

Recipient: Seattle Board of Park Commissioners, Ed Murray, and Jean Godden

Letter: Greetings,

### Preserve Seattle Parks Natural Areas and Greenspaces

Natural areas in parks serve to support a diverse ecosystem and are essential to our health and well-being. These spaces should not be divided up to benefit special user groups, they should be accessible to all. Parks are for everyone.

As advocates for preserving and protecting the natural areas and greenspaces in Seattle parks, we call on the Board of Park Commissioners to reject the Supplemental Use Guidelines proposed by Seattle Parks Staff (June 3, 2015) which if approved would open up our protected natural areas to be developed for unspecified new uses.

### PROTECT NATURAL AREAS & GREENSPACES

The City of Seattle estimates 120,000 more people will be moving here in the next few decades, but that does not mean we need to give up Seattle's natural areas. Our greenspaces and natural areas must be preserved for the future as they were preserved for us: for wildlife, for passive recreation, and for scenic beauty.

### KEEP NATURAL AREAS FREE & FAIR - NOT AMUSEMENT PARKS

Currently, all citizens enjoy equal access to all of our natural areas, and we should continue to support increasing passive-recreation opportunities in our natural areas. However, this summer the Parks Board will be asked to approve guidelines allowing new uses of natural areas and greenbelts. If passed, this will allow previously protected natural areas to be developed for unspecified new uses including - but not limited to - commercially-run, fee-based zipline parks, mountain bike "skills courses" and more. Access to Seattle's protected park lands should not be given over to specialized user-groups, to those who can afford expensive recreational equipment, or to those who can afford to pay for the right to use certain parts of our parks. Our protected park land, every square foot of it, belongs to EVERYONE.

### KEEP NATURE PRESERVED FOR ALL PEOPLE, FOR WILDLIFE, FOR THE FUTURE

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areas and greenspaces. Seattle must protect those areas from the overwhelming impacts of population growth by using them wisely and carefully. Low-impact use is the only sustainable and equitable way to use these fragile areas. There is precious little Urban Wild remaining in Seattle, and it is in danger of disappearing altogether. Let's make sure we preserve it for our children and future generations.

For more information: <http://bit.ly/1GhoycL>

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Janeanne Houston	Seattle, WA	2015-06-11	Green spaces and natural areas in Seattle Parks MUST be protected!!!
Denise Dahn	Seattle, WA	2015-06-11	We all need nature. Let's keep it free, fair, and for the future.
Rebecca Watson	Seattle, WA	2015-06-11	Parks' proposed changes to the existing usage guidelines threaten our natural areas and greenspaces. Seattle must protect those areas from the overwhelming impacts of population growth by using them wisely and carefully. Low-impact use is the only sustainable and equitable way to use these fragile areas. There is precious little Urban Wild remaining in Seattle, and it is in danger of disappearing altogether. Let's make sure we preserve it for our children and future generations.
Patricia Tucker	Seattle, WA	2015-06-11	People need quiet, undeveloped nature, and that nature needs protection. Allowing the few precious natural areas we have to be destroyed for financial pressures is short-sighted and would be of long-term detriment to Seattle's increasing population, who will be in increasing need of quiet natural areas - not of yet more ways to be loud while paying for the privilege of doing so.
Joan Vermeulen	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	We need green and quiet places. Put a zip line from the WS bridge to downtown to alleviate traffic congestion instead. Please, leave our parks and other green and quiet places alone.
Mary Kreul	Milwaukee, WI	2015-06-12	Parks are important for people of all ages throughout the United States.
Linda Hargus	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Our parks should be preserved for everyone. Attractions like zip lines would only be available to those who can pay the fees while impacting park visitors and wildlife with noise and congested parking.
Kerry Li	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Seattle native not so happy with all the changes - but passionate about parks.
Steve Wagener	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	I love our natural areas in Seattle's parks.
Harris margo@pnwhealth.com	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	We are losing too many green spaces and don't have enough nature in our lives. The voices that speak up for nature are way too quiet and don't have enough influence.
Jeri Oien	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	We need to ensure that our beautiful green spaces-the quiet, peaceful natural areas- are kept for everyone. They are not amusement parks. Activities like ziplines and skills courses are not acceptable!! Please look for other ways to provide for these types of uses.
Darryll Wolf	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Natural green space is vital to health and all being. Giving over or public, natural resources to private industries not only reduces that vital sanctuary of nature, but it also removes the free use of the full park from those who cannot afford it. Keep parks free, fair, and public!
Toni Reineke	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Natural areas and green spaces are vital to the well-being of our citizens and our city!
Jacqueline Harmon	Tacoma, WA	2015-06-12	I love parks and support their preservation.
Kathy Colombo	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Natural areas were purchased and established by citizens for habitat preservation and conservation. How can Parks decide to change this designation with city wide public process?
Mary Harris	The Dalles, OR	2015-06-12	When we lived in Seattle we loved the parks
Anne Bergsma	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Our parks and greenspaces need protection.
Rich Ellison	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Trees need vocal advocates.
Joey Clark	Parker, CO	2015-06-12	i love seattle, and green spaces are way too important to lose them.

