone forever. I've supported the idea of increasing density in Seattle in order that we can preserve more green space in the city not so that we can erase green from Seattle's landscape. What are other ways that we can provide housing? One that I see is that developers must be required to more affordable housing now, in buildings already constructed. Preserving green space and housing homeless are crucial to nourishing our souls in this town. Thanks for the opportunity to express my feelings.</p> <p>Sincerely, Gilbert R. Ward 7501 11th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98106 206-619-5146</p>

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Ilana Rubin	2/29/2016	seattletango@hotmail.com	<p>Dear Seattle City Council,</p> <p>I am a long time resident and home owner in Seattle. I wanted to weigh in on development on land south of Seattle.</p> <p>I think we should leave this land to future generations to develop when the time comes. The Seattle City council needs to slow down and finish with projects that are in progress right now and wait on new projects. Seattle City Council, has been in my opinion greedy with over development and lack on city planning. As a Tax payer I say No leave the land and turn it into a public park instead! We need more open areas. Focus on the preservation and neighborhoods!</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Ilana Rubin</p>
Kit Galvin	2/29/2016	galvinkit@gmail.com	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>It is not the time for the city to sell property for a one time gain. The land will lost forever as open space. This short-sightedness and city blind spot, keeps blotting our city. cashing out what can never be regained. The city needs to invest in the future by as caretakers of property for future generations.</p> <p>It is really a cheap shot to say some of the money will be spent on the homeless. Right. It is only a way to make to sale more palatable. Who would so heartless to deny the help for the homeless. The mayor is so disconnected from reality, that he just discovered the homeless emergency?? I've know homeless as a tragedy and an emergency in American cities since the 1970's</p> <p>It is not excess property. The city is a custodian of a valuable open space resource. If it can't be developed into a park now, then save it for a time when the city can. There is no oops, we want to buy it back later. Once it is gone it is gone for ever. And once the money wasted, or excuse me spent, it is gone for ever too. Then what is the city going to do for a cash cow for the next political expedient "emergency?"</p> <p>Get the city out of the real estate business and back to being a city for the neighborhoods and residents. Residents pass levies for parks. Get it? We don't pass levies for big box stores.</p> <p>Thank you for seriously putting a halt to this short-sighted scheme for short term gain and long term loss for the residents, the tax payers of this city.</p> <p>Kit Galvin Seattle City Resident.</p>
Consuelo Larrabee	2/29/2016	larrabee414@comcast.net	<p>For crying out loud, save the Meyer's Way land. Once gone, it will be GONE. That area needs a park. Just do it!!!!</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Consuelo Larrabee larrabee414@comcast.net</p>

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Laura Sammons	2/29/2016	lsammons@gmail.com	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a Seattle resident of King County, I am of the strong opinion that it is important to keep whatever remaining undeveloped land is available, Undeveloped. In regards to the property cited above, I believe it should be left undeveloped, as free-space for birds and other animals. Open space is good for people, too, in that it leads to a healthier ecology for our region.</p> <p>Thanks, Laura Sammons (206) 383-7671</p>
Jason Dougherty	2/29/2016	zap555@comcast.net	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I have just learned about the Myers Way properties that the city owns. I would like to see the city retain these properties as undeveloped open space in the Seattle Parks system. The recent substantial parks levy should be able to provide funds, and this is just the sort of thing many people would like to see it used for.</p> <p>Thanks, Jason</p>
Ann Stevens	2/29/2016	annbstevens@earthlink.net	<p>I have not been able to find out much about the remaining city owned property referred to as the Myers Property. I would like to see the city retain any large areas of open space that it owns in the city.</p> <p>On these particular parcels, I want to point out that the meadow property is apparently an important type of habitat, for birds, that we have very little of in Seattle. Last Saturday, I attended a workshop by Connie Sidles, who has written books about the bird life at the Union Bay Natural Area. She told us that open, tall grass meadows are one of the two rarest habitats in the city and are crucial to many types of birds. Ann Stevens</p>

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Cari Simson	2/29/2016	crsimson@gmail.com	<p>I just found out about this and think the City selling the properties would be short-sighted in light of the lack of open space and recreation in the area around this property. The land was already negatively impacted by development activities (Joint Training Facility) and the Hamm Creek watershed needs to be protected and improved, not degraded further by more pavement and construction of a warehouse or other facility. If housing the homeless is a priority, then work with an affordable housing developer to sustainably develop housing on the site, working with the landscape to provide housing with dignity and open space. Please reconsider a land transfer to Parks or another entity who could manage the land for open space, habitat and recreation.</p> <p>Selling for development is a regrettable permanent decision.</p> <p>I also think that one month Public Comment period is too short. The surrounding community did not have enough warning or information about the sale to respond. Please consider extending Public Comment.</p> <p>Thank you, Cari Simson 206-234-5102</p>
Emily Inlow-Hood	2/29/2016	emily.inlow@gmail.com	<p>I just heard yesterday about the city's decision to sell the Myers Way property. I live near this area and I would be devastated if it was turned into a distribution center or more housing. Have you done an environmental impact study? Is that public record?</p> <p>This area already has poor air quality. And the City is actually considering selling it to build a distribution warehouse center with heavy trucks and exhaust, further exacerbating the poor air quality problem! \$12 million seems a paltry sum compared to permanently destroying a wild area. I urge you to not be shortsighted. Please think about the long-term future of this community. We need parks not warehouses. Destroying a wild area to build more affordable housing--I would urge the city to consider building more low income housing in downtown Seattle instead of fancy pants high-rises that only benefits the rich.</p> <p>Why why? I feel strongly the Seattle city parks department is failing our community.</p> <p>Emily Inlow-Hood</p>
Will Gould	2/29/2016	willwrite@msn.com	<p>It is important to preserve land because we will need it as the city grows. We don't have enough park, school and public space. We need place like this. We are short of recreation areas not warehouses. These areas also help offset climate change and preserve local wild life and ecosystems. For the sake of my kids and future generations of Seattleites please preserve this land.</p> <p>Best regards, Will Gould</p>

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Johnson, Colleen	2/29/2016	ColleenJohnson@DWT.COM	<p>No matter how you slice it, the city is being gobbled up by developers. \$12 million won't put a dent in the homeless situation—and once this land is gone it's gone forever. Don't you understand that Seattle people want open space? That's why we pass these park levies every time.</p> <p>Please don't sell this land for more urban density packed housing. I know you have had almost impossible decisions to make, but please consider just raw open space for flora and fauna and people—you don't even have to develop it into a "real" park to keep the costs down. Thanks for your consideration.</p> <p>Colleen Johnson 9222 30th Ave. SW Seattle, WA 98126 2065120672</p>
Betsy Bruemmer	2/29/2016	b.bruemmer@earthlink.net	<p>Please do not develop this land! We need more parkland everywhere. Seattle is being ruined by overdevelopment. Where is the balance between green space and concrete? Everything is high density growth. It is a shame to be so shortsighted. If the city needs money then we should institute income taxes and stop leveraging the environment which is so critical to our quality of life.</p> <p>Thank you. Betsy Bruemmer Seattle, WA</p>
Jessica Likins	2/29/2016	Jlikins@go.shoreline.edu	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Jessica Likins 8020 24th Ave NW Seattle WA</p>

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Steve McElhenney	2/29/2016	ohsostevo@gmail.com	<p>Thank you Daniel for reading our public comments.</p> <p>As you know, we have just a few acres of off leash for the 150,000 dogs in the Seattle area! What few off leash areas we have are always over crowded! We only have 2 fairly large offleash areas that take the brunt of the smaller ones. Any land available with only 2 or 3 acres is all we need! I suggest even looking at Lincoln park, Seward, and Discovery Parks that are already Seattle Parks property and just sharing a couple acres of those very large parks. Thank you! Steve McElhenney (Westcrest Steward)</p>
Julia N Allen, PhD, DVM	2/29/2016	DrJNA@comcast.net	<p>The properties listed below have been identified as “excess”. This is ridiculous - there is no such thing as “excess” or “extra” land left in Seattle. And many more people and developers are coming. The City Council and the Mayor ONLY focus on the issue in front of them at the moment (homelessness), and what they need for their re-election. SOMEONE has to think to the future - what we will have left 50 years from now.</p> <p>Nivens from DPR points to his gap analysis, with orange areas underserved by park space. The reason those areas are underserved by park space today, is because no one had the foresight to save open land when they had the opportunity years ago. \</p> <p>THIS LAND NEEDS TO BE PRESERVED NOW AS PUBLIC OPEN SPACE - NATURAL AREA PARKLAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. There will be no second chance !!!</p> <p>>^..^<</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>Julia N Allen, PhD, DVM Seattle WA 98199 USA DrJNA@comcast.net</p>
Suzanne Hamer	2/29/2016	tedsuza@gmail.com	<p>This land is special and needed for whatever little wildlife manages to survive in the ever increasing density of Seattle. We need to think of the future, not short term gain. Once it is paved over it is unlikely to ever be restored. And, every time land is logged, paved, mowed, built upon etc. it must be remembered that that land is already occupied. It is someone's home and they are just as important as we are. How many birds, amphibians, squirrels are killed on so called "vacant" land? Please preserve this land for all of us. Suzanne Hamer</p>

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Julie Congdon	2/29/2016	julietaryn@gmail.com	<p>Please look more closely at your (Mr. Mayor) plan to sell Myers Parcels. Funding to address the homeless situation is desperately needed and a good use of public finds. But selling off the heart of Myers Parcels for commercial development is the wrong way to go about it.</p> <p>It's the fiscally smart thing to do. Myers parcels is 33 acres of wooded slopes, wetlands and meadowland that is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle. In Seattle, specific user groups are already fighting over the limited existing park spaces. With 200,000 more people headed our way we should be snapping up whatever open space is left. Because it is already owned by Seattle Myers can be had for a song (\$13 million, instead of the going retail price of \$32 million) We will never get open space this cheaply again. Even if we need to land bank it for the future, by simply not selling it, it wiser to retain it than sell it.</p> <p>One reason NOT to sell is for Environmental Justice...</p> <p>Myers is located next to Greenbridge a new, large, low-income housing development. It is also adjacent to a senior housing complex.</p> <p>Myers separates residential areas from the industrial zone and two busy highways, creating a visual buffer and cleaning the air pollution they generate.</p> <p>The central, flatland portion (the part that is to be sold for commercial development), would be essential for the creation of a park. Because it flat it would be accessible people with mobility issues- handicapped, the very old, the very young, and those with health problems. Many of the neighbors have written to me saying that they want the land to be kept as a park.</p> <p>Another reason is its Specific Ecological Value...</p> <p>The meadows—the flatland —is one of three different habitats at the site. It is the rarest because most of the city's natural areas are deeply shaded hillsides. As such Meyers meadows are home to infrequently seen and heard wildlife- gold finches, warblers, native butterflies including the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, killdeer, a population of native crickets and the land is the hunting ground for retailed hawks (because of the voles and garter snakes). These are things the local kids need to see as they grow up, especially ones whose parents cannot afford to send them to summer camps.</p> <p>The other half of the flatland has already been developed for the Joint Training Facility (for firefighters to practice, it cost of \$33 million to build) during which wetland was removed, land filled and graded, and Hamm creek below was washed out as a result.</p>
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Jonathan Sirois	2/29/2016	jsirois@hotmail.com	<p>Hi Daniel- I am emailing in support of preserving all or part of the Myers way property as open space parkland. It is rare to have a such a large parcel kept as open space and while it may not seem a priority now, as Seattle grows and all the edges fill in it will become invaluable. Understandably some of the money from the sale has been proposed for helping the homeless crisis. Why not use some of the land for more affordable housing then? The biggest challenge to affordable housing is finding cheap land. Seattle has this parcel, so why not use a chunk of it for transitional and low income housing, sell of a small parcel to fund this and turn the remainder larger portion into a mix of undeveloped wild open space and developed parks. It's easy to just sell it but it takes some vision to find a better more lasting use for it...imagine what South Lake Union would be like today if the Commons had actually happened?</p> <p>thanks, Jonathan Sirois Loyal Heights/ Ballard</p>
Heather Engman	2/29/2016	heather.engman@gmail.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake-now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. 'When you sell the land, it is the end.'</p> <p>Heather Engman 6501 24th Ave. NW #301 Seattle WA</p>

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<p>Mark Siegenthaler</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>MCSIEG@aol.com</p>	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke, Please register my opposition to selling the properties that are listed as PMA 4540 through 4542. While I am most concerned about preserving the hillside, even the flat ground at the top of the bluff should be preserved. The property once lost will be forever lost to future generations. Keep it as undeveloped open space. Let a last vestige of nature be left for future generations, who may or may not want to develop it as park. Regardless, they should have that option. For now, let's keep it for the bird life that is there. It doesn't need to be developed into a park, nor should it be at this time. The sale of the property will be a short term gain for a long term loss. While it would be noble to use \$5 million from the sale to provide for the homeless, let us rather find other resources for that purpose. Let us not lose a valuable natural resource for a temporary expedient. Thank you, Mark Siegenthaler 6721 Dibble Avenue N.W. Seattle, WA 98117</p>
<p>Catherine Purdy</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>catherine.purdy@gmail.com</p>	<p>I think it's really important for Seattle to continue to set aside land for parks especially as density is increasing. So often new homes do not have yards and so open space is very important to these neighborhoods. Our area of town is often not considered carefully since our population is less well connected with "city hall" because of the diversity of our population. However, this land is important in making the city livable. I see many new housing units being built here. There is a great diversity of birds and other wildlife that would be harmed if this property were commercially developed. Preserving these wetlands is an important part of maintaining environmental health. Once such property is developed it is very, very difficult to restore it as open space and a healthy ecosystem. The expense of acquiring additional open land in Seattle is enormous. I agree that homeless needs to be addressed, but selling this piece of property is not the right way to acquire the funds. A property tax levy would be a much better way to find that money. The long term impact of this decision will affect the health and livability of this city. So let's make it a better place to live for all people as find ways to make it affordable, too. Catherine Purdy 9400 5th Ave SW Seattle WA catherine.purdy@gmail.com</p>
<p>Jeffrey Mirsepasy</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>Jeffrey Mirsepasy <Jeffrey@mirsepasy.com></p>	<p>Make it a park!</p>

