



Petitioning Seattle Parks David Graves

## Maintain foot traffic only policy within Cheasty Greenspace

Bridget Mills  
Seattle, WA

Cheasty Greenspace is rich in biodiversity and represents a special landscape that is a rarity within the city of Seattle. The bike park proposal claims that Cheasty is "unused space." It is very much not unused! Cheasty Greenspace natural biodiversity has intrinsic value and can ultimately add economic value to Beacon Hills diverse community. Cheasty Greenspace fosters an interior habitat, a rarity in an urban landscape, as stated in the Cheasty Vegetation Management Plan. A bike park within the space would cause biodiversity loss. Biodiversity is essential towards our communities health. Loss of biodiversity creates unhealthy environments. Loss of biodiversity means that certain species will dominate. These species will be rats, crows and mosquitos. Species being threatened by bike park proposal include:

Wilson's Warbler

Here is the conservation status from the link attached.

[http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/wilsons\\_warbler](http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/wilsons_warbler)

"In Washington, the Breeding Bird Survey has reported a significant statewide population decline since 1980. Wilson's Warblers are hosts for parasitic Brown-headed Cowbirds, although rates are fairly low in most areas. Pesticides used in clear-cuts have been shown to have negative impacts on Wilson's Warblers. However, habitat degradation, especially in western riparian habitats, is probably the most significant threat to Wilson's Warblers, and is likely the cause of recent population declines in Washington and other western states."

Other bird species known to nest in Cheasty with similar status's are:

Barn Swallow: [http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/barn\\_swallow](http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/barn_swallow)

Bushtit: <http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/bushtit>

Bewick's Wren: [http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/bewicks\\_wren](http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/bewicks_wren)

Pileated Woodpecker has also been sited in the Cheasty Greenspace by me and stated in the Cheasty Greenspace Vegetation Management Plan. [http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00026/Abbreviated\\_Pileated\\_Woodpecker.pdf](http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00026/Abbreviated_Pileated_Woodpecker.pdf)

If human activity increases within Cheasty Greenspace, it is likely that the wildlife will suffer. In the Urban Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan for the Seattle Parks and Recreation it states: "Environmental quality is one of the most important reasons people choose to live in Seattle. A diversity of wildlife and habitat network that supports it is important to the environmental quality and health of the City of Seattle. Seattle citizen's have repeatedly expressed the desire to have wildlife as an integral part of the city, despite the pressures of human population and development." Therefore, I want Seattle Parks and Recreation to maintain its policy of not allowing mountain bikes in Cheasty Greenspace, and I do not support measures, such as bike trails, paved parking lots and other facilities, that

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would significantly increase the amount of foot traffic. We support wildlife habitat protection!

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Seattle Parks Board/Claves

Maintain foot traffic only policy within Cheasty Greenspace

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John Rogers TAMWORTH UNITED KINGDOM

7 days ago · Like 0

I believe in saving our green space and protecting wildlife.

Sarah Welch SEATTLE WA

19 days ago · Like 0

I am a forest steward for Cheasty Greenspace and have devoted nearly 40 years to restoration and preservation of this little known gem. 40+ acres of urban forest on Beacon Hill/Rainier Valley I am committed to maintaining foot traffic only in ALL greenspaces and natural areas, especially Cheasty. We have precious little left.

Karen Wells SEATTLE WA

21 days ago · Like 0

I am signing because I live in front of the Cheasty Green space where they want to put the bike park. It would be a travesty to disturb the landscape that now exist. Leave the Cheasty Green space as it now is.

sarah peden SEATTLE WA

21 days ago · Like 0

I believe in sharing the earth with other creatures

Tina Blade OLYMPIA WA

21 days ago · Like 0

It's important to protect the environmental quality and biodiversity of the Cheasty Greenspace, especially for sensitive species like the Wilson's Warbler that could suffer if bike trails and other development are allowed.

barron levine SEATTLE WA

22 days ago · Like 0

We are losing birds at an alarming rate. No space for them means greater loss of numbers. We need more space not less.