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Brian Romas	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Fought Parks once for their wrongheaded bumbling and irresponsible stewardship of our public lands, fighting again.
Jennifer Moore	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	The only think I want in parks are trees!
Carol Wagener	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	People, birds and animals need quiet, natural places within the city that they can escape to. Not everyone has a car that they can drive out of the city limits when they feel the need to just "be" in a natural setting. Parks should NOT be "amusement centers"..... save that stuff for Seattle Center.
Sharon Baker	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Natural areas in Seattle Parks are unique, extremely valuable, fragile spaces. Active uses, such as bike trails and zip lines are destructive in natural areas and should be excluded.
Stanley Hargus	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Didn't you learn something from the proposed zip line debacle at Lincoln Park? People need quiet, natural spaces in an increasingly urbanized world.
Steve Zemke	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	The limited designated natural areas in Seattle's parks should be protected from being converted to active recreation areas for special uses like mountain bikes or rope areas.
David Tuai	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	I live just off of a greenspace and I would really like to see it stay as is. There are places outside the city better suited for what is being proposed and these natural areas are disappearing too fast just so a small percentage of people can "enjoy" them.
Arlene Roth	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Natural areas are precious and growing ever rarer. The Supplemental Uses Guidelines sets a dangerous precedent that will be regretted forever.
Humberto WILSON	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	...because we all need a place to go outside & play, especially w/more people moving here. H.
Lisa Huston	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	I use Seattle parks weekly and love my quiet wooded walks.
dwright gaut	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Just because a green area is not crowded with people does not mean it is not utilized or appreciated.
Walter Kuciej	Seattle, WA	2015-06-12	We needier undeveloped natural areas.
marianne had	seattle, WA	2015-06-12	Keep natural areas natural. They are not amusement parks for special uses. They are wildlife habitat.
Janet Seeley	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	parks are for everyone, not special interests...or developers...this city has never met a developer id doesn't like. Please preserve our natural areas. They are precious, indeed.
Ralph Naess	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	This is absolutely essential to the health and prosperity of the City, to have quiet, reflective places free of high impact recreation.
Darcy Thompson	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	Protect & Preserve!
Cass Turnbull	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	I'm signing because I suspect that with heavier use in the future, there will be serious user conflicts and environmental degradation. Please reject sports uses in natural areas. They must be kept separate or one type of park will become a different thing altogether and that will be a great loss for Seattle. .
Vreni Naess	Chicago, IL	2015-06-13	I strongly believe in the need for the preservation of natural spaces in urban environments
Gordon Dass Adams	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	I participated in every programmed event Parks offered (summit, focus group, detailed comments, and the MindMixer) but reading the Draft I don't feel heard. If serving "underserved populations" is the goal, then we need to serve to those populations real nature for contemplation and learning.through outreach and active programs like nature walks and meditation sessions. These have real value to our citizens, it's not fluff.