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<p>Martin Oppenheimer</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>marty@oppcam.com</p>	<p>Mr. Bretzke: It is critical that the city maintain ownership AND STEWARDSHIP of the Meyers Way properties. The existence of a 40 acre publicly owned non-park space inside city limits provides an unusual and rare opportunity for the City of Seattle to "walk the walk" of green space and trees. It provides an opportunity for the city to maintain this space in the public interest. It provides an opportunity for the city to "atone" for the illegal filling of the wetlands at the fire training facility. It provides a better way to reconnect to the Duwamish River than we are currently doing. The city could NEVER replace this property for the proposed \$12mil, certainly less so as we move forward. It would be in our joint best interest to maintain the property, plant it as it would have been planted 200 years ago and derive both the benefit of the wild space and the benefit of the carbon benefits of growing large, robust tree cover. Homelessness is clearly at a critical point in our city and the Council should be spending more dollars (though more effectively) on homelessness, but pitting homelessness against our restoration of the Seattle ecology is a losing game. PLEASE let us take other measures with this property than turning it over to developers. Martin Oppenheimer Homeowner in Seward Park Business owner in South Park</p>
<p>Becky Handshe</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>Becky Handshe <becks_handsh</p>	<p>Please consider preserving the Myers Way parcels as open space. It would be a missed opportunity to build on this undeveloped land. I understand the Department of Parks and Recreations desire to prioritize neighborhoods identified as being underserved or unserved by parks and open space (University District, North Rainier Valley, and Bitter Lake) but it would be incredibly short-sighted to develop this land that is available in place of preserving and maintaining it as a destination park. I am surprised that the White Center/South Park/Highline areas are not identified as underserved. I'm not sure what the parameters are that were used in SP&R's analysis but there is little in the way of open space and recreation in the south end that local residents can take pride in. As a White Center resident I would love to see a park created for recreation and wildlife preservation at this location. Thank you Becky Handshe 9855 21st Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98106</p>

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Todd Fee	2/29/2016	feefivepointoh@hotmail.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Todd Fee 6032 Montevista Dr. SE. Auburn WA</p>
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<p>Ruth Alice Williams , Thorton Creek Aliance</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>ruthalice@comcast.net</p>	<p>Thornton Creek Alliance Post Office Box 25690 Seattle, Washington 98165-1190</p> <p>Dear Mr. Bretzke:</p> <p>Please support keeping the Myers parcels in public hands. The 32 acre property contains the headwaters of Hamm Creek. It is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes, and three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major Seattle park. With all the density that we are expected to prepare for, and all the pressure that is being applied to our existing parks, it is important to plan for natural areas and keeping nature and forests available to people of all income levels and abilities.</p> <p>The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and developed with warehouses. We can't let this happen! This area provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those kinds of terrains, the flatland can be easily accessed by families with young children and those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing.</p> <p>The meadows are home to a wide variety of native wildlife that is becoming rare in the city. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could come and learn about crickets and tadpoles, or even our harmless garter snake, now rarely seen in Seattle. The children could play in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or listen to the chorus frogs in the evening.</p> <p>Saving this land will create a permanent natural asset for our city. In 50 years this park will be valued far more by residents than any one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million in funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from several other sources: the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest; the rainy day fund; or developer fees. Another option might be to use part of the site as a homeless encampment until Parks is in a position to purchase the land for use as a park.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ruth Williams, President Thornton Creek Alliance</p>
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<p>Amandalei Bennett</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>Amandalei Bennett <amanda.be</p>	<p>HELLO,</p> <p>I heard you want input on the 40 acres in South Seattle. I think we should keep the 40 acres in south Seattle as a park for a number of reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Birds need whole areas, not just a tree here and there, to exist. 2. You could put some solar panels around to also make the land multi-use. 3. The city has been trying to increase its canopy but it is mostly relying on home owners to squeeze in trees in their small yards and it probably won't happen. Trees are good to reduce our carbon footprint (another city and state goal). 4. Parks help with stress (studies have shown people in hospitals heal faster if they can see trees). 5. Parks help kids and adults exercise, which reduces public health costs. 6. Parks help us get sunlight. So many high-rises are going up, even in neighborhoods, people with seasonal affective disorders (SAD) and even those without SAD, are being shadowed. Not a good thing in the cloudy northwest. <p>We have a number of small parks around the city that are mostly grass which require watering and cutting or are concrete. Neither are somewhere to go for walks or much exercise nor are they inspirational. Having a concentrated amount of a park is a gift we shouldn't waste.</p> <p>As for the homeless, I think the current resources should be used first, such as the Salvation Army's shelter, before making more for the homeless which seems to be attracting more people here (along with liberal drug policies).</p> <p>Thank you for considering this.</p> <p>Sincerely, Amandalei Bennett 2133 NW 98th St.</p>
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Joe Szilagyi	2/29/2016	szilagyi@gmail.com	<p>Hello:</p> <p>We don't need another big box, car-heavy store like Lowes. We already have a Lowes literally a ten minute drive east of this site, a Home Depot ten minutes northwest of it, and McLendon's five minutes southwest of here. Enough.</p> <p>If the city needs to recoup the previous expenses of purchasing this site: so what? Government isn't supposed to run a profit. It's supposed to deliver services. Stop this entire rushed process and restart the outreach and study for alternative uses of this site. It costs us virtually nothing to keep the site as-is for the time being. Literally any usage of this site is better than a Lowes. A sale of open, free property of this size and scale should be done with the absolutely slowest deliberation and consideration, as we will not get an opportunity like this again to use it for the maximum community, social, and equity-based benefits for the City of Seattle. It could be used for senior or affordable housing, temporary staging of Camp Nicklesville style homeless micro housing, a park, a new school -- any number of uses.</p> <p>Why the hurry and urgency? There is no need for it. Every day and month the parcel sits idle the more its value will increase for either a future sale or other usage. Going to a Lowes right now restricts the usage of that site in perpetuity to nothing more than that.</p> <p>Joe Szilagyi Seattle, Washington</p>
Mike Perfetti	2/29/2016	mikeperfetti@yahoo.com	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>I am submitting this public comment requesting the City to maintain ownership of the properties it owns along Myers Way, and develop it as a park with a focus on habitat restoration and passive recreation. While I understand that a portion of the proceeds from the sale are earmarked for homelessness, open space in Seattle is too precious to turn into development such as warehousing, which dominates the landscape in the Duwamish valley. I'm sure voters would approve a levy to fight homelessness, in order to preserve our dwindling open spaces.</p> <p>Thank you Mike Perfetti</p>

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Sacha Vignieri	2/29/2016	svignieri@gmail.com	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>I am writing to comment on the plan to sell the undeveloped lots in south Seattle, with PMA #s 4542, 4541, 4540. My understanding is that the city is interested in selling these lots for development as paved or built areas. I think this is tragic and feel the lots should be, instead, developed as open, park space.</p> <p>In the 20 years I have lived in Seattle, it has become increasingly dense. Green spaces are likewise increasingly disappearing. This is happening just as research clearly demonstrating the importance of natural spaces for human health and well-being. Seattle has always been a city that attracted people for its proximity to nature, but also its integration of natural space within the city limits. This is what makes it unique.</p> <p>The green space being considered for sale for development represents one of the last large, natural spaces in south Seattle. In addition to being important for public well-being, it supports urban wildlife populations that will be lost if it is developed. Again, as we move forward in an increasingly dense and urban world, urban wildlife populations become more and more important as strongholds for wildlife overall.</p> <p>Seattle does not need another warehouse, it does not need more pavement, both of these we have in plenty and more and more all the time. What we do need is to protect the few bits of nature the city has managed to preserve up to this point. In the end, in a healthy city, the bottom line must not always be the way to the easiest dollar. Creative minds can balance human and natural health with economics. In the past Seattle has been a leader in this area. I truly hope that the current leaders can find ways to continue this approach into the future. Once natural areas have been paved over, they (and all the benefits that accrue within) are lost forever. I urge that the planned sale and development of this region be abandoned and the area be protected and preserved as open space.</p> <p>Sincerely Sacha Vignieri</p>
Don Norman	2/29/2016	gonatives@gmail.com	<p>Apparently the city does not feel it needs to 1) go through a neighborhood public process, 2) want any more park lands, or 3) want to advertise the sale to the general public at large to allow an insiders to make the purchase. This does not seem very appropriate to me.</p> <p>don Norman Go Natives! Nursery (206) 799-1749</p>

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Paul Fellows	2/29/2016	pfellows@3fellows.net	<p>As a citizen of Seattle, I am opposed to Seattle selling off these parcels of land for cash sum. The areas noted should be preserved as open space and designated for later development into a regional park serving the adjoining neighborhoods. Although I do not live in the immediate area I am commenting to try to counterbalance the unbelievably short sighted approach Seattle government has taken in developing every last piece of property to “highest and best use” as defined by the real estate and development industry. Again I heard the mantra of creating jobs as an excuse for selling off the last piece of open space heritage in the area. It is simply criminal to sell off every available open space, up-zone and back fill all neighborhoods. Every last piece of property in Seattle will be densified by a factor of three (like Ballard and Fremont) and yet the people will come and the property values will soar. Why? Because Seattle has done nothing over the years to plan for this eventuality. We must oppose the developers and we must save open space for future generations or we will suffer the fate of Southern California!</p> <p>Again, I oppose the city selling these parcels of land for development and ask that they be held, intact for open space.</p> <p>Respectfully, Paul Fellows 4220 Dayton Ave N Seattle 98103 206-632-2311</p>
Dawn Hemminger	2/29/2016	dawn_hemminger@yahoo.com	<p>As Seattle becomes more dense, it is imperative that we don’t lose sight of the important role public parks, open space and habitat play in thriving and sustainable communities. The Myers property is a gem of a space that will be lost forever if allowed to be sold for development. I understand the City Council has a difficult job trying to balance funding for very important social programs, but if there’s less green space for our citizens in order to support more housing, then yes, we’ll be supporting more people in our population, but how healthy and happy will this population be in the future? Please seriously consider the long term effects of our City if you continue to eradicate potential public space that could provide long term health benefits for many over short term fund raising that may help a small population over a short period of time. Because of its location, the Myers property is a race and social justice issue. I encourage the City to stop looking at green circles on a map to identify open space needs. Think big, think potential impact, think about the future.</p> <p>Regards, Dawn Hemminger 206-953-3940]</p>

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Ralph Naess	2/29/2016	rnaess@comcast.net	<p>Dear City Leaders,</p> <p>I urge you to consider purchasing these properties using Seattle Metropolitan Parks District Open Space funds, or, possibly, Seattle Public Utilities Green Stormwater infrastructure funds. There are so few opportunities for acreage this size to be preserved (and at this price), and we will need every square foot of space that we can save as our City becomes denser and denser. People need open space for their mental, spiritual and emotional health.</p> <p>The City already built (against all reasonability and environmental regulations) the Joint Training Center in this watershed, we should take this opportunity to make things right by retaining a large piece of this watershed for future generations to enjoy.</p> <p>The small amount of revenue generated by this sale pales in comparison to the immense benefits to all (people, wildlife, clean air, clean water, etc.).</p> <p>Sincerely, Ralph Naess West Seattle</p>
Carrie Kahler	2/29/2016	c.a.p.kahler@gmail.com	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>I think that the three undeveloped lots should be used for park space. Lack of green space in the city affects mental and physical health, and the benefits provided by a semi-wild park space far outweigh another set of condos.</p> <p>Sincerely, Carrie Kahler</p>