I ride a bike but I have other places I can go. For birds that's not an option

Adam Crutcher BOTHELL WA

22 days ago · Like 0

I believe in this cause

cameron justam SEATTLE WA

22 days ago · Like 0

this needs to remain

a preserved wildlife

habitat not a play-

ground for humans to dominate and  
potentially ruin.

Penny Koyama BOTHELL, WA

22 days ago Like 0

I worked in this area for 20 yrs, and plan to move back to Seattle w/in a yr. Cheasty was purchased with a promise to keep a lt green space. It should be improved and kept as such, not torn apart by a bunch bikes. Keep your promise!!

Mary Bicknell SEATTLE, WA

22 days ago Like 0

I have been working to restore areas in Magnuson Park for over ten years to encourage native plants and trees. Once a forest is destroyed, it is very difficult to regain it. Bicycles riding over paths quickly cause erosion, the soil washes away and the plants die making way for invasives. It is much better for people to walk through a forest and enjoy the beauty, while not destroying what they love. Please keep bicycles off trails.

Chris Southwick SHORELINE, WA

22 days ago Like 0

Loss of habitat is the number one cause of avian death. The Cheasty Greenspace is prime habitat for a number of resident and migrating birds.

Houston Flores SEATTLE, WA

22 days ago Like 0

Preserving natural areas within Seattle's urban landscape should be a high priority for everyone. These areas are exceedingly rare in this city and once removed they can not be replaced.

Monica Avery SEATTLE, WA

22 days ago Like 0

I'm a proud resident of Beacon Hill!

Rebecca Novak CORVALLIS, OR

22 days ago Like 0

In addition to the insulting and inaccurate comment about the greenspace being unused, as a mother of a toddler, I do not want mountain bikes careening down paths where my child can stop and explore the world around him. Seems like a disaster waiting to happen. Furthermore, as an ecology professor, preserving what urban wild spaces are left should be a top priority, as such refuges promote biodiversity and provide communities with a direct connection to the natural world that can be hard to come by these days.

Derryl Durden SEATTLE, WA

22 days ago Like 0

The claim that Cheasty Greenspace is "unused" is not only inaccurate, but insulting to our neighborhood. It is used daily by our neighborhood seniors for walking exercise, families and mothers walking with their babies, commuters waking to and from the light rail, and people like me just wanting to experience the wonderful natural habitat so usual / accessible a neighborhood.

Maggie Thompson SEATTLE, WA

22 days ago Like 0

Our public green spaces should be open and inclusive to all our community members, not just those with mountain bikes and access to policy makers.

Erin Sanders SEATTLE, WA

23 days ago Like 0

I believe the area should be protected as a natural wetland and habitat for native species

Kathy Colombo SEATTLE, WA

23 days ago Like 0

Cheasty is the only South East Natural area close to high density urban youth and diverse neighborhood. The Greenspace offers everyone the opportunity to enjoy a slice of an urban forest close to home, that is peace-filled and refreshes the spirit. Children can enjoy nature without a mt bike-they can learn to listen, observe and appreciate the nature that exists. With nature

appreciate the values that exist within nature.

Kevin Lucas SEAH, WA

about 1 month ago · Like 0

I'm a bicyclist who doesn't want urban forest areas destroyed by bike parks.

J Ruhland SEATTLE, WA

6 months ago · Like 0

It is such a beautiful place. Nearly pristine compared with anything else in the area.

Anisa Manion SEATTLE, WA

6 months ago · Like 0

Wildlife and nature to be preserved

Gail Jackson SEATTLE, WA

6 months ago · Like 0

The integrity of our urban forests is extremely important to the people who breath here.

Juli Sipe SEATTLE, WA

6 months ago · Like 0

I worked hard to preserve the Mountain View end of the Cheasty

Greenspace. This area is now being cleaned up from invasive species and passive trails built in this beautiful piece of South Seattle. I envisioned the same networking of park trails when I've voted to support more greenspaces in Seattle. I would not share a walking trail with a bulldozed, concrete ramped trail catering to mountain bikers coming from folks out of my neighborhood! Keep Cheasty for the community!