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Judy Pickens	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	Natural areas are a critical component of a park system that truly serves all, not just the most vocal. Do not become the Taliban of Seattle's precious natural areas.
karen farnsworth	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	We need wild, natural areas; we need native plants and wildlife. Please preserve all that we have.
John Barber	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	I am signing because I want to help preserve and protect the little bit of nature we have in this City.
Katherine Schlick Noe	Seattle, WA	2015-06-13	Undeveloped parks and greenspaces in Seattle are vital to a thriving community, especially in this astoundingly beautiful part of the world.
Jeanne Eisenberg	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	I'm signing this petition because we must preserve our Natural Areas and Greenspaces for urban wildlife and quiet places for people to be in touch with nature.
Jannike Johnsen	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	Even though I don't live in Seattle, I teach in Seattle schools and I frequently use the parks after work. We need to preserve the parks for our kids and for their natural beauty. Not everything has to be a profit maker. Just let the parks be.
Janet Way	Shoreline, WA	2015-06-14	Many of these areas are important for protecting water and air quality!
Taylor Crockett	Bainbridge Island, WA	2015-06-14	I'm signing because we, as humans, need to live around nature and comply with it- not the other way around.
Sylvia Hoffmeyer	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	I care about the parks. Purchased a bench in memory of my parents who went to Lincoln Park daily for 50 yrs.
Sandra Perkins	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	It is wrong to sacrifice our natural areas for mountain biking, which will destroy ecosystems. We need our natural, undeveloped areas!
martina morris	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	Please keep commercial recreational development out of our natural areas and green spaces.
Rosann Benedict	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	We have so few quiet spaces left. And almost none of them are in my neighborhood.
Lynne Meddaugh	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	Lincoln Park is too precious for any development that changes it from what it is. The language opens up a dangerous new precedent that we don't want
Martha Shuker	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	When these green places are gone, it is forever. How many recreational sites do we need?
linda ruffer	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	Natural areas allow respite from increasing people density and noise. There are plenty of bike paths, play areas/pools and picnic areas for folks to socialize. Protect wildlife, flora and fauna -- it is Seattle's unique beauty/resource to be protected.
Willma Elmore	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	I do not want our natural spaces to have trees removed so that areas can be paved so people can roar around on some mechanical device.
darlene e. meyer	ephrata, WA	2015-06-14	In this frenetic world there are precious few spots of peace and quiet. In this world of all encompassing development, bits of nature are swiftly vanishing. In this world of dwindling wildlife habitat how are urban children to learn to appreciate and enjoy nature? Natural areas are more important to the peace of the human soul than one more frenetic activity activity in an already frenetic world. Please preserve those quiet natural areas for those who may seek refuge there, both wildlife and humankind. Some things are more important to the benefit of all, than one more "developed" activity for the few, to push the wild lands further from reach of urban dwellers and the rejuvenation of spirit to be found there.

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Victoria King	Seattle, WA	2015-06-14	I support active recreation and we have lots of parks that provide opportunities for those activities. Wildlife need places that provide the habitat wild creatures need, without human disturbance, and those of us who enjoy observing them and/or enjoy the solitude that one finds in such places have a right to expect our parks to make preservation of the few natural areas left a very high priority.
Jane Stewart	Sequim, WA	2015-06-15	So much of the health of the city depends on natural areas
Stuart Johnston	Lyle, WA	2015-06-15	I'm a former resident of Seattle and when I visit my family there, I still enjoy the natural areas in the parks. I am dead opposed to development of these areas for specialized uses such as zip lines. Let those commercial interests buy their own lands to develop. Leave the natural areas intact, for current and future generations to enjoy . . . and for the flora and fauna to thrive in, in the ever-shrinking world they face.
Sue Terrell	Yakima, WA	2015-06-15	I'm signing because it is essential to leave natural areas available to birds and animals. Are we so greedy that we can't share this earth with other species?  And doesn't the Migratory Bird Act cover this?
Bob Kothenbeutel	Woodinville, WA	2015-06-15	Protected natural areas and green spaces within the city serve as important migratory stop-overs as well as breeding grounds for countless species of birds. They provide quiet places for observation, study and photography by people of all ages and socioeconomic status, It would be an absolute shame to open these areas to special interest groups that would destroy the habitat thus jeopardizing the wildlife that depend on it. Don't let this happen!
Penny Koyama	Bothell, WA	2015-06-15	I was born in Seattle, lived there most of my adult life, am there 2-3 times per week and plan to move back soon. Seattle needs quiet green space that you don't have to drive to the mountains to find. Please do not ruin our few beautiful "quiet" parks.
Chrisitne Southwick	Seattle, WA	2015-06-15	Seattle needs natural areas and greenspaces preserved so there are still quiet spaces for people to enjoy, and wildlife to hide in.
Constance Sidles	Seattle, WA	2015-06-15	Our remaining green spaces and open spaces should be preserved exclusively for passive human interactions to maximize their use by wildlife. Active recreational use should be confined to existing parks. I want my grandchildren to be able to experience wild nature without the need to drive long distances to state or national parks. Having places for wildlife in the city is uniquely Seattle. Let's keep it that way.
Debra Thompson Harvey	Seattle, WA	2015-06-15	Fee-based zipline parks and mountain bike "skills courses" do not belong in Seattle City natural areas. Preserve our delicate Natural Areas for both humans and wildlife enjoyment.
Louis Kreemer	Seattle, WA	2015-06-15	I feel that we need to preserve our parks so that resident and migrating wildlife still has untouched areas to live and rest.
Lisa Sproat	Urbana, IL	2015-06-15	I agree that wildlife conservation is important, and developing existing natural areas for heavy human use is detrimental to all but the most human-tolerant wildlife. Western Washington has no shortage of parks and natural areas friendly to human outdoor activities, but it is definitely lacking in genuine areas set aside for wildlife.
Carey Olson Findley	Seattle, WA	2015-06-15	There would be no going back from the changes this would allow. We have an obligation to protect what is left of the natural parts of our city.
Leanna Olmsted	Edmonds, WA	2015-06-15	I love the peace and quiet of the parks. Zip lines, motorcycle traffic and other non natural additions really degrade the park experience.