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Susan Stewart	2/29/2016	sstewart286@aol.com	<p>I am opposed to the sale and development of the Myers Way Property, referenced above. I am a resident of West Seattle and live within 5 miles or so of the property. My understanding is that you plan to sell and develop it into dense homes without yards.</p> <p>I just became aware of the city's plans. Thus, I have not had an opportunity to read all the information available about the property. However, I know that there are environmental constraints on the property. There's a wetland--and the property is part of West Seattle's wildlife corridor that exists along the steep slopes of West Seattle leading down to the Duwamish River. This corridor is a blessing to Seattle, as so few cities have the benefit of urban wildlife, although most cities strive to create such corridors. It's just like Seattle to destroy what other cities covet. Once upon a time, we all fought against "paving over paradise." It's now the city's top priority.</p> <p>That said, this property is much better suited to be a park--just as NPR reported today. There is a gorgeous view of the Duwamish. And, despite what you say about there not being a need for another park, there is NOT a park like Discovery Park in all of the southern portion of the city. Westcrest Park, while nice, is far from a Discovery Park. I see this as an issue of social justice: only the most affluent neighborhoods get Discovery Parks; the less affluent neighborhoods get yard less homes crammed together. Nice.</p> <p>There are obvious drainage issues on the property. I found it interesting that the prior development documents evaluated the drainage issues this way: with 44% impervious surface coverage, in a 25 year storm, there would be a total of 38.98 cfs water flow from the site (that includes flows from above). We all laugh these days when we see reference to 25 year storms. Twenty-five year storms are now daily--and the proverbial 100 year storms that we all planned t--set as our standard--are now regular events. There's no doubt that the flows from the development will be enormous, especially with impervious surfaces far exceeding 44%. Of course, there are also underground springs that must be diverted into closed pipes, along with other drainage procedures. Even with all these methods, the site will likely be wet, with extensive run-off to the Duwamish, itself.</p> <p>Then, of course, there's the seismic hazard zone along the slope. While some think anything can be engineered, we know that is not possible. In fact, this reminds me of Oso. It is absolutely clear that we are destined--and likely not so far into the future--to have a significant earthquake, a "mega" subduction zone</p>
Stephen Merlino	2/29/2016	stephenmerlino@hotmail.com	<p>Do the far-sighted thing, not the desperate thing. Keep that beautiful greenspace green. Make it an official park and preserve it. Don't sell our future.</p> <p>Stephen Merlino</p>

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<p>Brian Heerd</p>	<p>2/29/2016</p>	<p>christiansylviane@yahoo.com</p>	<p>As a resident and native of Seattle as well as an architect and a 30 year volunteer with the Seattle Parks, I would like to comment on the value of before mentioned property and the proposed sale.</p> <p>Urban density is increasing, property values are increasing, urban wildlife habitat is decreasing fueled by the ability to develop additional housing on existing residential lots. As these lots are subdivided and additional homes built, the trees and plants are displaced- along with the wildlife. New landscaping rarely includes native plants. Habitat is being lost daily right now. Satellite images of Puget Sound show significant loss of forest/plant cover in the last 20 years.</p> <p>The future value of this land is greater than the proposed \$ 12 million you can get today and using it for warehouse type development as proposed seems short sighted.</p> <p>The property currently functions as a continuation of the wildlife corridor along the Duwamish, that begins around Pigeon Point and includes the steep hillsides.</p> <p>As a longterm volunteer, I have provided environmental education at Camp Long, Discovery Park, Carkeek Park as well as at almost every smaller park with some potential as well as most of Seattle's' elementary schools. It is a big deal, to have native or restored habitat in residential areas- it promotes science education as well as environmental awareness. I am aware of the less than ideal habitat of the property currently and like most of Seattle it has lost much of it's native cover.</p> <p>As an architect, I have remodeled existing homes and designed new ones in North Seattle, Rainier Valley and along Delridge Way. I began my career as a biologist with a degree from the U of W and taught environmental science. I continued with a masters in Architecture from U of NM and a planning degree focusing on community, natural and environmental projects. I was tasked with developing medical and healthcare related facilities for the State of New Mexico with a limited amount of space and tiny budgets compared to the wealth of the Puget Sound region. I am acutely aware of how unique and wonderful our cities collection of parks and open spaces is. I advise my clients on what kind of development they should do with their lots and place importance on adjacencies to schools, shopping and open space, not necessarily parks. I strive to stay open minded and flexible about the future.</p> <p>These 40 acres have a great future- lost when it leaves the hands of the public, especially when a city perceived goal has been to improve the schools and opportunities South of the ship canal, where the lower income areas are found. Why would we sell a lot that could bring more revenue and value over time? Parks increase revenue thru increased property taxes by improving neighborhoods- also who says this parcel needs to be sold as a single piece- always looking for compromise. Why are we unable to lease properties? We are building</p>
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leigh smith	2/29/2016	hauoli99@hotmail.com	<p>I am a long time Magnolia resident. To have such a large, undeveloped park in the middle of an urban environment is such a rarity and an absolute treasure. As Seattle becomes more dense, the Discovery park oasis will only increase in importance. Whenever people visit Seattle, it is the one place I must take them to visit. It is my favorite place in the city, specifically because it is a large, wild, open space preserved in the middle of development. Chipping away at its size will diminish its value.</p> <p>There are so many other ways to generate revenue to fund the city's programs. As an employee of a government agency, I see a tremendous amount of waste at my own site on a daily basis. I believe this is typical of most government agencies. Promoting efficiency and trimming wasteful practices would be my first suggestion for revenue generation and would also create environmental benefits at the same time.</p> <p>Thank you, Leigh Smith</p>
Christine Cooper	2/29/2016	christinecooper@gmail.com	<p>I have a house in unincorporated King County in the North Highline area. I want to tell you that this area that you are thinking of selling shoo NOT be sold. You need to turn it into a dog park.</p> <p>Christine Cooper 117 S 104th St Seattle, WA 98168</p>
Michelle Larsen	2/29/2016	tigerente13@yahoo.com	<p>Please consider saving this land as park space, including a portion for a dog off leash area! It is very important for our growing city to save every open space we have and continue to work on improving our urban density!</p> <p>Thank you Michelle Larsen</p>
John Ruhland	2/29/2016	mail@drruhland.com	<p>Please do not accept the suggested Comprehensive Plan wording which severely reduces or eliminates the QUANTITATIVE goals in the Parks and Open Space Element. Increasing open space to meet the environmental and human needs of a dense City is integral to wise Smart Growth development. We owe it to the future Seattleites to leave them a livable, beautiful, environmentally sustainable and just City.</p> <p>John Ruhland 4002 25th Avenue S Seattle WA</p>
Christine Ingersoll	3/1/2016	christineingersoll@comcast.net	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>I am opposed to the sale of the Myers Parcels. This land should be kept in the hands of the public. Once it is gone, it is gone.</p> <p>Thank you, Christine Ingersoll</p>

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Aya Mizoroki	3/1/2016	ayamizoroki@gmail.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake-now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. 'When you sell the land, it is the end.' As a new homeowner in the White Center neighborhood, I hope to be able to look forward to years of enjoyment from this local treasure.</p> <p>Aya Mizoroki 10014 2nd Ave SW Seattle WA</p>
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Sage Marts	3/1/2016	nvrsettle@hotmail.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Sage Marts 8838 16th ave sw Seattle WA</p>
Peggy's GMAIL	3/5/2016	peggycooper789@gmail.com	<p>Please know that many citizens, myself included think green space is undervalued and important to our health and the well being of our community. The population of Seattle is booming and we have limited space for people to be outdoors in nature. We continue to have more and more people trying to enjoy green spaces. We need MORE NOT LESS.</p> <p>Thanks for your time and attention, Peggy Cooper Master Gardener, Plant Amnesty Member, P-Patch plot co-leader and Garden Club member</p>
Bonnie Miller	3/8/2016	bmiller@serv.net	<p>Please keep me informed of the ongoing process.</p> <p>Bonnie Miller 900 University Street Apt. 15BC Seattle, WA 98101-1730</p>

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<p>Jim and Sharon Price</p>	<p>3/8/2016</p>	<p>jasprice@isomedia.com</p>	<p>We are opposed to the development of the Myers Way property for 2 reasons. For one, many of us have spent volunteer hours and much funding has gone into the cleaning up the Duwamish river. All this could be jeopardized by the proposed development so close to the river and downhill from the property. The other reason is that once public property is sold for development it will never ever be available again for the commons, especially as parkland. We urge that the property be preserved for a park. We'll pay to maintain it as a park whenever funds become available. For now, please leave it be.</p> <p>Jim and Sharon Price of West Seattle</p> <p>We are opposed to the development of the Myers Way property for 2 reasons. For one, many of us have spent volunteer hours and much funding has gone into the cleaning up the Duwamish river. All this could be jeopardized by the proposed development so close to the river and downhill from the property. The other reason is that once public property is sold for development it will never ever be available again for the commons, especially as parkland. We urge that the property be preserved for a park. We'll pay to maintain it as a park whenever funds become available. For now, please leave it be.</p> <p>Jim and Sharon Price of West Seattle</p>
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John Nakagawa	3/16/2016	nakagawa_john@yahoo.com	<p>thank you for your prompt and informative e-mail I received from Andra. I would like to underscore that selling "only the flat un-forested part of the lot" is also a bad idea, because this is the bottom of the catch basin for the poor old north fork of Hamm creek. Adding a point source in the form of pavement to funnel, motor oil, anti-freeze, road salt and all other pavement-seeking pollutants into Hamm Creek, is precisely the kind of mistake the Army Corp of Engineers called the city on back in 2005, when it filled in a wetland to build the Fire Training center.</p> <p>If the city is going to continue to appropriate the image of Chief Sealth it should stop damaging the once healthy river that bears the name of his people. Using the homelessness emergency to dump this property is just dirty politics. Let's start loving the Duwamish and Hamm Creek as much as north Seattle loves Carkeek. Now that we have district representation it is time to start paying a little attention to the south rather than play District 1 against District 2, which is what it sounds like Parks and Rec is doing on this issue.\</p> <p>Thank you for your attention. I apologize if this strikes you as a bit strident.</p> <p>Peace, John Nakagawa</p> <hr/> <p>From: "Herbold, Lisa" <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov> To: 'John Nakagawa' <nakagawa_john@yahoo.com>; "Bretzke, Daniel" <Daniel.Bretzke@seattle.gov> Cc: "Herbold, Lisa" <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov> Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 2:03 PM Subject: RE: 9501-9701 Meyers Way South</p> <p>Dear John,</p> <p>Thank you for writing including Councilmember Herbold on your email to Daniel about the proposal to sell the Myers Way property. I am the legislative aide staffing this issue for Councilmember Herbold. She understand how important it is for a growing city to preserve its green belts and natural areas. If we sell these precious assets, we can never get them back.</p> <p>This issue has not come to Full Council and before it does it will go through the Affordable Housing, Neighborhood and Finance Committee. I am a member of that committee. I am waiting to get more information but my understanding is that the undevelopable forested areas will be protected. FAS will submit its preliminary report and a public involvement report that will give Council a full sense of public perspectives. The important piece of background to this issue is the fact that in the November 2015 Budget discussions, the</p>
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Katie Kadwell	3/19/2016	katiekadwell@gmail.com	<p>I'm writing today to let you know my thoughts on the proposed sale and development of the Meyers Way parcel near the southern edge of Westcrest Park in West Seattle.</p> <p>To begin, I'm very disappointed this is even being considered. Given our professed commitment to the environment here in Seattle, coupled with the myriad drainage challenges in the area affected, this seems like something that ought to have been dismissed before it even saw the light of day.</p> <p>My family and I live in the Delridge neighborhood, just north and west of the site, and see the effects of our outdated and underdeveloped drainage system on a daily basis in the winter. Water flowing down streets, muddy masses of water draining into the storm drains and flooded homes are a regular occurrence in our neighborhood. Even as the city and its citizens are working diligently to improve the situation through things such as 12,000 Rain Gardens <http://www.12000raingardens.org/> and the Delridge Natural Drainage <http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/DelridgeNaturalDrainage/index.htm> projects, it makes no sense to add to our stormwater burden by taking out a critical piece of the natural infrastructure. As a Master Gardener volunteer and Native Plant Steward, I've worked very hard to inform and educate people on how to care for their property and contribute to the overall health of our Puget Sound region over the years, and I'm deeply saddened to see the city considering the sale of one of our most ecologically important parcels.</p> <p>Furthermore, this parcel lies just to the south of the Duwamish Greenbelt, the largest contiguous forest in the city. A dedicated group of citizens is currently working to create a network of paths throughout the forest and make it a more usable space for everyone in the city, complementing the years of restoration work done by Nature Consortium, Green Seattle Partnership and others. Developing the Meyers Way parcel would degrade this work and add to our already overburdened storm water management systems.</p> <p>Finally, the Meyers Parcel is located in an area of Seattle that needs more access to open space and the lifestyle benefits it provides, not less. Southwest Seattle is historically under served and under resourced, and it would be a real shame to see the Meyer's Way parcel be developed into commercial property.</p> <p>Please make good on Seattle's commitment to the environment, open space and environmental justice: Do not sell the Meyer's Way parcel. Instead, find a way to convert it into community green space that will be utilized by neighbors for generations to come.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Katie Kadwell</p>
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<p>Nancy hingsbergen</p>	<p>3/23/2016</p>	<p>n_hingsbergen@att.net</p>	<p>Urban Forest Management Plan. The objective of the Urban Forest Management Plan, released in draft form in September, 2006, is the preservation and restoration of Seattle’s trees. Sustainable Forests within the City are one of four principal themes in the Mayor’s Environmental Action Agenda. Trees provide a home for wildlife, provide shade that cools streams, reduce stormwater runoff and flooding, and improve air and water quality. The approximate area of Seattle’s woodland tree canopy is 6,830 acres, or 18% of Seattle’s total land area. The City hopes to increase Seattle’s tree coverage by 60% over the next 30 years.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mr. Bretzke ~ thank you for the 'heads up' re: 9600/9701/9501 Myers Way reuse or disposal of these CITY owned properties mail dated 21 March 2016.</p> <p>In reading resolutions 29799/30862 my concern is that we live in the SHAG adjoining these properties. It is common knowledge many people live in these woods. Is the use of 'reuse OR disposal' meant that FAS' consideration to turn all or part of these wooded properties into permanent i.e., plumbing/housing for those living in the woods? We appreciate your willingness to afford us this opportunity to follow this process ~ and for the vehicle to receive future updates. The best use ~ for all concerned ~ is the objective of the properties identified to be in excess to the department's needs.</p> <p>Gratefully, Senior Citizen of Seattle n. hingsbergen 9200 2nd Avenue SW #429A Seattle WA 98106</p>
<p>Heidi Siegelbaum</p>	<p>3/23/2016</p>	<p>Heidi@calyxsite.com</p>	<p>Mr. Bretzke</p> <p>I write on behalf of myself, my husband and the many neighbors who are dismayed at the fetid and feeble public process being used to discuss disposition of Seattle’s “excess” real estate. We understand there are state laws (I believe) that compel the city to sell for development first. I work in stormwater and from my standpoint, the City’s relentless increase of impervious surfaces, in combination with the systematic removal of mature trees, spells a number of ills for the city. We recognize these are difficult issues but nonetheless, there a large number of considerations, values and issues which must be balanced.</p> <p>35 acres is no small parcel and while it’s expedient for you to sneak in the disposition of this enormous piece of land, this is a discussion which—based on basic principles of the public trust—must be aired in public. I suspect we are not alone in this sentiment. I look forward to your responsible, ethical response.</p> <p>Best regards, Heidi Siegelbaum and Rob Hyman (206) 784-4265</p>