Rory Denovan SEATTLE, WA

7 months ago · Like 0

A Min Bike racetrack is a great idea for Seattle. However, not at this site. At this site, there would be significant adverse impact to the forest ecology. A SEPA review with alternatives analysis should be performed. The Westcrest off-leash area is a perfect example of how facilities that continuously disturb soil and vegetation through out the life of the facility can significantly destroy habitat, promote erosion, and increase runoff. I urge Seattle Parks to perform a full SEPA review for this facility.

Anne Paisley SEATTLE, WA

7 months ago · Like 0

We need to protect all of our natural habitats and a mountain bike trail does not support this.

Betty Lau SEATTLE, WA

7 months ago · Like 0

Mountain Bikes do not belong in a public green belt. They present a danger to pedestrians, the elderly and the young, enjoying the green spaces. Mountain bikes would disturb the wildlife and natural environment.

Doug Gresham SEATTLE, WA

7 months ago · Like 0

We should restore native forests in our city parks not create playgrounds for special users.

Sandra Motzer SEATTLE, WA

8 months ago · Like 0

Bikes are incompatible

Imogene Williams SEATTLE, WA

8 months ago · Like 0

our city could be beautiful but

we have to protect it from

destruction

Gordon Dass Adams SEATTLE, WA

8 months ago · Like 0

I am a Forest Steward at another passive-use area (Natural Area)

Frank Backus SEATTLE WA

8 months ago · Like 0

Natural areas need protection, and building a bike trail is detrimental to this area. Also, changing the "use policy" of the green spaces of Seattle for the benefit of having a bike trail in Cheasty Greenspace is not appropriate. Stop it now!

Jane Matthews SEATTLE WA

8 months ago · Like 0

During the over 40 years I've lived in Seattle, I've seen large land transformations, not all good. Notably, Seattle SMELLS differently, even in my long-time Broadview neighborhood, due to increased density and traffic. I'm all for keeping Natural Parks, Natural. Heaven forbid such a human-impact-intensive activity area be imposed upon my beloved, nearby Carkeek Park! As a city, a county, we need to keep our most natural/native park and other areas as pristine as possible, which also keeps valuable habitat for our precious wildlife.

Brad Cummings SEATTLE WA

8 months ago · Like 0

I support maintaining foot-only traffic in this natural area. The city needs natural areas to help preserve wildlife. There are other, better places to put a bike trail. Keep this area natural and undeveloped.

Daniel Juhlin SEATTLE WA

8 months ago · Like 0

Enough with the bike-centric mentality in this city!

Leonard Larson SEATTLE WA

8 months ago · Like 0

It is absurd to put a bicycle venue in Cheasty Greenspace. There are many other areas to place this bike run, not in a natural area. Make room in Jefferson Park, etc. We are wasting Park money on this, no matter where it's built. We cannot destroy environment for the benefit of a very few! LENNY, NBH

Charles Wilkinson SEATTLE WA

8 months ago · Like 0

I'd like for kids in Columbia City, Rainier Valley, and Beacon Hill to be able to grow up with a chance to experience the natural world we (used to) inhabit. Construction of a mountain bike path will drive wildlife and anyone who wants to enjoy a peaceful natural setting out of the greenspace. This is a disastrous idea!

LY PHAM SEATTLE WA

8 months ago · Like 0

I live in this neighborhood and have a toddler who enjoys nature so I want to preserve this for her. Her 3rd word that she know is "bird".

Walter Kopf SEATTLE WA

8 months ago · Like 0

I don't support bikes over birds!

Marv Jahnke

8 months ago · Like 0

we need to protect the few remaining green areas of the city from active use facilities that could harm them.