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Helen Gilbert	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	With so many threats to the environment, protecting the few remaining wildlife habitats within the city is vital.
Kathryn Munson	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	I am a grandmother and I want my grandkids to grow up with these natural areas kept as natural as possible. Urban children already have too little access to nature and learning about nature and this matters ultimately for the future of our life together on this planet. People can't learn to protect what they don't know about and knowing about the interconnectedness of species is crucial to our future security. Do not make policy that endangers migratory birds, resident population ability to breed, and citizens access to learning about it all. This is important. This area is rich in active recreation too, so expanding it shouldn't be at the expense of more important priorities.
Paula Crockett	Redmond, WA	2015-06-16	Although we live in Carnation, my husband and I value and use Seattle's amazing green spaces. Please preserve these spaces as critical wildlife habitat and places to enjoy nature in the middle of the craziness of the cityscape. These spaces will become increasingly important as the city continues to grow. Thank you.
Marcia Clark	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	The birds and wildlife can't sign for themselves!
Pam Pritzl	Stanwood, WA	2015-06-16	I'm concerned about the loss of habitat for wildlife.
Kristine Reilly	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	I am very much against the proposed new guidelines that would allow new uses of natural areas.
Daniel Cordell	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	Wildlife should be given use priority of green spaces in the city, with people using these spaces in ways that don't disrupt or displace wildlife.
Mark Stackhouse	Salt Lake City, UT	2015-06-16	I live in Mexico, but my daughter lives in the Roosevelt area of Seattle, and thus I visit there often. We walk and bird-watch in several of the wonderful natural areas in your parks. I'm not sure that you realize what a precious treasure you have. Any reduction in area or level of protection of these irreplaceable wild spaces will leave your community much, much poorer. I urge you to not change your policy regarding the continued protection of these natural areas.
Jacquelyn Owens	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	I love Seattle parks because of the inherent wildness in them. No other city that I am aware of retains this sense of the wild within the urban as well as Seattle. I do not want this quality to disappear!
Bruce Jones	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	I can't believe that Seattle Parks would really consider such a stupid thing.
melody mayer	olympia, WA	2015-06-16	natural areas need preserving
Jane Langenes	Clinton, WA	2015-06-16	I used to live in Seattle and enjoyed the natural areas/greenspaces because of the wildlife and serenity I found there. Please do not change them!
Debra Ching	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	Our Parks and Greenspaces are our only link to nature and our gift to our grandchildren and future generations. We must preserve them for their sakes, We human populations grow. It's even more important than ever to preserve our natural greenbelts and parks for a denser, more populous area. PLEASE PRESERVE OUR PARKS AND GREENSPACES.
Genevieve Vayda	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	I am afraid an exuberant City Council will 'do a Cheasty' and add Mountain Biking or Bike Sports, or other competitive activities to quiet nature areas, like the open woods around Woodland Park. Without that release from 'everything urban', my life as a pedestrian would lose its 'reservoir' of peace and Nature.
Mary Sprague	Redmond, WA	2015-06-16	I believe that we need to keep protected areas, well.... protected. Humans share this planet with other animals and must not be short sighted enough to insist on indulging all their whims at the expense of everyone else.
Chris Karrenberg	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	Our natural areas need to be protected for wildlife not mountain bikes.