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Venetia Runnion	3/25/2016	Venetia Runnion <venetia19@gr	<p>Please do not sell off this land to developers -- at least not without the appropriate public process. We don't need more development in this city but we can use all the green space there is left. Thank you,</p> <p>Venetia Runnion 3109 SW Raymond St Seattle, WA 98126</p>
Mary Duffy	3/25/2016	m_duffy@comcast.net	<p>Daniel Bretzke,</p> <p>I received your letter regarding the property on Myers Way that now is vacant. I am one of the residents at the Arrowhead Gardens apartments. I would recommend for you to speak with SHAG regarding plans and options. The homeless use some of the space for a night. There is a great need for a grocery store walking distance for residents in this large housing facility. A number of the residents are unable to walk.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this property.</p> <p>Mary Duffy (resident of the area)</p>
Edward L. Johnson	3/26/2016	edjohnson89@outlook.com	<p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>This letter is in reference to Excess Property Notice dated March 21, 2016 PMA numbers 4540, 4541, and 4542. I currently reside at 9230 2nd Avenue SW Apt # 324 and would like to submit a suggestion for one or all of these designated properties. The current property of Arrowhead Gardens; where I reside, is circled by parking spaces that are priority spaces for the Fire Department Joint Training Facility. This agreement was developed when the Arrowhead Gardens Property was developed according to information I received. Residents of this community; who are in their 60's, 70's and 80's must on a weekly basis find other places to park and must walk long distances to reach our Apartments so that JTF recruits can park in designated parking spaces. Many residents have had to give up their cars because of this. I find it hard to understand why something like this was originally developed and feel that some of these lots could be developed into parking lots for the JTF Facility and provide easier access to Arrowhead Gardens for the Senior Citizens who are attempting to continue living in this Affordable living facility.</p> <p>Thank you for providing this notice and I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Sincerely, Edward L. Johnson 9230 2nd Avenue SW Apt 324C Seattle, WA 98106 360-929-8824 edjohnson89@outlook.com</p>

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Doug Plager	3/29/2016	dplager@wallaceproperties.com	<p>Represents a buyer Adventure Bound, who would preserve the trees and install and tree filed adventure park. Wallace Properties, Inc. 330-112th Ave NE; Suite 200 Bellevue, WA. 98004 (425) 455-9976-Main (425) 283-1654-Direct</p>
Ana Vasudeo	Ana Vasudeo	apvasudeo@gmail.com	<p>Director, White Center Promise White Center Community Development Association (CDA) 605 SW 108th street Seattle, WA 98146 March 22, 2016 Mr. Daniel Bretzke Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) P.O. Box 94689 Seattle, WA 98124 Re: Sale of Myers Parcels Dear Mr. Bretzke, Our organization has recently met with the Seattle Green Spaces Coalition and TreePAC and supports their efforts to keep the Myers parcels (located at 9501, 9600 and 9701 Myers Way S.W.) from being sold for commercial development. We are deeply concerned with the sale of the Myers parcels in White Center and would urge FAS to explore better land use options for the residents of White Center and the surrounding neighborhoods. First, we are concerned with the lack of community engagement with residents and community based organizations in White Center. There are various ethnic communities that live in White Center and before making such a significant land use decision that affects our residents, we would like to work with your organization to support a multilingual community engagement process so that residents can truly participate in the planning process. Secondly, we are concerned by the health impacts that would result from the planned commercial development for this site. As has been well documented by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, White Center ranks third among the most polluted neighborhoods in King County. Given the levels of high air pollution already present in our neighborhood, we are deeply concerned that bad land use decisions, such as converting this parcel of land to warehouse and impervious surface parking space, will only result in further air quality degradation. We would like to work with your office to explore better land use options for these parcels and would urge you not to bring this sale before City Council until our concerns have been addressed. Sincerely,</p>

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Mike Mahanay	2/1/02016	mikemahanay@gmail.com	<p>Hi Daniel, I'll be brief. Of course all of this land should be used for park space. Thanks Mike Mahanay</p>
Tony Vo,		tony@wccda.org	<p>Director, White Center Promise White Center Community Development Association (CDA) 605 SW 108th street Seattle, WA 98146 March 22, 2016 Re: Sale of Myers Parcels Dear Mr. Bretzke, Our organization has recently met with the Seattle Green Spaces Coalition and TreePAC and supports their efforts to keep the Myers parcels (located at 9501, 9600 and 9701 Myers Way S.W.) from being sold for commercial development. We are deeply concerned with the sale of the Myers parcels in White Center and would urge FAS to explore better land use options for the residents of White Center and the surrounding neighborhoods. First, we are concerned with the lack of community engagement with residents and community based organizations in White Center. There are various ethnic communities that live in White Center and before making such a significant land use decision that affects our residents, we would like to work with your organization to support a multilingual community engagement process so that residents can truly participate in the planning process. Secondly, we are concerned by the health impacts that would result from the planned commercial development for this site. As has been well documented by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, White Center ranks third among the most polluted neighborhoods in King County. Given the levels of high air pollution already present in our neighborhood, we are deeply concerned that bad land use decisions, such as converting this parcel of land to warehouse and impervious surface parking space, will only result in further air quality degradation. We would like to work with your office to explore better land use options for these parcels and would urge you not to bring this sale before City Council until our concerns have been addressed. Sincerely, Tony Vo</p>

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Caroline Tobin		cctobin@earthlink.net	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Green bridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Caroline Tobin 4219 Phinney Ave N Seattle WA</p>
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<p>Adrienne Touart</p>		<p>aptouart@netzero.net</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Adrienne Touart 934 NW 59th ST Seattle WA</p>
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Mary Bond		maryb@seattleaudubon.org	<p>March 1, 2016</p> <p>Dear Mr. Bretzke,</p> <p>Seattle Audubon's Conservation Committee unanimously opposes the proposed sale of the Myers Parcels in West Seattle to private developers. Instead, we are urging the city to consider keeping this land in reserve - a kind of "Green Bank" - to be converted into an open-space park as soon as funds become available. Seattle Audubon has a long history (100 years this April) of advocating for open space and parks within the City of Seattle. We are committed to these ongoing efforts for the benefit of people and birds. Both science and common sense tell us that urbanites need open space and the ability to connect with wild nature in order to live healthy lives.</p> <p>Now that our population is booming, the need for park space has become even more urgent. This is not the time for the City to be selling off any property that could so easily become a needed park. In particular, the Myers Parcels will become even more valuable as park space when the nearby low-income housing development Greenbridge is fully built. Some 1,000 low-income families will move here, and they will have children. These children would be well served by having a park nearby that they could walk to. The potential for the City to serve these underserved children is great. We envision the potential for a community center, environmental education programs, and native plant restoration projects that would attract more native birds and lead to even more educational opportunities for low-income youth.</p> <p>How can a commercial warehouse, or one more industrial park possibly provide such health and educational benefits to south Seattle families?</p> <p>We know that numerous species of birds of the open grassland and riparian habitat already live in the Myers Parcels year-round. These birds are enduring increased pressure from development in our city. If they are not provided with habitat, they will disappear from the city forever, as many species already have. Is this the best legacy we can leave future generations?</p> <p>The short-term gain of a few million dollars must be considered when spread over our population for the next 100 years. When thought of in these terms, the city will gain less than a penny a day per citizen from such a sale. Surely our citizens now and in the future place a higher value on the Myers Parcels than that. We ask that the city retain ownership of the Myers Parcels and work with us to figure out how to transform it into a park for the ages.</p> <p>Sincerely, Linda Murtfeldt Mary Bond Connie Sidles</p>
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Ken Tuomi		Merimies@icloud.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Ken Tuomi 10008 45t Ave NE Seattle WA</p>
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<p>Brian Hosey</p>		<p>bhosey@gmail.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Brian Hosey 3726 SW Southern St Seattle WA</p>
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<p>Nan Yurkanis</p>		<p>Quietsky@comcast.net</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>nan yurkanis 10841 24th ave ne Seattle wa</p>
<p>Hill Pierce,</p>		<p>hill@sklarchitects.com</p>	<p>After listening to KUOW's report on the issue of selling the below listed parcels, I would like to register two thoughts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't sell. Real estate in Seattle is appreciating faster than almost anywhere in the country and this parcel will only enrich the city over time. It can be used to generate income or capitol in any number of ways but more importantly the appreciation alone will garner the \$12M you are looking for within a very reasonable period of time. 2. I like the idea of a park. <p>052304-9053 052304-9258 052304-9024 052304-9052 062304-9053 0623049001</p> <p>Thanks for listening and for your work improving this wonderful city, Hill Pierce, Architect, LEED AP</p>

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<p>paige igoe</p>	<p>psigoe@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>paige igoe 8415 6th ave sw Seattle wa</p>
<p>Jan Johnson</p>	<p>splitcreekfarm@yahoo.com</p>	<p>To the contemplating members: What I took away from the story I heard on KUOW is, again, greed. This time, by the city for money. Money from another company to build a single distribution warehouse. UGH! All of the rich farmland from the Southcenter valley down through Tukwila and on through and past Kent has been paved over by DISTRIBUTION WAREHOUSES!! Primarily single story, single use. Why, at minimum, can't a compromise be reached for this pristine piece of property? 20 acres for industry, 20 acres for park? Why must we always look to the monetary and not also the need to preserve natural space? Please consider conservation over concrete. We look too much like Los Angeles as it is. Population density and close behind, concrete density.</p> <p>Jan Johnson Washington resident since 1990 Maple Valley,</p>

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Lynnette Spear		lynettes@icloud.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Lynnette Spear 1744 NE 102 ST Seattle WA</p>
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Ellen Heller		lilliano@msn.com	<p>Please vote to save, not sell, Myers parcels. The 32 acre property is comprised of wetlands, steep wooded slopes and, most importantly, three meadows. It is the last large piece of undeveloped property that could become a major park in Seattle—Discovery Park south of the future. The heart of Myers, the central grassland area, is earmarked to be sold and replaced by warehouses. Kept as it is, it provides a rare wildlife habitat not found in the steep, wooded natural areas of the City. Unlike those areas, the flatland could be easily accessed by those who are physically challenged. It is within walking distance of Greenbridge, a large low-income development and senior housing. The meadows are home to native crickets which can heard in the summer, to native butterflies--such as the Red Admiral and the Painted Lady, and to our native birds--warblers, gold finches and killdeer that require this sort of grassland. If Myers were a 'Nature Play' park, kids could catch some of those crickets, and tadpoles, or a garter snake--now rare in Seattle. They could build a fort in the woods, hear the cry of the Coopers hawk which hunts for voles there, or hear the chorus frogs in the evening. Saving this land will serve the City forever. In 50 years these things will be valued far more by residents than the one-time addition to the City's budget. The \$5 million of funding for the Mayor's much needed homeless project, could instead be taken from the funds budgeted to improve access to the nearby dog park at Westcrest, or from the safety improvements to roads both of which could be done later. Please take to heart Pearl S. Buck's words from The Good Earth. \"When you sell the land, it is the end.\"</p> <p>Ellen Heller 5712 Greenwood N. Seattle WA</p>
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<p>Seattle green Spaces Coalition</p>		<p>info@seattlegreenspacescoalition.org</p>	<p>I care about a green and livable city. A healthy place to live is a matter of racial and economic equity and environmental justice for all.</p> <p>The Myers 33 Acres contain valuable wetlands, wildlife habitat, and open space which are important to the health of Hamm Creek watershed, the Duwamish River and many diverse neighborhoods. Communities in South Seattle already suffer from poor air and water quality due to a degraded environment.</p> <p>In 2005, the City of Seattle destroyed wetlands on the Myers site in violation of the Clean Water Act and was forced by the Army Corps of Engineers to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in remediation. Now, the City is again risking wetlands and wildlife habitat. We cannot “mitigate” our way to healthy neighborhoods and watersheds.</p> <p>Many neighbors have not heard about the City's plans to “surplus” parts of the Myers site or the City’s expansion plans for the nearby Joint Training Facility. Neighbors such as the elders at adjacent SHAG housing and communities of color and neighbors on all sides must be involved. We demand a robust, transparent and inclusive community engagement so that all people can participate in the decision-making process. Together we can work toward a resilient and sustainable future of this land.</p> <p>Letter to Mayor Murray Deputy Mayor Kim Deputy Mayor Joncas and 2 others LISA HERBOLD FAS Daniel Bretzke STOP SEATTLE’S SALE OF MYERS 33 ACRES</p>
<p>Kristie Carlon</p>	<p>4/26/2016</p>	<p>kristiecarlon@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Dear Daniel Bretzke,I would love to see this area turned into a community park, recreational park along with a dog park. There are so many possibilities.</p> <p>It could cross over Meyers and connect this area to the South Park community. or also be a light rail station?</p> <p>thank you, Kristie Carlon 10336 3rd Ave S. Seattle wa 98168</p>