J Theissing SEATTLE WA

9 months ago · Like 0

We have very little remaining natural space in our city. It is essential to preserve this remaining habitat. Bike recreation areas can be established in areas that do not destroy natural green spaces.

Jennifer Wittenberg SEATTLE WA

9 months ago · Like 0

I live in the neighborhood and I'd like to keep Cheasty Greenspace for wildlife and the community.

Jennifer Hall SEATTLE WA

9 months ago · Like 0

Stop selling Seattle green spaces to the highest bidder!

Susan Wells DURHAM NC 9 months ago Like 0

My brother and his family live very close to the park. Another family lives close by as well. My niece would miss the chance to hike through undisturbed green space.

Patricia Paschal SEATTLE WA 9 months ago Like 0

need to retain unspoiled areas within the city

Julie Van Arcken SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

Save the wildlife. Prevent landslides. Access for all.

Barbara Pastores SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

I walk Cheasty everyday and want it to remain the peaceful place it is.

Lisa Dekker SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

I volunteer with Green Seattle Partnership. I am a bird lover, and I will NOT vote for the Parks Levy should this plan go forward. We NEED natural unspoiled park space in Seattle

kathy kundert SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

I live just off of Cheasty green belt and am so annoyed by the noise from Rainier (not to mention jets) Anything that affects tree cover affects my quality of life. I have been walking cheasty for years and enjoy the wildlife. I have even seen deer. We do not have to have a park everywhere. Leave it as a buffer between the very noisy streets of Rainier and mlk

David Nath SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

This is not an appropriate use of this greenspace.

The current mountain bike trail under the Freeway in Eastlake is a much more logical example for placement.

Janet Norem SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

I grew up on Cheasty Boulevard and played in the Greenspace a million times. It is a special place worth saving for its diversity and natural wonder!

Michelle McVadon SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

I believe the erosion that would result from the mountain bike park would be terrible and I'd prefer a quiet walkable area.

Linda Jensen SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

Preserve our beautiful natural area for now and future generations. A paltry 14% of Seattle Park land is natural greenspace, open space, urban forest. It is unthinkable to me that my city would be giving away our beautiful urban forest that belongs to all people to one special interest intense use group because they pulled some weeds. Many, many groups and individuals have, as volunteers, removed invasive species and none of them expected to be "paid" with exclusive use for them and their human toys. How utterly ridiculous. Volunteer work is volunteer work. Restoration/preservation yes!

Mountain bike park in the Cheasty Greenspace? Never

brad felker MERCER ISLAND WA 10 months ago Like 0

This habitat needs to be preserved and not torn up with a bike park. One gone, will never get it back.

Teri Bean SEATTLE WA 10 months ago Like 0

i have lived in the cheastv blvd area for 50 years! i am quite concerned with parks

department developing the greenspace because of landslide, once they come and develop with a bike trail, then they would want to fill the land with apartments, condos and more houses. we already have people racing up and down cheasty all day everyday! that would bring MORE traffic!

John potratz SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

I like to walk in undeveloped, untouched green areas.

Rebecca Reilly SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

Cheasty is a beautiful and important area which is used daily as a commuter walking route. Many people, including schoolchildren, walk through Cheasty as part of their daily commutes. In this way, Cheasty brings nature into the lives of the people who live nearby. Putting a bike park into Cheasty Greenspace will increase its value for only a small amount of people; the mountain bike enthusiasts. Everyone else will suffer because of its installation, taking value away from the daily lives of locals and decrease both its natural beauty and environmental benefit. Thousands of volunteer hours have gone into transforming Cheasty from an "unused space" into a place of delight and community engagement.

Rebecca Reilly SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

I have seen deer there on several occasions!

Aaron Murray SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

There are Barred Owls down there too sometimes.

Steve Wagener SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

We need to protect the few remaining undeveloped areas.

Miranda Taylor SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

My niece lives in that neighborhood. I like the green space.

Glenn Brumett SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

This is a terrible idea. Have we learned nothing from the past?