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james gibson	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	Natural areas need to be protected as natural areas, not developed for the interests of a few i.e. mountain bikers, zip lines
Matthew Schwartz	Mountlake Terrace, WA	2015-06-16	We must preserve and protect as much of the remaining natural areas as possible. There is already so little left. When compared to cities, and even "developed" parks, natural areas are mere fractions of a percent in terms of size. We need this for wildlife, nature, and for the people that understand the value of quiet wild areas which are open to all of the public. People that want developed areas and special recreation already have choices for places to go. Animals and plants don't have that choice.
Terrance Dunning	Mountlake Terrace, WA	2015-06-16	As a retired DPR employee I was directly involved in the acquisition of these areas and they were acquired for natural area uses, not active recreation. Many were acquired with dedicated funds that would prevent alternative uses.
Linda Murtfeldt	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	I love natural spaces and value every inch of them in our park system in Seattle. We need to preserve them for quiet spaces available to all creatures to explore and enjoy.
Matt Bartels	Seattle, WA	2015-06-16	We need a few spaces left peaceful and natural in the city -- we have very little of this left, and it is part of Seattle's intrinsic value that it has not completely transformed into a suburban managed environment.
Nancy Jones	Seattle, WA	2015-06-17	We need natural areas for birds and other wildlife in the city.
Kristen Bryant	Bellevue, WA	2015-06-17	I work in Seattle so I feel very strongly that we need to reject those supplemental uses. If we need more place for other users then get more space for them - we need all our parks and natural spaces. We can find another spot for the additional uses. Find place for both, don't steal from one to satisfy another!
Charles Jacob	Bellevue, WA	2015-06-17	I am the Lorax.
Mary Ellen Maxell	Seattle, WA	2015-06-17	Natural spaces are too precious and rare in the city to allow any further development than what is already planned - e.g. Seattle Master Bike Plan & others.
Claire Catania	Seattle, WA	2015-06-17	Natural areas and greenspaces make cities livable for people and animals.
Seattle Audubon Society	Seattle, WA	2015-06-17	Natural Areas and Greenspaces provide essential habitat for resident and migratory birds, as well as other wildlife. We should do our best to protect these places with limited passive use that is compatible with the needs of wildlife.
Barbara Gross	Seattle, WA	2015-06-17	Parkland is more important than ever today. Allowing previously protected natural areas to be developed for unspecified new uses is crazy.
Laura Thorne	Seattle, WA	2015-06-17	I'm signing because our natural parks are already too few, and the birds and trees and plants there need stable homes and seasons and what they give back is sustaining to human beings in the city, for generations.
Leonard Jones	Seattle, WA	2015-06-17	Keep our parks as parks!!!
Melissa Flood	Redmond, WA	2015-06-17	it is important
Nathan Luoma	Seattle, WA	2015-06-17	I would like to see the few natural areas left in our area preserved for wildlife and passive recreation.
Betsy Bertiaux	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	Natural areas are as least as important if not more important than yet another venue for active recreation. The flora and fauna that inhabit our parks allow us to experience nature close at hand, and provide a much needed peaceful and tranquil place to be outside. The tiny bit of wildlife that we haven't killed off deserve somewhere to call home. Please keep these areas limited to walking/hiking to preserve the natural state for those reasons.
David Hostetler	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	Preservation of natural areas is needed to maintain this as a beautiful city.



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Blake Cerenzia	Bellingham, WA	2015-06-18	I'm signing because I care about our environment!
Barbara Slott	Rapid City, SD	2015-06-18	I love Seattle's parks and green spaces!
Rebecca Woodhouse Allard	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	I'm signing this petition because I think the new uses should be specified, if there are any, and because I think commercial spaces should be separate from state parks. I like the idea of zip lines and mountain biking, but I worry about taking away from public land.
Gerald Joyce	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	I'm signing because there are already underutilized sports fields and recreation areas while passive parks and green spaces are rare and need to be preserved, not converted to private enterprises.
Kathleen Atkins	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	One of the best things about Seattle is nature in the city, which allows us to see herons, eagles, sea otters, sea lions, salmon, ducks of so many kinds. Nice to see life more various than crows, pigeons, raccoons, and us!
Gail Chiarello	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	A liveable city includes parks with open space, green space, & silence ... respite from the buzz of urban life.
joan bateman	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	The Seattle Parks Department is a brass commercialization of our urban forests with great disrespect for the hard work and money that has gone into protecting them.
Jennifer Stephan	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	I believe in quiet open spaces and natural environments being open for viewing with minimal impact
Keith Biever	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	Mountain bikes and commercial ventures may destroy the ecology!
Teri Martine	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	I'm concerned about preserving natural areas within Seattle. Recreational areas like soccer fields are important too, but Seattle Parks seems to heavily favor development rather than preserving natural areas.
Chris Marx	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	It's the right thing
Janine Blaeloch	Seattle, WA	2015-06-18	I want our Natural Areas to remain natural. Once gone, we cannot bring them back. Sometimes, as in this case, we must exercise some humility and restraint.
joanne brayden	seattle, WA	2015-06-18	natural areas in our parks are an extremely limited resource and once they are gone they can never be adequately restored to their original state
Gretchen Gerhardt	Seattle, WA	2015-06-19	I believe in preserving nature and having access to it.
helen fristrom	Leavenworth, WA	2015-06-19	The city has been on a DESTROY MISSION with permitting developments that do not do anything but add to the traffic mess by not allowing adequate parking, and not providing progressive public transportation.....destroying local residents ability to access their local businesses and patronize them.....whomever is making decisions should be fired....
Sarah Welch	Seattle, WA	2015-06-19	Read the papal encyclical today to learn that we all have responsibilities to protect our planet. Please assert leadership and preserve our Greenspaces and natural areas.
Zane Gazaway	Seattle, WA	2015-06-19	Some green and natural spaces absolutely must be preserved.
Mary Lippold	Seattle, WA	2015-06-19	We need to keep natural areas natural. People should be able to enjoy nature without gimmicks.
Justine Rojas	Auburn, WA	2015-06-20	I believe green spaces are important to every city landscape. They improve a city in innumerable and immeasurable ways.