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<p>Steven Richmond</p>	<p>5/5/2016</p>	<p>gardencycles@hotmail.com</p>	<p>The Puget Creek Watershed Alliance (PCWA) is a neighborhood grassroots group that advocates for backyard habitat restoration for its own sake, and for environmental and social justice, given the fact that the Duwamish Tribe desires to daylight and establish salmon habitat in Puget Creek – a creek that is currently piped but should rather flow into the Duwamish River not far from the Duwamish Longhouse.</p> <p>It is natural for PCWA to oppose the sale of the Myers Parcels, part of the watershed to Hamm Creek with a noted legacy of restoration spearheaded by John Beal (http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/John-Beal-1950-2006-River-steward-never-backed-1207200.php).</p> <p>John Beal is clearly an urban legend, a symbol of hope and inspiration to many people. John was a former Vietnam veteran who was told his heart had a few more months to give, so he made a deal with God and dedicated his life to the restoration of Hamm Creek. His hard work afforded him another 27 years of life and many awards for his efforts.</p> <p>John worked closely with James Rasmussen of the Duwamish Tribe, and he successfully convinced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to tell the City of Seattle that it had illegally filled in wetlands while building a firefighter training facility in Hamm Creek’s headwaters. The Honorable Cecile Hansen, Chief of the Duwamish Tribe, spoke of her last encounter with John Beal at the grocery store. She recalled John’s frustration negotiating with the City, and his parting resignation about the struggle, “I give up,” John finally said.” Cecile Hansen recalls that “within a month, he was dead.”</p> <p>Selling the watershed to Hamm Creek, and failing to restore its wetland functions, is blatant disrespect to the memory of John Beal and to others who have worked to restore the creek.</p> <p>Moreover, it ignores the fact that Seattle has unfulfilled treaty obligations to the Duwamish Tribe, and that the City should not sell what is not rightfully owned.</p> <p>It is our view that salmon restoration is the rent owed to fulfill fishing rights in the Point Elliott Treaty. You can’t fulfill fishing rights without fishing habitat, and the City of Seattle should create fishing opportunities on City land, regardless of the federal government’s failures to recognize the Duwamish Tribe. Such opportunities could happen in many tributaries to the Duwamish River: Hamm Creek, Puget Creek, and Longfellow Creek.</p> <p>We have ignored the wisdom of native people regarding respect for the environment, and we are ignoring their hard-earned lesson about the futility of selling land.</p> <p>The Puget Creek Watershed Alliance urges the City of Seattle to preserve and restore the Myers Parcels for the sake of the environment and all residents of Seattle.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
<p>Bonnie Miller</p>	<p>4/29/2016</p>	<p>bmiller@serv.net</p>	<p>Please list me along with those who want to keep this parcel out of the hands of developers and in the hands of the public!</p> <p>Bonnie Miller 900 University Street Apt. 15BC Seattle, WA 98101-1730</p>

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<p>Maureen Shifflet</p>	<p>4/16/2016</p>	<p>moshiff@icloud.com</p>	<p>The greenspace you refer to in the public notice of 3/21/2016 needs to stay greenspace. If you live here you know that the air has high particulates due to the industries to the south and east and the activities of the Fire Training Facility as well as traffic from the bus park and ride, Roxbury/Olsen roads and highway 509. This greenspace serves as a buffer for some of that. It certainly is important to the residential area just West of it. Please consider the value of keeping the area as it is. There have been rumors that the city wants to sell to developers for retail mall-vendor space. This doesn't seem like an area that people would stop and shop for too many reasons to mention here.</p> <p>This is a neighborhood and it has value just as it is. There is new retail space unleased for entire year I have been here so.....before you rip up trees and pave it over consider its proximity to a huge garbage transfer center, upwind from a huge concrete/cement manufacturing site, And the purpose it is serving now.</p> <p>There is a saying attributed to a Native American When speaking Of a white man: "one day they will realize that they cannot eat money"</p>
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<p>Ima Straight</p>	<p>5/1/2016</p>	<p>imastraight@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Myers Parcels need to be retained and made a permanent park, NOT sold to become another ugly asphalt blight.</p> <p>In a climate of rapidly increasing density, thus further need for open park space, the fact that the city would even consider selling land it already owns is highly suspect. Going forward, we will need more and more green space. It is the height of shortsighted foolishness to let go of any that we already own! Just look at how the schools regret hastily selling off sites in a temporary downturn. There is no going backwards in population, believe it!</p> <p>And we can't create large new natural areas either, especially wetlands! We have to treasure what we have. Calling any open land "surplus" is really dense and displays complete ignorance of future needs and population projections. Citizens are not interested in the self-imposed administrative barriers to internal land transfers between departments. What we KNOW is that we already own the land and we need to keep it and make it a park. Details like that are excuses of ineffective leaders.</p> <p>ALL communities benefit from park lands, regardless of their color or economic status. That a green open area adjacent to this very diverse community would be considered for sale is very wrong and really makes the administration look bad. There is a ton of new high-density housing there, where are all those people going to go to get some space?</p> <p>Many citizens besides Mr. Beal have put sweat equity into restoration of surrounding land in the belief that as citizens, it belonged to them. Don't pull the rug out from under their feet now. It sets a terrible precedent. It would discourage volunteers for other future projects. Why would they waste their valuable time, if The City can just turn around and sell the land? Be very careful here.</p> <p>Selling off public land for a private commercial use sure smells of corruption and will taint the careers of all involved, regardless of intent. It's a bad bad bad idea on so many levels. I can guarantee it would be deeply regretted by all involved. Selling Manhattan for beads comes to mind...</p> <p>I hope you reconsider all of these factors and the needs of all of the citizens of Seattle far into the future before making a cheapo, expedient, giant mistake.</p> <p>We can have meadows, woods, wetlands, trails and spawning salmon!</p> <p>Or a store.</p> <p>It makes no sense at all to destroy parking all over the city for various environmental projects, only to put a big ugly parking lot in a potential park. Just the run-off mitigation would be harmful to the stream systems already</p>
<p>Calyn Hostetler</p>		<p>calyn6 <calyn6@gmail.com></p>	<p>Hi Daniel, can you give me an update about what is happening to this special piece of land? I've lived next to it most of my life and I'm interested in knowing if i can help preserve it in any way.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Calyn Hostetler 206.335.1084</p>

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<p>Raissa Markewycz</p>	<p>5/7/2016</p>	<p>ukiepower@hotmail.com</p>	<p>From: Raissa M [mailto:ukiepower@hotmail.com] Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 9:23 AM To: cassturnbull@comcast.net Subject: RE: Myers Parcel HI Cass, Here's my number and address: (206) 261-0773; 7171 Beach Drive SW, Seattle Wa 98136; Raissa Markewycz Another friend of mine who lives a little closer to our future park will be writing you too, probably today. Super thanks! Raissa</p> <hr/> <p>Date: Mon, 25 Apr 2016 09:34:10 -0700 Subject: Re: Myers Parcel From: cassturnbull@comcast.net To: ukiepower@hotmail.com You are most welcome. I don't know why I am so attached to Myers parcels. It speaks to something deep. If I may have your phone number and address, I will be able to send it to the department collecting comments and it will be put in the official record. That goes to the city council.They make the final decision. Cass Turnbull Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device ----- Original message----- From: Raissa M Date: Mon, Apr 25, 2016 9:05 AM To: cassturnbull@comcast.net; Cc: Subject:Myers Parcel HI Cass, I am a supporter for the Myers parcels to be a park or tree bank. Allowing all the land to remain functioning naturally with the rest of our ecosystem will help everyone in the area. It will reduce noise and chemical pollution and add filtered oxygen for everyone. We must consider our future generations that will thank us for thinking about them after we are gone. Please put my name Raissa Markewycz and e mail ukiepower@hotmail.com on the list of supporters, Thank you for all the hours of hard work. Please let me know what else I can do to help.</p>
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Gerry Thomas	4/5/2016	gerrythomas12@yahoo.com	<p>Hi Daniel,</p> <p>I have been a resident at Arrowhead Gardens for over 6 years. This is a senior living campus (SHAG) with a highly dense population of independent and active seniors. However, many of us do not own vehicles or drive anymore, and our access to the bus system is very limited. We occupy over 450 apartments on a four acre plot of land. We have no easy access to outdoor open space or park in this immediate area in which to stroll, walk our dogs, exercise outdoors, or gather outdoors with family and friends to enjoy sunshine, fresh air and open space.</p> <p>I am suggesting that the undeveloped lot at 9600 Meyers Way S be developed into a senior community outdoor space or park which would include a 1 to 2 mile walking loop with various exercise equipment along the way; a doggie park; areas for outdoor games such as shuffleboard and baci ball; benches for resting; and some kind of stage or pavillion for picnics or outdoor concerts or shows for our community to use; and some kind of water fountain, maybe even a floral garden.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Gerry Thomas</p>
Gail Chiarello	4/5/2016	gailchiarello@comcast.net	<p>A liveable city has as many open spaces/green spaces as possible, as oases from the urban sprawl and blight. Don't sacrifice Myers Parcel.</p> <p>Thanks for your attention to this,</p> <p>Gail Chiarello (Owner) 4048 NE 58th Street Seattle, WA 98105</p>
Maureen Shifflet	4/16/2016	moshiff@icloud.com	<p>https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/greenness-around-homes-linked-lower-mortality</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
Margaret Sturdivant			Selling the largest parcel of undeveloped land should be a city-wide discussion, not last minute notice to those within 1000 feet.
Ike Elaine			We need to keep this 33 acres for the future!
Laura G (Wallis) Bolz			City of Seattle park acreage is not sufficient to meet need of rapidly growing population: demand outstrips supply. This is a necessary acquisition.
M Morris			We need to preserve green space.

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			<p>We do not have a housing crisis. We have a crisis of green open space!</p> <p>No more bike lanes. No more tearing down houses for apartments. No more making room for more people.</p> <p>This is unsustainable. We need more open space. We need more parks with enough parking so everyone can drive to them and enjoy what their hard earned taxes pay for.</p> <p>We should be tearing down homes to make parks - like they did in North Seattle.</p>
Johnny Cabato			
Lawrence Powelson			As our city grows larger, we need to preserve more open spaces before they're all gone.
Andrea Slayton			The city is willing to spend millions on bike lanes, creating slower traffic and therefore more pollution, millions on bike programs that don't work in a rainy hilly city, and now we are getting rid of wetlands and green space too? The green space is free to all. Let's keep it, and reduce spending on programs that don't serve to reduce pollution.
Carolyn Cooper			Seattle needs environmental protection from itself. Preserve, don't sell, public open space. Keep public lands in public hands.
Anne Ewalt			we need wetlands and green space for our ecosystem, for clean water and air. Seattle is fast destroying what little green space we have left, while our population is growing.
Lauri Miller			Seattle is adding population rapidly without adding green space! Let's not lose this opportunity!
Catherine Adams			We don't need Lowe's, we have McLendon's and we need green spaces
Emily Sturdivant			Playing in Seattle's parks as a child infused me with love for the natural world. Everyone should have this access to this. We need to prioritize natural space over development.
elizabeth cunningham			STOP destroying the Myers 33 Acres!
Dorothy Wass			I am concerned that open space is disappearing.
Penny Barker			We are already living in a concrete jungle in Seattle. Enough is enough! Please leave the Myers 33 Acres alone.
Jennifer Munro			I would like to see a fair and transparent public process of what is to happen to this land.