Jane Bernstein SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

I have seen what bicycles can do the landscape & pathways & they don't belong in Cheasty greenspace

Steven Reed SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

Only 14% of Seattle's park space is now left "natural"; let's not wreck any more of it. The native flora and fauna all suffer.

Walter Kuciej SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

Bikes have lots of other options. Walkers need their own areas.

Teri Martine SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

Preserving natural spaces and protecting wildlife habitat within our city is vital. The existing policy that prohibits mountain bikes in Cheasty Greenspace is well-founded -- don't change it!

Martha Taylor SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

We need to preserve undeveloped natural areas in our city.

Alan Grenon SEATTLE, WA

10 months ago · Like 0

I've written in greater detail to the parks dept. and city council, but I repeat what

others here have said, that the greatest value of this space is as habitat value, and that designation should not be compromised, especially as a precedent for other city natural areas. (Yes, restore the vegetation.) The proposal includes a "free zone," presumably off trail area, which would be of greatest negative impact. If you want more biking in a forest in the city, create that in a currently "waste" space like former parking, industry, or highway-adjacent land. In this climate you'll have brushy woods in a few years and a forest (as far as someone at bike speed can perceive) in ten. Go have a look at the new wetlands built (yes, built) at Magnuson Park a few years ago to get an idea what's possible starting from scratch.

Lynn McGlocklin BELLEVUE WA

10 months ago · Like 0

My husband and I lived in Rainier Vista while in graduate school, the Cheasty Greenspace was adjacent. It had beautiful songbirds. We need to find a way to give these threatened birds safe haven and wild space, even while giving our young people recreation!

Sarah Skamser SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0

Protect the greenbelts in Seattle

Edith Ruby SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0

As a senior citizen who values opportunities to enjoy a walk in natural settings within our city limits, I am saddened to think that one of these few settings may soon be full of mountain bikes creating a very different atmosphere.

Patricia Naumann SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0

Our natural areas should be protected and cherished and not given over to single-use active, even intense, sporting interests.

kendall selle SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0

I am a resident on cheasty and I am extremely concerned that the greenspace will be overtake for the primary and destructive purpose of becoming a mountain bike park. It is my opinion that we should not disturb preserved natural areas because people don't want to drive out to the mountains to go mountain biking.

Heidi Kauffman SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0

We need to maintain our native forests in our city, since none are left.

all masterson SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0

Cheasty Greenspace is one of very few urban wildlife habitat areas in Seattle. Why disturb it? There are other 'unused' spaces in the area that can be transformed into a mountain bike park, like under I-5 for instance

mark holland SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0

Seattle only has 2500 acres of urban forest left. Only 14% remains undeveloped while Portland stands at 50% undeveloped urban forests. This Bike Park proposal in Cheasty green space is the first shot over the bow in the Seattle Parks Department plot to develop our remaining 14% of undeveloped (and apparently unprotected) urban forests. That is why they call it a "pilot" project

The Seattle Parks department must be stopped here and now. We must turn Cheasty into a wildlife and bird sanctuary as soon as possible.

Rosemary Selfe SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0

The Greenspace outside of my house is the reason my husband and I moved to the area. The forest itself does need rehab and management, but it does not need a mountain bike park. Keeping it as a pedestrian access only park would allow everyone to enjoy the forest.

Ruth Williams SEATTLE WA

11 months ago · Like 0



If we compromise on uses of our natural areas every time some members of the community want change, we'll wind up with no eco-functional natural areas.

Darin Hult SEATTLE, WA

11 months ago · Like · 0

I want our greenspace to remain a greenspace.

Eric Edwards WEST CHICAGO, IL

11 months ago · Like · 0

I live part-time in Seattle...

Jack Bettsworth SEATTLE, WA

11 months ago · Like · 1

Not only a home to Wilson's Warbler and other passerines but to nesting Cooper's Hawks for past several years.

Janine Anderson SEATTLE, WA

11 months ago · Like · 1

I do not want to see this important green space compromised!