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Suky Hutton	Seattle, WA	2015-06-21	As someone who has lived right next to the McKwaMooks greenbelt for almost 30 years, I cherish the peace, the wildlife, and the slow pace of these woods. Mountain bikers have started using the trails here, and their goal seems to be "Faster, harder, rougher". I have seen trails damaged in one day by a single gung-ho rider. I strongly reject Supplement Use Guidelines.
Suzanne Krom	Seattle, WA	2015-06-21	I want our city parks to be protected for wildlife and for quiet refuge for my community. There are plenty of other places for people to go who are looking for active use. Please do not compromise the only outdoor public spaces we have.
Les Jones	Seattle, WA	2015-06-21	I enjoy use of my parks and greenspaces without being redirected around "special use" areas. The greenspaces, as stated in the petition are not areas to be exploited for profit. It is also reprehensible that these new guidelines were moved forward without public discussion and in such a short response time for the public.
Carol DePelecyn	Seattle, WA	2015-06-21	I value quiet contemplation and observation as important parts of our natural areas. Seattle Parks Natural Areas and Greenspaces should not be opened up to high-impact and competitive recreation for amusement. Please preserve the Seattle Parks and Natural Areas for Environmental learning and passive-type recreation for all! Thanks, Carol dePelecyn
Tamsen Spengler	seattle, WA	2015-06-21	I enjoy our parks and want them to remain free of any commercial development or any changes that will disturb the natural habitat.
Deirdre McCrary	Seattle, WA	2015-06-21	There are too few serene, natural, outdoor urban spaces already. Please don't take more away.
Martha Koester	Seattle, WA	2015-06-21	No more selling off public goods!
Daniel Spenglet	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	The parks belong to all of the people of Seattle. NONE of their resources should be diverted to commercial interests.
Liz Giba	White Center, WA	2015-06-22	Once green spaces are gone. they are gone.
Mary Casey	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	I'm a member of Friends of Madrona Woods and we support this petition.
Sarah Hardwick	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	Parks should be free for everyone to use, devoid of commercialism
Mary Fleck	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	We need to acquire more open space and to protect our publicly owned lands and natural areas. These should not be sacrificed.
mike parker	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	As a mountain biker, there are places we should not be allowed.
Ann Anderson	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	1. Parks / Greenspaces are critical for wildlife habitat that are an important part of food chain - same one that sustains humans, by the way. In fact, in urban areas, they are the ONLY habitat available to much wildlife. 2. Natural areas are needed more than ever for those living in high density situations. They are the ONLY place available to de-stress from city life. They are not amusement parks for a few. This is critical to human health - both physical and mental - shown over and over again. 3. The next generations of animals as well as humanity have the right to enjoy natural areas as they have been designed by nature. We do not have the right to take the tiny % of that away from future generations, and we have the moral obligation to preserve it.
Lance Campbell	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	Part of the pleasure of natural areas is the ability to think quietly. Developing them into particular recreational uses will defeat that purpose.