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Nancy Wagner		We're so desperate in this area to keep some spaces wild, and this is one of them. As a wetlands and wildlife habitat, the very nature of the area will be foreve changed, and there will be no going back. Thanks.
Annie Fanning		Green spaces are important. We can't have healthy density without a balance in green infrastructure.
Mary Jean Lord		People require oxygen, green space for life. Save what we can before it is all gone and our children are left to suffer for our greed.
Courtney Straight		Green Space matters.
Will Johnstone		Way to many public lands being sold throughout the country.
Christy Robertson		Please save this land as a park!!!!
Roberta Lord		I care about having open public space and lots of green in Seattle.
Barbara Brownstein		Green spaces are vital in integral to the health and well being of adults, children and the environment itself. Once discarded, it's not coming back.
shane Harms		Citizens deserve more public input in such a move.
Denise Dahn		Did you know that Seattle has far fewer parks/open/green/natural spaces than most large cities? Portland has over twice what we have, including 5000-acre Forest Park. Our biggest park is one-tenth that size. And we are in the bottom of natural parklands vs developed parks — ranking 87th of 100 of the largest cities. We need all the green/natural/open space we can get.
Sylvia Pollack		This is public land we are talking about and the public needs to be informed and to be a part of the process. No rushing this past just a few. We all need a voice in this.
Melinda Howard		I want clear and transparent public discourse about what the city is planning for the site and public input at every step. The city is proving itself untrustworthy left to it's own devices.
Rob Aldridge		Does Seattle ever make a right decision? Convention centre over freeway, sunken bridge, DECADES late rail transit, bus tunnel, etc., etc., etc.
Karl Neice		Let the wetlands do their work. Don't surplus the land.
Bonnie Miller		We must plan for the future and it will be only better with this open space available to all.
Ike Elaine		Thank you. We have 85 supporters on Change.org and counting.
Mary Bond		South Seattle needs more open space, not more warehouses!
Nan Bentley		Public land should remain for public use, not developers.

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Antoinette Pricco		Sooner or later Seattle will realize the importance of Green/open spaces. It is very short sighted to sell what we already own only to have to buy open space (if we can even find it) at a much higher price in the future. . . .This is our land we should have a say in it's use.
Judi Finney		We need green spaces to help reduce pollution in the air, to run and play in to simply enjoy. Where will all of the critters live if we remove all of their habitats?
cassie carroll		I care about preserving open space in Seattle. I care about the impact developing this parcel will have on our wildlife and our watersheds.
April Atwood		Green space is so important in making a city liveable, and I am sick of the way our local government listens ONLY to developers!
peggy fuller		Once we lose green spaces, we never get them back. This area is important environmentally as well as for the people in our community to protect and enjoy green space, not more concrete jungle.
James Carroll		Wetlands are one of our most valuable resources for curing the ills of pollution.
Margaret Edgar		The City of Seattle is acting recklessly in selling off these large, open spaces to developers. We need a moratorium until a long-term plan is made for preserving green space. Imagine if Carkeek Park or Discovery Park or Magnuson Park had been sold. I'm certain the city could have used the revenue, but long-term it would have left us without these priceless public spaces.
Susan Bond		This is critical habitat
Rod Nelson		We need to keep the green space we have.
Julene Weaver		Green space and trees are important, they cut down crime and rape for one, and they are beautiful. Stop cutting down our trees and selling our remaining open land.
Julie Hall		Keep some green. Not everything has to be developed. We are THE EVERGREEN STATE!
Sarah Welch		We are at a crossroads with the growth Seattle is experiencing. Preservation of open space is critical to a sustainable future for Seattle and it's citizens. I know you're aware that open space enhances our air quality, preserves our clean water and provides an opportunity for citizens of our growing city to experience nature, especially those without resources to drive out to the mountains. Please help save and preserve this precious 'nearly last' parcel of open space in our city. Sarah
Diane Zaballero		I am for green space. It is one reason I love Seattle. I have lived here all my life and have seen green space and trees disappear. Please don't let this continue.

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Carol Levin		Seattle's rapidly growing city needs to preserve green space for the environment and for ensuring we live preserve a healthy city for it's people and what remains of our wildlife habitat.
edith wolff		I want this acreage preserved.
Ralph Naess		Really. Just do it. The new voter funded Metro Parks District can easily afford it.
Terry Peart		We need more open space and wetlands preserved for wildlife.
Jo-Ann Sire		I think it is important in these days of accelerrated development to reserve green spaces for public use.
Michael Monteleone		I support green space for my grandchildren
joan bateman		The City is impacting the quality of life in Seattle with this proposed moved. Seattle has already dropped in the last 2 years from the top 10 percentile to a rating of 166th most livable city in the US. Mayor Murray is doing a disservice to the citizens of Seattle by supporting plans to surplus parts of the Myers site or the expansion into the Joint Ttraining Facilities. Please stop spending money on these activities.
Hildegard Nichols		It looks like Seattle is going to be loved to death, if nobody looks out for keeping it actually green. Preserving trees should become the rule, permits to cut them down the rare exception. There is no other way to meet our commitment to COP21 - the international effort to curb global warming.
Kathleen Schormann		Wild areas must remain wild.
Lori Leberer		We need to protest our green spaces to keep the native plants and animals hers and help restore the damaged ecosystem.
Keith Salas		Seattle needs to start preserving more green space ... Seattle 2035
Jenaleigh Flonos		Green spaces are important for maintaining biodiversity within a city, and wetlands are valuable and important to our environment!
Laura Martin		I support livable communities
Steve Tortorice		Please do not sell this parcel for development! We need to preserve as much of our remaining green spaces as possible and the surrounding wetlands that are inhabited by wildlife. Seattle is growing way too fast, and this native Seattleite is disgusted by the lost of green space.
Pamela Molner		Beautiful acreage that supports wildlife, water, but also an open space for people who need to see nature.

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Kurt Zwar			<p>Perhaps our Seattle leaders believe that we can exist in a completely synthetic environment...devoid of nature. How convenient for the Mayor and developers. This battle for the last remaining vestiges of the natural world and open spaces will be fought in the open, in spite of our city officials who would like all environmentalists to go away. Not likely. Speak truth to power and expose those who want their decisions to be made in the dark of night. Public exposure is what they fear they most. Look at how Mayor Murray has tried to hide from the elephant death debacle. The city "leaders" are way more interested in protecting their image than they are protecting the very environment that we are trying to save. Kurt Zwar</p>
Aristide Tosi			<p>Seattle is growing fast, and has one of the largest metropolitan areas. We shouldn't neglect public lands as the periphery of Seattle expands. We owe it to our environment and watershed to be good stewards of it and do what's right by it.</p> <p>It is most civil to consider the health benefits of protecting public lands and the environment around us and to always strive to be better stewards of it.</p>
K. Freya Skarin			<p>The parcel MUST be saved.</p>
Diane Huff			<p>I'm signing because I care about green space in our city, and I care about impacts further development in this area in question will have on the clean-up of the Duwamish River.</p>
Vera Johnson			<p>We need to preserve our green spaces. Greed. We need to be more thoughtful about how we care for each other and our land. Neither are replaceable</p>
Ruth McKinnie			<p>The developers and politician are turning Seattle into a dog pile.</p>
todd petersen			<p>Green space should be valued!</p>
Elaine Chuang			<p>First of all, transparency!! How can one of my city's "engines" NOT be transparent about what and why, and follow customary notification to the public, allowing comment?</p> <p>More importantly, we need all the GREEN SPACE we can keep GREEN, kept GREEN, particularly in urban areas.</p>
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Arlene Roth			We need to preserve these precious spaces - especially as Seattle grows at unprecedented rates.
Laura Bogh			Keeping this green space is critical for preventing further pollution of our watersheds.
Kathy Colombo			I am signing the petition because I believe we need greenspaces within an ever increasing high density city.
Kathryn Munson			I'm signing because I am interested both in keeping green spaces in cities for many reasons -- birds and other wildlife habitat, healthy canopy and air -- and also because of diversity justice for populations in Seattle. We can't keep on taking city amenities from populations without due process. We just aren't that kind of city, or shouldn't be. I urge a thorough and open process to take everybody and every important issue into account, including giving consideration to creatures who have no legal standing, our wildlife, but who are vital participants in our ecological story, more now than ever.
joy patman			there are not enough green spaces being left alone, across the city, but especially in west seattle! too much growth, too much cement: too fast :(
cher maillot			We need our open spaces, wildlife and nature more than anything now. Please do the right thing by the citizens instead of cowering to a buck.
Sarah Goldberg			I work in and serve people living in this neglected part of town.
calyn hostetler			I have lived in this area most of my life. This part of Seattle really needs more access to nature and clean green places.
Kelly Brenner			We need green space for the many services it provides for us as well as the wildlife living there.
Laura Jones			I don't want to lose this beautiful spot of green in an otherwise, paved city. I remember all the work John Beals did on Hamm Creek and it is a travesty that more has not been done to recognize the Duwamish Tribe and restore that river and all of its vital tributaries.
Jack Cooper			Open space is disappearing and it is vital for health.
Mira Latoszek			Seattle needs more greenspace, not less of it!
Pat Price			Open Green Space has to be held onto, not built up as fast as the city can !
Heidi Raykeil			The Duwamish river is alive and we need to keep it that way!

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susan shaffer			We need to conserve our urban wild areas and wetlands. This is not how to fight homelessness, by turning yet another area into a campground. What the homeless need is HOMES, not tents and they need JOBS and healthcare. Sending them to the edge of town to camp in a swamp is NOT a solution! It's avoiding the problem.
Kirk Cieszkiewicz			We need to maintain fresh oxygen supplies in this area that is not far from an industrial area.
Susan Blake			I live in south Seattle and we need to protect what few green spaces we have for the health of our environment. Too much toxic development has taken a toll on these waterways.
Monica Cavagnaro			We need to keep the remaining "wild green" areas around our rapidly expanding city.
John Murphy			As a Forest Ecologist, I can not express how essential the green spur of the West Seattle Peninsula. If we ever hope for the Duwamish lands to recover, we MUST STOP eroding what lands are there. The Mayor and the city can draw a line. If the city is not drawing a line in the sand, then what ARE they standing for. There is no more room for concessions to industry. We are far past the tipping point. It is time to STOP.
James Price			For all the work that's gone into the cleaning of the Duwamish which development in these wetlands would threaten, and because once we sell of green spaces they're gone forever, I urge you not to sell off the Myers lots but let them become a native plant park.
Linda Jensen			This greenspace contributes to the health of nearby communities who struggle to maintain water quality. We need more greenspaces, not less
Kellie Sands			I don't want you to sell this property
Grant Meyer			I believe it is necessary to protect the Duwamish watershed.
Charles McClain			Don't sell
Suky Hutton			We need wild green spaces to be a healthy first-class city.

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Kayla Graham		White Center is my neighborhood and green space is essential. We need it for the health of our children, ourselves, and our community.
Catherine Purdy		I'm signing this petition because I Seattle's public land and parks are important to making Seattle a great city to live in. As we increase density, open spaces become more and more important to the health and well being of the people living in Seattle.
N A		I live in the area and I'm tired of it being "dissed" because only poor, minorities and the elderly live here. Think about us for a change. I voted for you Mr. Mayor. I will think about voting for you again if you don't pay attention to the 47%.
Janet Keen		I want to live in a healthy, sustainable environment, breath clean air, and drink clean water. Do not compromise the health of our neighborhood.
dawn hemminger		As the City grows more dense, we need to be even more mindful of the import role that public parks, open space and habitat play in a healthy and thriving community.
Polly Conley		Any area undergoing considerable growth must protect it's green spaces now. Please reconsider the decision to sell Meyers Parcel.
Nancy Lindskog		I want a more livable city and that includes green space and open space for all to enjoy. Thank you for helping us achieve this!
Robin O'Leary		Need to keep places where we can restore our soul.
Joe Szilagyi		<p>We don't need another big box, car-heavy store like Lowes. We already have a Lowes literally a ten minute drive east of this site, a Home Depot ten minutes northwest of it, and McLendon's five minutes southwest of here. Enough.</p> <p>If the city needs to recoup the previous expenses of purchasing this site: so what? Government isn't supposed to run a profit. It's supposed to deliver services. Stop this entire fiasco and restart the outreach and study for alternative uses of this site. It costs us virtually nothing to keep the site as-is for the time being.</p> <p>Literally ANY usage of this site is better than a Lowes.</p>
Toby Thaler		The City should be using this property for affordable housing (directly!, not the money from sale) and/or open space. The City is not a for-profit business.
Jeff Hayes		We already have a Knouff concrete tilt up structures in the city. What we need to be preserving our green spaces. Look to the future, not to the now.
Donald Norman		I support more open space
Janet Way		Protect open space!
Catherine Morrison		We need to maintain green space in Seattle!

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Hazel Singer			We need to maintain wetlands and wildlife habitats for the sake of our salmon as well as our fellow humans.
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Alan Lynden			We need the open spaces now more than ever.
Holly Gold			The Duwamish gave up 54,000 acres of land and have now only a couple of acres of land to their name. They were the First People - sustainably occupying this land. This is not sustainable, out of balance and - disrespectful - to sell this land on the river of their same name when our First People have no home.
Liana Beal			My father fought hard to save this and the adjoining land, to preserve the existing green space and wetland. Some say he died of a broken heart when the city built the JTF facility on wetlands anyway. The least the city could do is preserve this remaining space.
Barbara Burrill			This is a rare opportunity to increase the green space in our city. What a beautiful location! Let the public enjoy it.
Toni Reineke			We need to retain all the green, open space possible. It's what makes Seattle Seattle!
Salle Certo			I signed this because Seattle is becoming a paved urban city. Stop the abuse and destroy of our greenbelts, wetlands and other environmentally important parcels of land. Be a good steward of nature. And stop the greed and over development period! Thank you
Brad Johnson			Seattle needs to save as much undeveloped, open green space as possible for the long-term benefit of this and many future generations -- not sell off our precious remaining natural areas for a quick, short-term infusion of cash (any benefit of which, will soon be forgotten by history.)
Joni Campbell			We have to protect our green spaces!!
Janet L Beal			Green is good!!
Pamela Zipp			I am signing this because a lot of our green spaces and wetlands have been destroyed by over building. People need green spaces to go and relax in. trees are needed to help clean up the air.
Steven Cheyne-cook			Let's keep our open space. Once it's gone it's gone forever.