Sylvia Haven SEATTLE, WA

11 months ago · Like · 0

Organized fanatics seem to have more influence than the common sense general public who want our parks to be a respite from the hurley-burley of city life.

Mark Wangerin SEATTLE, WA

11 months ago · Like · 0

Wildlife preservation in a world where it is RAPIDLY disappearing!

Ben Ahrens SEATTLE, WA

11 months ago · Like · 0

I believe in restoring urban forests and natural, undeveloped areas within City Limits. I believe efforts to encourage and maximize "wild", that is, minimally affected by the mechanical world, areas within densely populated areas is a matter of environmental and social justice. Providing areas for low resource populations to access wild areas without the expense of traveling to distant points should be fostered at every opportunity. To provide animal and plant life to flourish in wild islands will be a step in the direction of mitigation of urban build up's negative impact on regional natural systems.

Tara Fisher SEATTLE, WA

11 months ago · Like · 0

Because it's in my neighborhood

Patricia Barry NACHES, WA

12 months ago · Like · 0

Folks riding bikes have many places to ride, including bike paths/lanes on roadways. People who walk are nearly always in danger from the bikers. There are those bicyclists that are courteous, but by and large in parks and beach areas there are scads of youngsters that mow you down when you're walking. Especially folks in my age group who still like to get out and walk, but don't move as quickly... or like my husband who is in a mobility chair. Please leave our parks and park trails to nature and folks on foot. We don't need bicycles and zip lines... we need nature and quiet and peace. Thank you.

Ralph Naess SEATTLE, WA

12 months ago · Like · 0

Rare undeveloped natural habitat is essential to sustainable communities.

Linda Hargus SEATTLE, WA

12 months ago · Like · 0

What few natural spaces are left in our city are fragile and deserve protection.

Laura Sander SEATTLE, WA

12 months ago · Like · 0

We have to save as much unspoiled forest habitat and biodiversity as we can. There are plenty of other places for people to bike and play.

Louie Swalby SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Like 0

As a city dweller who appreciates and fosters habitat for birds and wildlife (Certified Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary # 10432), the declining Wilson's Warblers still use this city interior forest.

gretchen graber PASCO WA

12 months ago · Like 0

Conservation of Biodiversity: We have to have places where either no humans or a limited number-this is a great opportunity to increase the whole city's value by limiting access.

Dean Webb SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Like 0

Please do not allow mountain bikes in Cheasty Greenspace. Please do support wildlife habitat protection for Cheasty Greenspace.

betie beck SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Like 0

We need to preserve raw nature. It is a sanctuary for the animals and for us.

Mira Latoszek SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Liked 0

Birds and wildlife need a place in the city as much as people do. There are other places that are already compromised that could be used for mountain biking. The trails will open up access to people who want to go off trail. This is being promoted as a restoration project but it is more about recreation than restoration.

Toni Reineke SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Like 0

This is a gorgeous place, a treasure for us and, most importantly, our wildlife!!!

Kanti Carolyn SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Like 0

As climate change destroys more and more of our natural world, we have a duty to preserve as much habitat, diversity and wildlife as possible. This is necessary for our own quality of life -- people need to be able to reconnect with nature and animals, and for city dwellers, that means in a park.

Cass Nevada SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Like 0

We need this natural space as is. We need natural space, period.

Kerry Li SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Like 0

All of these kinds of issues are important to me, especially in my city.

Denise Dahn SEATTLE WA

12 months ago · Like 0

Wildlife habitat and passive use is what greenspaces are supposed to be managed for.

Ruth Hooper SEATTLE WA

about 1 year ago · Like 0

As someone who walks in this greenspace and values its ecosystem I'm well aware of how small and fragile it is.

Delia Scholes SEATTLE WA

about 1 year ago · Like 0

Living on Beacon Hill, as we do, Cheasty Greenspace has been a wonderful feature of life here. Please let it be!