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Barbara Pascucci	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	<p>I am 65 years old and do not want to be run down on a trail. Please let me continue to use the greenbelts.</p> <p>Also we need habitat for our birds.</p> <p>It is already dangerous to walk Alki at times because of overly energetic bicyclists. I am afraid. If I am accidentally hit I will be injured.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
Penny Rand	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	Parks should be free to everyone. I opposed the idea of separating the Parks from the City. Parks are not for profit, they are for people!
Betty Solero	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	we don't need more free pocket parks for the developers. Natural green belts are less costly to maintain. Parks maintenance is under funded now. The last park levy was to acquire land not divest it!
Sandra Motzer	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	Natural areas and greenspaces are precious commodities and need to be protected
Tim Motzer	Seattle, WA	2015-06-22	Reject Supplemental Use Guidelines!
Mark Naess	Ypsilanti, MI	2015-06-23	Jeez. If I need to explain this, you're dumber than you look.
dana ericson	Issaquah, WA	2015-06-23	What a gift green space in a city is...and Seattle has the amazing Lincoln Park, a place to feel cool, hear crows AND ravens, as well as eagles. We must have green places to unplug from technology.
Penny Kriese	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	I feel that with the expanding population of Seattle, any attempt to reduce or impinge on the existing green spaces and natural areas seems contrary to the original Olmsted plan "to secure and preserve for the use of the people as much as possible of the advantages of water and mountain views and of woodlands, well distributed and conveniently located." (1903 Report of Olmsted Bros., adopted by Seattle City Council). I look forward to working with those who are looking to safeguard the current spaces and looking for additional opportunities to add to these spaces.
John Cadwell	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	The land is for everyone.!
Monica Sweet	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	Parks are for everyone. Bicycles with aggressive tires and aggressive drivers don't mix with muddy soft ground in our precious natural areas.
Ed Newbold	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	We're at the beginning of an onslaught of extinctions. This is no time to be degrading our natural areas with nonessential exclusive-use recreation infrastructure.
Susanna Cunningham	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	I do not wish to see mountain bikes or other conveyances or zip lines and similar devices in our natural parks.
susan DeLaat	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	the seattle parks belong to the citizens, not the parks department.
Sylvia Haven	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	Degradation of what little "natural area" exists in our city is folly of the worst kind.
Tom Ross	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	We need clean air and clean water and places of natural beauty to refresh our spirit. Some of us are in wheelchairs so it's harder for us to enjoy forest for example, but we can get to an urban park, IF INDEED IT IS TRULY WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE- and not just touted to be so. We need parks and green spaces that we can actually get to, and move around in, and we need a break from urban Sprawl and commercialism everywhere and information overload. Parks provide some of these things. They can help us reconnect with nature, and by doing so give us perspective.
Jeannie O'Brien	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	Natural parks are rare in this fine city. We should do everything we can to preserve them for natural use and enjoyment.

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Robin Gray	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	It's important to preserve green space
Franci Pease	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	I'm committed to preserving our natural areas and greenspaces for walking and hiking. I've encountered mt. bikes while hiking on Rainer, its a rather unpleasant experience, because they are travelling so fast and the hiker is required to dodge these folks. We MUST preserve our right as hikers and walkers in the city to be able to do so without have to be hyper vigilant or risk injury.
Joyce Moty	Seattle, WA	2015-06-23	I am signing because our natural areas provide tranquility for Seattle residents, wildlife habitat, and environmental benefits such as clean air and water retention. We should not destroy them.
Mary Stevens	Chicago, IL	2015-06-23	We all need nature & a little foresight can help us for the future. Thank you
Emilie Burke	Redmond, WA	2015-06-23	Parks ARE for everyone!
Diann Bradley	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Our parks should not be used for commercial use, or activities that would spoil their natural state.
Laurie Arst	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	As Seattle becomes ever more crowded and congested, we need to preserve our natural areas/parks more than ever.
Mollie Means	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	I'm signing because Schmitz Park should remain a natural preserve. In the late 80's mountain biking was allowed in the park and it ripped up all the trails and was subsequently banned. Let's not make the same mistake twice.
Barbara Banks	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	I have volunteered many hours over many years restoring native plants in Seattle Parks specifically for wildlife habitat, clean air, water, and to teach the future generation how natural ecosystems are important for our health and quality of life. As a child I was inspired by the beauty of my natural surroundings in the many states I lived. I want to help ensure that children will always be thrilled with observing and learning about other forms of life. We are losing green space, particularly natural areas, across the nation. The 'supplemental uses' would destroy the few natural areas we still have left, destroy important migratory habitat for birds, destroy nesting opportunity for resident birds, and destroy places to find peace and quiet as more density is built in the city. A 30 year resident, I am saddened that Seattle is losing the 'green' Seattle it is so famous for with the loss of more and more natural habitat. Seattle led the nation with new ideas for recycling. Seattle can lead the way with new ideas for stewarding the land promoted by admirable organizations like EarthCorps and Green Seattle Partnership.
Christine dickerson	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	greenspace not commercial. Protect our parks environment/habitat. No fees etc.
Robert Livingston	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Because the Seattle Board of Parks commissioners are being stupid by commercializing our parks.
EMILY JEWELL	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	As this city becomes ever more crowded and overdeveloped, trying to salvage SOME habitat on public land is crucial. When you have cut down the last mature native tree to put in a jungle gym no one ever uses, destroyed the watershed, and Puget Sound is a toxic soup with dead Orcas floating on top, will you be satisfied in your big important office downtown? Or will you wring your hands and protest that you just don't know how it happened? Please, attempt to be a human being and not a plague of locusts!
Elena Leticia	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	the parks are great how they are.
Laura Huddlestone	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	I live in West Seattle near green spaces and object to any development for ziplines, biking, or like uses. It devalues and subverts the purpose of greenbelts.