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Stephanie Huff		We need to keep green spaces in the city, I can't imagine anyone ever wanting an Asphalt City!
Lisa McClintock		I believe in protecting sacred places that are disappearing before our eyes, we have s gorgeous city, lets protect some of that beauty & save it for our future
Rebecca Watson		Saving this land as a public resource would be a big step in the city's commitment to mitigate climate change by preserving tree-canopy, help contribute to the effort to restore the Duwamish River and potentially meet social justice goals by providing park space to the low-income neighborhood surrounding it. There have been so many people committed to saving Seattle's river - The Duwamish. It would be a shame if city leaders choose to sell this property to satisfy an immediate need after so much people investment has been made for a long term priority. Please look for other innovative solutions to fund much needed resources for the homeless. Save Myers Parcels!
Kim Ducote		Green space is vital for the eco-health of Seattle! Please save the space!
Julianne Andersen		Because we need to preserve green spaces because urban housing development is not well managed enough (yet?) because the birds need a break because Seattle needs to get a grip on it's priorities. Because.
John Nakagawa		I live less than a mile from the lot, was not aware that the Seattle planned to sell it, and I believe that selling these lots would be a refusal by the city for responsibility for clean water in Puget sound.
sara williams		We need to make protecting our environment a priority! It's a matter of life and death. We don't need more concrete, or warehouses, or consumerism.
Gunner Scott		We must lessen our impact on the earth and balance the increased density in our city.
Joy Hilliker		We must preserve urban green spaces!
Jessica Likins		Are we still the Emerald City or just another concrete jungle? Protect what wild habitat is left.
Marianne Hudson		I live in the neighborhood and would like to protect the wetlands, wildlife habitat, and open green space this land provides.
Sonja Bowden		Wetlands and wildlife habitat are rapidly disappearing. Once gone, you can't get them back. Are we still an emerald city, or place devoid of green spaces? South Seattle in particular needs to preserve the few environmental treasures that are left.
Hillary Rielly		This should stay wild. Birds!
donald rankin		We need to balance development with forwarding thinking actions like preserving green spaces. These properties might be used for a dog park, mountain bike trails, affordable housing...

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Michael Loebe		Mayor Murray please continue to lead by example and consider the positive legacy you will leave behind by saving this but if green for west Seattle residents.
Martha Jackson		We need the wetlands and we need the clean air produced by a healthy habitat.
elissa nelson		Thai is very important. We must protect this earth and our natural spaces.
Paul Hood		I'm tired of the city thinking it can do whatever nasty toxic thing it wants to the south side neighborhoods. Green space is disappearing, far to quickly around here!
Rand Koler		With increasing density I think preserving open space becomes increasingly important.
H. Henry Nice		This land as open space park is what Seattle needs for its legacy and quality of life this asset for all areas of Seattle to come n enjoy. It would not be possible to have this duplicated in any highly urbanized area of the city like the University District, so of course people will come from these areas. Because this land is not located in the University District is not justification to sell it. And its a resource that we likely will never have the opportunity again if sold. Short sighted gain, with short term benefits, vs the long time benefit and City legacy justifies the open space use of this land. Please don't sell.
Karl Johnson		I'd like to see at least a good portion of this land become a green space/park.
brett bess		Over development is destroying what makes Seattle a livable city.
Jeff baker		We need to keep all the open space we can! We are not creating enough and losing what we have.
Elizabeth Wittmann-Todd		I'm signing because we must find a way to compassionately support our homeless residents, while not destroying our natural resources. These are both very important and should not be pitted against each other.
Shauna Carlson		Please do this for the future of the city! We need to keep it the Emerald City!!
Megan Hitt		I believe in more green spaces available to all, they help our ecosystem and they help our quality of life.
Michelle Norsen		I think Seattle needs to keep our green-spaces! It's called the evergreen state for a reason!
Kitty Kavanaugh		I'm signing because we need more pereservation of wildlife habitat and clean air in Seattle, especially in the south end. We also must do everything we can to protect and improve the health of the Duwammish, our ONLY river, and that includes taking care of its tributaries.
Julia Schoultz		It is far easier to preserve green space than remake it. Leave the Myer's 33 Acres as it is!
Mark Johnson		Parcels should be low income housing and preserved wetlands.

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D. Wiese-Jones		I care about wildlife, the wetlands, the habitat - and our communities who need clean air and water.
Pamela Phillips		I am sick of the mayor and city council allowing outside developers to change our community. They tear down historic homes and build boxes. Stop it now.
Gary McHaney		I believe we need open, natural spaces for wildlife habitat, wetlands, air quality, visual quality,...
Barb Chamberlain		We can't undo sale and development. Traffic on Myers Way won't be improved by adding a new source of heavy trucks; we need to slow traffic and make the street safer. Keeping this as green space and ultimately making a park with traffic calming will do much more for overall neighborhood quality than commercial use.
Vanessa Rinear		Growing up in the emerald city all the parks and forested land around me every day allowed me to explore the natural world and appreciate it for everything it is. More than ever we need to raise our children to have the same appreciation for and dedication to nature. What message are we sending to them if we destroy such a significant green space? Please, focus on preserving this land and focus development towards all the vacant previously developed properties.
James Borrow		Open spaces such as the Meyers 33 acres are vital to maintain for recreation and bird habitat, both important to provide balance to an increasingly densely populated urbanized Seattle.
Ivan Cockrum		I want to preserve green spaces in Seattle.
thomas straughn		We are developing so much land in Seattle, let's leave some green. Parks are what people love about Seattle, let's give them more.
louise suhr		I'm signing because I value open space in this city, because I value the quality of our watershed, and because I value the environmental status of this diverse neighborhood. Please do not develop this site.
Margaret Kelley		I'm signing because open spaces are important to supporting wildlife habitat, supporting human health, and creating a green city that we all want to live in.
Cynthia Slate		Don't have enough parks in Seattle
Andrew Curry		I'm signing because Mayor Murray has already given too much to developers with his HALA committee recommendations, proposed upzones of neighborhoods to increase density with zero consideration for current residents, and now he wants to destroy vital natural habitats as additional handouts to developers based on false growth projections provided to him by developers.

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r winn			Healthy cities need land kept natural
Samuel Gadbury			I think this land should be preserved naturally.
Philip Stielstra			I'm signing because I think Seattle needs to preserve every square inch of green space it possibly can for future generations to know what unspoiled land is like in an urban environment.
Annalisa Giust			Please do not sell this land for commercial development. I support developing this as park land and protecting green space in this area of the city.
katrina Crawford			Seattle needs to have real land where people can go to relax and feel the beauty of nature. We have plenty of development. The world needs more care and certainly the duwamish doesn't need any more pollution near it! Also this part of town is sorely lacking in natural spaces.
N A			It's important for the environment and the people who live near it.
M. Reinhardt			I don't want the City selling off land to developers. Then it lost to the public forever!
Bettina Woodford, PhD			Keep public lands in public hands. Seattle needs bolder planning to keep green spaces for environmental quality and ecosystem health.
kathi wheeler			That is sacred land. Please leave it be to keep doing good.
Gordon Dass Adams			I believe it is too late to sell any more city property: all "surplus" lands must be retained, because that is the only way to "landbank" them for future use as parks, open spaces, natural habitat. Even a small city lot is valuable to our future, not "more valuable as cash" as I heard a City employee quoted.
Cindi Laws			This is an important greenshed. We need to preserve some open space to balance the over-development in Seattle.
Robert Rothwell			The gov't of Seattle is run by idiots.
mimi boothby			i want to keep Seattle green
Willow Fulton			As a very close resident, ANYTHING there would improve the current livability situation - I have had the idea of a cooperative encampment/park - where neighbors and camp residents work together to create and maintain a park that surrounds the camp. I have shared this thought with neighbors via Nextdoor, and replied to a recent survey from the city about it - please feel free to help me promote this idea if you agree and have the chance.
Benni Sack			I am a resident whose property is directly on the Hamm Creek watershed, and I want to protect our green places!

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Lisa Leon-Guerrero		The money from the sale of this land could potentially, temporarily address the homeless crisis, but the long-term benefit of retaining this land as open space is by far more long-term thinking. The people who live in neighborhoods adjacent to the property should at least have a strong voice in the matter.
Tristan Roberson		Seattle is one of the few major metropolitan areas with large portions of green areas, and there are plenty of other areas for such a place to be built.
Jamie Hascall		We have an extremely low percentage of green space for a city this size and can't afford to lose any more.
Melissa Walker		We need to protect habitat and wild spaces in the city.
Grace Bennett		I believe it is our civic duty to protect green spaces.
Emma Louise Radford		There are too many humans in the world, stop destroying wildlife habitat we are supposed to be of superior intelligence! The Earth is for all life not only human life
Sherry Richardson		Our beautiful city needs more GREEN space, not buildings.
Nicki Walters		We need to protect what little natural land we have left!
Cecelia Lehmann		We need more green spaces in this city, less. The city is always trying to green up the city by planting things like street trees which is great, but they cannot replace the loss of large swaths of green space like Myer's parcel. Even if we do not have the resources to develop it into a park it should be left as a green space that alone is an enormous benefit to our environment. Once it's gone, it's gone and we will need it now and in the future.
Lee Larson		i care.
Jessica McComas		I live in Georgetown and am moving to south West Seattle later this month. I need clean air to live, don't you?
Rebecca Saldana		Because I believe we need a moratorium on the sale of lands unless there is a 30 year racial equity and sustainability analysis about how this is advancing our comprehensive plan goals.
Todd Burley		open space is a legacy that we cannot recreate.
Robin Schwartz		We need to keep green space as the city gets more crowded and more dense. South end neighborhoods in particular need the option of a big part, or at the very least, an undeveloped green space to mitigate new construction and pollutants. Please save Myers 33 Acres!
Lupine Miller		Green space is important and vital for the healthy of our. city!

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Matt Hooks			I grew up playing in the w Seattle greenbelt and want to pass on the same chance to our future Seattle citizens.
Doreen Harper			Green space is important! We don't have to pave all of the earth!!!
Ryan Moss			We need to protect this land!
Daniel Olsen			We don't have many natural spaces left. Let's keep this intact for the future residents of white center. The parks department doesn't want it now, but in a few years when the population density grows they'll need a place to recreate.
Paul Huppert			Gi support and value undeveloped space in the city and stand with my neighbors in south Seattle for equity for our underserved communities.
Talis Abolins			<p>I'm signing the petition because open space and a healthy environment are essential elements of livability for an equitable society, especially as density increases. These places cannot be manufactured as our built environment progresses. They must be preserved.</p> <p>Talis Abolins Friends of Mount Baker Town Center www.towncenterfriends.org</p>
melinh jones			I care about a green and livable city. I would like to keep this land green and not polluted by human residence.
Elizabeth Austen			I live in West Seattle, and am concerned about growing disparities in living conditions in our city, and the loss of green space.
Elizabeth Fleck			The City leadership should consider the best interest of the people, and needs to communicate with them about this important issue.
J. E. Strubbe			As a participant in the Duwamish River Cleanup thru a friend in South Park, I find this potential action reprehensible and backpedaling. Block these changes to the parkway area permanently.
Ed Newbold			I am tired of the city of Seattle mistreating its remnant wetlands and natural areas. I also regard John Beal as a great hero of our city and his spirit requires that I take action to try to help save this land.
mark holland			Seattle only has 14% natural areas, around 850 acres. Compare that to Portland or New York City that have over 50%. Seattle is way behind other cities in protecting urban forests. We cannot afford to lose the Meyers way parcels!

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Steven Richmond		I'm signing because open spaces make Seattle livable. The wetlands. are the headwaters to Hamm Creek, and we owe it to John Beal whose dedication to restoring the riparian area is unmatched in its success at salmon restoration - such an inspirational story for all.
Martha McLaren		It's a no-brainer to me: I want to do everything possible to preserve greenspace.
Joan Schneider		I am signing because I value and endorse Seattle's green identity. Green spaces promote the health of all of us, our wildlife included, thru clean water and air, mitigating some of the effects of our surrounding toxins. Don't promote more parking lots for short term and short-sighted gain.
Rusty Henderson		Over development everywhere!
N A		Isn't it appearing?
Mike Dady		While I never met John Beal, I was aware of and witnessed his efforts at bringing life back to the Hamm Creek drainage basin. Mr. Beal inspired me to volunteer and work in my neighborhood of North Delridge, both along Longfellow Creek and in helping to planting native plants and seeking street tree's throughout the Delridge Neighborhoods District as well creating a certified Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary in my own backyard. Let us honor Mr. Beal, and save this land for future generations, as once it's gone, it's gone.
Justin Kneip		I support natural green spaces
Heather Cole		Save the last open space in west Seattle!!
Robert Duniway		Denser housing needs parks. Keep Seattle livable as it grows.
Joyce Moty		We need long term vision to preserve open green spaces in the city for those who cannot afford to travel to outlying areas for a dose of nature. This is valuable for any number of reasons: human and environmental health, wildlife, natural beauty.
Nancy Shumate		Greenspace is easily lost and near to impossible to regain. Keep our city viable for our future generations!
Janice Kennedy		We need to maintain our green spaces.
Barbara Downward		John Beal's vision of Seattle deserves to be preserved at the Myers parcel. thanks!
Kristen Walsh		I care about supporting green spaces in Southwest Seattle. We use our parks here! And we care about rehabilitating the Duwamish watershed.