Ed Newbold SEATTLE WA

about 1 year ago · Like 0

I am concerned about the loss of bird biodiversity in Seattle. We're on the point of losing Vaux's Swift, Band-tailed Pigeon, we've lost Cal Quail and we're enduring a harrowing decline in Swallow breeding populations. Greenbelts like Cheasty help these birds survive in a variety of ways, and the degeneration of Cheasty for a non-

necessary activity will further the downward spiral.

Sharon Baker SEATTLE WA

about 1 year ago · Like 0

Intact urban forests provide vital ecosystem services and are critical to our health and quality of life. Mountain bike trails will disrupt the balance of the forest.

Mark Ahlness SEATTLE WA

about 1 year ago · Like 0

1. This is an incredible urban forest sanctuary. It reminds me, even in its wildest spaces, of parts of Discovery, Ravenna, Seward, and Schmitz Parks. I love the space. The potential for restoring a healthy, native greenspace, and yes, even forest, is real. That it exists, even in this state, right smack dab in the middle of one of the most densely populated parts of the city, is a miracle.

2. The City would be insane to let it go, as they are planning to do, to a development that would destroy it.

liyaporn chaipol THAILAND, THAILAND

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

love grame

Sarah Welch SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

As a Blvd resident for years I've worked with Parks to maintain habitat preservation and urban forest through reforestation and clean up. These urban forests are such a precious resource esp as our City grows more dense. We have coyotes, hawks, owls, pileated woodpeckers and other wildlife and we need to preserve their habitat for them and for future generations.

Kathy Colombo SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

I live on/within the Cheasty Greenspace and have been a part of the original Friends of Cheasty group to enlarge open space within the city. Open spaces provide areas for wildlife and natural vegetation to thrive. Cheasty Blvd already is a bicycle corridor.

chad mcguire SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

Do you even know this neighborhood? We don't have a trail biking deficit around here. We all know this is just someone working for the city that needs a project to justify their job. Tearing down trees and making it easier for people to access our neighborhood to commit crime is not what the Parks department is supposed to be about!

Kristina Veirs SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

walking trails only please...habitat protection

amy reeber-meade SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

disruptive to birds, solitude, natural quality. all this space needs is litter pick up

frances kenny SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

i live close by and want to continue to walk the greenspace in peace

Shane Brock SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

It's 2013, do we still need to explain the importance of relationship to wildlife and habitat? Come on Seattle.

Charles Mills SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

Habitat protection

Erin Hardy SEATTLE WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

Cheasty Greenspace is rich with wildlife. Carving out trails for bikes would disturb

wildlife and nature. The bikes have enough places to ride already!

Darlene Kenney SEATTLE, WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

I believe this area would be best served as it is...

Dena Murray Mulberg SEATTLE, WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

Keeping open space for Natural habitat and beauty is essential.

I was born and raised in Seattle, and there really is very little space like this in the city!

Happy Art SELLINGHAM, WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

Saving green space is important to me and to others.

susan wyckoff SEATTLE, WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

Trail bikes tend to tear up the soil and this destroys habitats and the bikers don't necessarily stay on the trails.

Colleen Mills SEATTLE, WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

I drive Chesty Blvd to see my grandchildren who live in the neighborhood. It is a beautiful park/green space that Seattle needs more of. Bicyclists and mountain bikes will destroy this land. Please leave Cheasty Greenspace unspoiled and say "NO" to the bicyclist. Foot traffic only.

David Miller PORT TOWNSEND, WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 1

I am an environmental science teacher and birder. This park is a wonderful refuge for birds and other wildlife. Here in Port Townsend a similar park was partially destroyed by bicyclists, mainly young men who took to going "off trail" and thrashing the underbrush. Many bird species left the area. Please don't let this happen to Cheasty Greenspace.

Nishant Singh SEATTLE, WA

almost 2 years ago · Like 0

I love nature in its pristine beauty and I think allowing motorized vehicles will destroy it

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**Change the name of bridge celebrating KKK leader in Selma, Alabama**

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**Ask the Treasury Department to work with Somali Americans to support their families**

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