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Nicole Wohlf	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Seattle needs to keep its existing green spaces as they are, open and free to everyone. Once these greenspaces are gone, they are lost forever and we can't afford that.
Chas Redmond	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	I oppose the use of greenspace for recreational use or for multi-use. There are recreational spaces and there are natural spaces - they are not the same space.
malhar desai	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Low impact and passive use
Gregory Rafanelli	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	We don't need theme parks in the City.
John LaSpina	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Please keep our parks open and free to all.
Michael Bluske	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	KEEP NATURAL AREAS FREE & FAIR - NOT AMUSEMENT PARKS. Parks are for everyone.
Chris Witwer	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Protect the natural spaces.
Larisa Wanserski	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Mountain bikes in parks ... what could go wrong? What a disgusting idea ... this proposal would ruin the enjoyment of natural spaces for a vast percentage of the people who use the parks. There are plenty of appropriate spaces for mountain bikers to enjoy.
Muriel Lawty	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	I believe that natural areas are part of our heritage. Put the "active" uses in areas where nature will not be disturbed - and charge for the use of the "activities" - let them pay for our parks. But keep the natural areas protected are there for all to use in a careful manner.
Noah Guthartz	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	I don't want these spaces open to commercial exploitation. Keep em green and keep em simple.
Salle Certo	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	We cannot give up natural areas just because of population increase. We must preserve and save our green belts and natural areas to ensure environmental integrity.
Philip Kiefer	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Protect bird habitat
Lorabeth Lawson	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	It is critical to Seattle's future as well as its present to respect,preserve and maintain what little green space remains.
Julia Schoultz	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	There are few enough egalitarian places in this city, and they are becoming increasingly harder to find. Parks and Greenspaces need to remain open and available to everyone, regardless of their INCOME.
Leisa Smith	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Protect our green spaces!
Philip Fenner	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	absolutely agree!
Robin Duda	Seattle, WA	2015-06-24	Parks and greenspaces are not for bikes - they are to maintain NATURAL habitats. What next - ATVs?
Irene Calvo	Seattle, WA	2015-06-25	i'm signing because i think parks should be unrestricted -- for the use of local people, and for the unrestricted use of the creatures who live in the parks too.
Thomas Kelly	Seattle, WA	2015-06-25	<p>The proposed guidelines are about exploitation, not protection. They don't list the values which should be protected and don't have adequate check box listings for many things which would diminish value of natural areas.</p> <p>They also omit much of the area managed as natural area in the park system.</p> <p>The reason they only cover "classified natural areas and greenbelts" is because those areas are covered by council policy and the use guidelines are intended to erode the policy protection.</p>

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Sheri Richardson	seattle, WA	2015-06-25	Our natural park space belongs to all of us and is essential for healthy city living.
Rory Denovan	Seattle, WA	2015-06-25	As a former Parks employee, I witnessed destruction of forest by special interest uses. The intent is always to limit and mitigate damage, but in the end it rarely actually works. The forest always loses in the end and more often than not the special use limits use of the forest by others. Our forests are already damaged by past logging, invasive species and fragmentation. Every time we put in a special use, the understory is the first to go, followed by the birds and wildlife that use it. There are other sites for mountain bike courses and dog off leash areas that don't destroy the forest. Please think about what this means for the future of our emerald city.
Richard Frank	Seattle, WA	2015-06-25	Natural areas need to be kept natural, not forever and irrevocably changed by mechanized use, commercial activities and other non-natural uses these changed rules would result in.