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Rev Doris Waggoner		<p>I grew up in West Seattle, and spent a lot of time playing in parks there and other green spaces. These were important to me, teaching me much about the beauty of our city and its ecology. I moved away as a young adult, and when I moved back to the area in 1997, I was stunned at the environmental degradation. The loss of habitat was bad enough. Another issue was the Puget Sound beaches. Where a trip to the beach had been an adventure filled with wildlife, from kelp to starfish and tiny crabs under the rocks, now most beaches are sterile places. Rivers are full of giardia and other pollutants. Wetlands, the most important habitats for wildlife of all kinds, are disappearing the most rapidly. It's a whole lot cheaper to involve communities in the decision making of saving these crucial wetlands than any kind of mitigation after they've been destroyed can possibly be. Please, open up the process, for everyone's sake, especially the land's.</p>
Carla Cole		<p>I firmly believe that we, as a city, must continue to set aside green spaces with natural vegetation, including trees and wetlands, to provide such environments for both our people and our wildlife. Once these precious spaces are gone, they won't ever have an opportunity to come back. And we -- both mankind and our wild neighbors -- need them.</p>
Gary Lichtenstein		<p>obviously, we need to preserve these open natural spaces. The desecration of the Hamm Creek wetland source killed John Beal. In his memory, I sign this petition.</p>
Phillip Tavel		<p>We should not sell these lands for development!!!</p>
cammi chase		<p>We need to save these green spaces!</p>
Ruth Schaefer		<p>It is cynical and unconscionable for the City of Seattle to consider selling off this very large parcel of potential regional park land at a time when the City of Seattle is considering annexing White Center, which has almost NO PARK LAND beyond wetlands that have been converted into stormwater retention/detention ponds. Residents of White Center deserve to have adequate park land beyond the tiny existing park acreage land they already have. If the city does this, it will be another slap in the face on top of the extremely expensive fiasco involving destruction of wetlands associated with the Hamm Creek a few years ago. After the annexation is completed, please allow the residents of White Center to participate in any decisions regarding disposal of this property. If they don't want this to become a new park, it can be sold later for even more money.</p>
Regina Brennan		<p>Enough damage has been done. Once again, Seattle wants to damage our land and then do damage control later. Why don't they just stop?</p>

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shawn risley			I am sick and tired of Seattle (especially the City Council) looking the other way when developers kill trees and set up high bluffs for landslides, and assorted other boondoggles.
Al Cox			As population mushrooms, we will need more and more open space. To sell natural land we already own is just short-sighted and corrupt. There is no excuse for such utterly poor decision making.
Kristina Baker			wetlands are key to avoiding flooding
Kathryn Jennings			Quit cutting down trees and selling out to developers!
Margaret Nicosia			The city should advocate for its citizens not for the out of state developers that continue to destroy Seattle.
Lou Rowan			Keeping our heritage is crucial, if we are to be a great city.
Paul Urla			Public land like this should remain public
Linda Alexander			Livability is key to preserving the quality of life we enjoy in the Pacific Northwest. Public lands, either undeveloped or in the form of parks, serve the interests of all of the citizens of the City. Not every open space should be covered in asphalt.
Bill Koenig			Preserving open space is critical for all of Seattle and future generations.
Rebecca Lenaburg			We need to preserve green areas and especially wetlands. Too many wetlands have been destroyed already.
Tiffany Kennedy			This property should be used as park land or natural preserve not sold out from under the community
kathleen o'hara			I don't know what is happening to Seattle! Seems like an example of "Pave paradise and put up a parking lot."! I live in Wallingford which is being so overrun with development there's a crane on every corner, it seems. As a senior, I feel I'm being driven out of my own neighborhood! Aside from the already well known benefits of protecting wetlands, unless you are planning to house the homeless on the Myers site, leave it alone! I am really beginning to regret voting for the current mayor and city council members.

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Philip Eidenberg-Noppe		By all accounts, this city is experiencing dramatic development and many, many people are moving to Seattle. Once land is developed, it is next to impossible and extremely unlikely that it will ever return to a natural state - "pavement is forever". There is a great need for parks and open space now, and there will be an even greater need in the future. This area in particular plays a vital role in the ecology and water quality of Hamm Creek and the Duwamish River. Millions are being spent to restore the Duwamish River. As an environmental scientist - hydrologist with a Masters Degree and having worked in the field for close to 30 years, I can tell you without one iota of a doubt that preserving this area will provide water quality and quantity benefits at multiple scales. Please! Please! DO NOT SELL THE MYERS 33 ACRES AND PAVE THE WAY FOR ANOTHER UNSTOPPABLE DEVELOPMENT!!!
Gordon Polson		just because they can is no reason for selling this valuable piece of real estate. It's REAL value lies in preserving it, along with the health benefits that go along with that for those who use it and for the health of the land itself. Once built on, it will be forever lost. You only need to look to the old dairt farms and small holdings that once graced the Auburn valley - now forever entombed beneath Asphalt.
N A		Seattle leadership has allowed developers too much power in attaining and developing city land.
sarah cooke		If something must be done with the parcels (and I know that something must be done), they should be cleaned up and used as parks or community gardens. Something to keep them green.
Andy Killam		I support habits
Judi Jones		We need to preserve our precious green spaces!
jalair Box		We need to prosecute whoever did this. If they get away with it, many others will follow.
Nancy Bolin		I support saving Seattle's remaining green spaces for all citizens. We need these spaces for our health and quality of life!
Gregory Colucci		It starts at home and these green spaces help protect the environment. Keep it green!
Michael Hamilton		I'm signing because this type of green space is important to the long term health and success our community. City of Seattle -- stand up for yourself and your citizens (including those of us who live here in West Seattle because it actually has some green space left). If you want more concrete, I would suggest folks go check out Denny Triangle.
Mary Van Bronkhorst		Keeping Greenspace is important for the health of the city.

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Dorothy Klyce		Green space is what makes Seattle such a special place. We should be preserving every speck of it we can because it can't be reclaimed once it is sold and developed.
Norma Patterson		Please save our green spaces!
Elaine Carpenter		Please save our green spaces and wetlands.
Carolyn Wallace		I'm signing because all of us benefit from wetlands, habitat for wildlife and open spaces. Spaces such as Myers 33 Acres are precious and irreplaceable. It is imperative to save them now -- for ourselves and for those who will follow us, people and wildlife, and the habitat they will need to live and flourish.
Hannah Barnett		Keep Seattle full of protected areas before they get overrun!
Mark Milodragovich		We have to preserve this wetlands and habitat. We are one of the species that need to have connections to nature. My children need this. There children need this. Use the space we've already developed more wisely. Quit taking away from nature. John Beal understood this.
Elizabeth Archambault		I am signing this because as a life-long citizen of Seattle, I place a large priority on open-spaces in Seattle. And to maintain a liveable environment, Open Space is essential and necessary. In fact, Seattle's Open Space is a defining element in our City's fabric. Therefore, I support maintaining Meyer's 33 acres as Open Space.
Kate Diamond		I would like to keep the Myers 33 Acres as a green space for a lovely open space for the people of Seattle (meaning ALL of the area surrounding downtown). We are losing our lovely spaces and need more areas to walk and enjoy nature.
Maia Krahl Astley		I live in North Seattle and may never even have the opportunity to visit this space myself. Nonetheless, please keep this wetlands permanently available to the people! South Seattle residents particularly need these types of areas.
S Mayner		I grew up in that area, there are so few open/wildlife places left. Please do not ruin the habitat by development.
Regan McBride		I know I'm not a resident of that area, but Seattle has limited resources when it comes to open space. Please preserve! I am a proponent of density, and as our city grows, I think it's important to preserve a slice of nature that we all hold dear.

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Kristin Evans			<p>As submitted previously to the board via email: Since my family lives not too far from the property in question, I wanted to briefly voice our opposition regarding the sale of this land. I'm sure you've heard from plenty of people with different reasons for wanting to keep the space open, so I'm not going to add to the list (other than to say this is a great opportunity for a groundbreaking "Urban Nature Preserve/Learning Center," which I'm assuming is already under consideration).</p> <p>I would just like to remind you, the council and any other interested parties of one vital truth regarding this situation: there will ALWAYS be a way to find alternative sources of funding for combating homelessness (or any other public need); but there will NEVER be alternative ways to find undeveloped space. Money is essentially a renewable resource-- urban access to nature is not. Please help keep the Emerald City as green as can be!</p>
Kitty Craig			<p>We need to plan for the future in this city, with a no net loss approach to our green spaces. Think about the duwamish green belt as Seattles Forest Park - it will be critical in the face of climate change, quality of life, and community health and wellness.</p>
Tabitha Borchartd			<p>Climate change ... We need to preserve and cherish the open and green spaces we have left.</p>
Lassie Webster			<p>I am heartsick to see the way our city is being devoured and turned into a concrete jungle. The mayor and city council have promoted development irresponsibly and without regard to the character of our city. This property should not be sold.</p>
Jesus Segura			<p>The constant need for open spaces that tightly concentrated city dwellers can escape to.</p>

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		Because - despite its image of a desirable city to live in - Seattle has surprisingly minute number of parks / open spaces. The downtown is becoming a desolate concrete desert where people are expected to enjoy sitting on park benches lining busy streets and dogs are expected to relieve themselves on ridiculously tiny squares of soil surrounding side-walk trees. The South Seattle is even worse - the type of industrial environment where lower middle class families are exposed to dust and pollution, and no natural areas are available for recreation within a walking distance. The Duwamish River itself is an EPA SuperFund site - attesting to the severity of environmental degradation and pollution of this formerly pristine river estuary. How can a rightful preference of residents favoring creation of a much needed park - natural restoration area, be considered excess in such a situation? Every time I have to pass through the South Seattle / SeaTac area, my heart is breaking for people who have to live there, for the nature that has been brutalized by incoherent, reckless industrial development. Please, if there is any chance to improve the living conditions and general health of the region, do NOT let it slip away for a short-sighted financial interest!
Alena Novakova		
the public		build park and nullify (destroy) air rights if any tied to property
Kelley Elser		Traffic congestion is bad enough. we need greenbelts for wildlife habitat. Theres enough people up here
Timothy Maass		If we want to say that we value outdoor spaces and nature then we had better be able to back that up.
Robin Dearling		I value tree canopy.
Juli Sipe		Once you sell it, you can't ge tit back. Seattle has so little green space left we owe it to our descendants, our children, our neighbors children, our future generations to preserve everythign we can. The green spaces help clean the air we breathe. Preserve rare species. Habitat preservation is for the future.
Ann Rodak		I'm signing because I agree we need to preserve what open space is left as the city is becoming more dense and there is no park or green space planning being made.
Russ Morgan		We need to save our remaining green space and be considerate of the other creatures that share our world.
Phoebe Underwood		The city is not responsibly caring for it's land holdings and continues short-sided management, run by incompetent "officials" - without any consideration for the surrounding community or environmental impact. Shameful.
Sharon Baker		Healthy forests and wetlands are critical to our survival!

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Sarah Cooke			We have so little open space left in the City and this one serves an underserved population who could really benefit from having open space for passive recreation. DO the right thing and preserve this area!
Jeremiah Carr			Too many wetlands in Seattle have been destroyed, let's stop it now.
Carla Madrigal			Because throwing good money after bad is not helping anyone and is in fact doing damage
Arlene DeBuck			We need to restore these areas to promote better health and environments for people.
Erica Sanford			This area has a direct impact on Hamm Creek Estuary that has an incredible history and should be protected. Look up John Beall.
Sharon Leishman			I've been active for the past 8 years in improving the health of the Duwamish Watershed and have experienced the effort and expense that goes into restoring habitat. It's a far greater benefit to our communities and watershed keep and protect healthy habitat. Seattle is an environmental leader, this is an opportunity to show it values keeping habitat that provide environmental services especially in an underserved community by following with actions that support environmental messaging. This needs to be saved from development.
Linda Grob			We need more open space/parks for the community in the Duwamish. Please do no further harm to Hamm Creek.
Larry Yenglin			We need to keep all the open space we can! If we are anticipating another 1 million residents over the next decade, we need to keep our open space. Who knows how this land could be used for recreational and/or passive space in the future! Don't miss this change!!
Kathy Wilmering			It's not the Seattle way to make important decisions without constituent input. City government has a chance here to walk its talk about including communities of color in community conversations and decisions.
Hollis Giammatteo			We need every wee inch of our green spaces -- humans are not the only beings with needs!
Paulina Lopez			preserve the space for future generations. We need green spaces around the Duwamish valley area.
Lupine Miller			Green spaces are vital for the health of our communities.
Mike Mahanay			Saving this space is the right thing to do. We need to protect our wetlands, wildlife habitat, and open space!