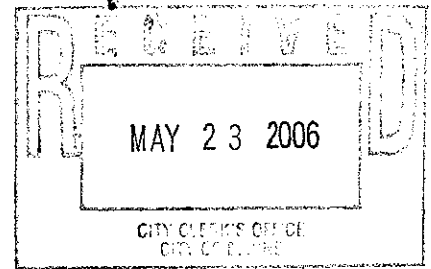


May 20, 2006

Blaine City Council ✓  
City Planning Staff  
Blaine City Hall  
344 H Street  
Blaine, WA 98230



Dear City Council and Planning Staff:

Are you paying attention to all the development on the coastal shores of Washington State? Have you wondered where all the pristine natural areas have gone? They are disappearing at an alarming rate by way of mass developments from Seattle to British Columbia. Have you traveled to see what other coastal communities are doing in our state? One pristine area after another has become blighted by development.

Semiahmoo still has a relatively untarnished beach ideal for thousands of migrating waterfowl. You do know that many of these birds stop here on their way to Russia or South America during their migrations, enjoying your beautifully protected harbor. And of course, you do know about the shy, picky eating Brant Geese, who favor Semiahmoo's rare eelgrass.

Part of the allure for a Seattle resident like myself, who drives up to your region 4 – 5 times a year, is to savor your beautiful shores, and learn about migratory birds. It is a bigger draw than you may realize and the interest is growing. More and more of us are looking for natural settings by the sea to enjoy nature. Certainly you have paid attention to the plethora of bird species passing through your harbor and outer peninsula?

You have a huge amount of responsibility in considering our environment. The impact and strain development imposes on undeveloped land especially on the spit is huge. Marinas will have to be drugged out, more paved parking applied, more commercial space built, more storm water will drain off into the Sound, and of course the impact of more people and their pets.

Why must Trillium Corporation proceed with their building project? Sometimes, doing the right thing is to say "no" to more development when it conflicts with nature. What will happen to Semiahmoo's peaceful shoreline? Surely you are looking at the "BIG" picture for future generations and not just thinking about budgeted tax dollars. Once it's built, that's it ....the remainder of your pristine area is forever gone!

Sincerely,

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cc: Seattle Times

May 24, 2006

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Dear Planning Staff:

This letter is written to express my strong interest in managing the development of the Semiahmoo peninsula. I have been a resident in the State of Washington for my entire life and have recently moved to the Semiahmoo development. My wife and I were attracted to this area because of the environment, managed development, the natural beauty, and the caring people.

The Semiahmoo peninsula is unique for a number of reasons. First, it attracts a number of unique birds. The peninsula is a stopping place in the flight pattern of the Brant Geese because of the rare eelgrass that grows on the peninsula. There are a number of other sea birds that need this piece of land for their life and the number of each species is dwindling at an alarming rate. It is also the home of a family of bald eagles.

The peninsula is used by the existing residents for recreation and for family outdoor activities. Population density is a significant issue. Greater density impacts the natural environment and has a significant negative impact on the population currently using this area for family life. Over use of land has a negative return to all of us.

People are learning the importance of proper management of our unique and scarce resource – land – for the long term benefit of everyone. As sensitive and caring people we need to respectfully understand and establish an all inclusive value of certain parcels of our limited and thereby very scarce resource. The Semiahmoo peninsula represents an opportunity to correctly realize the importance of appropriately managing a valuable public piece of land for the benefit of ourselves, our children, our grandchildren and all future generations.

Truly,



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