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This comment is in response to the proposed dock project PLN50280C SSDP.

As I watched the Chilly Hilly race go by on Manzanita road in late February, hearing the bicyclers exclaim "what a beautiful place!" I became sick at heart imagining how the proposed dock would change this lovely small tidal bay. Then Coronavirus came along. Now, as the world goes a bit mad, the solace provided by the beautiful natural space outside my window is immeasurable.

Little Manzanita bay is a unique, lovely open space of water that changes, moment to moment, by tides, weather, and season. One change it does not need is a mega-dock.

In the thirty years that I've lived on the little bay, many things have changed on Bainbridge Island as population, construction, traffic and property values have increased. Luckily, the island wide community has recognized the Island's natural beauty and understands the need to protect open space by investing in preservation. One example is the Bainbridge Island Land Trust creation of the Miller-Kirkman preserve.

According to the BI Land Trust website*:

Little Manzanita Cove (which includes Miller-Kirkman) is one of two unaltered salt marsh/lagoon reaches on Bainbridge Island as identified in the Bainbridge Island Nearshore Assessment (2004) and is a focus area for protection and restoration efforts. Both Manzanita Creek and Mosquito Creek contain documented cutthroat trout and coho salmon spawning reaches, as verified in a 2014 Wild Fish Conservancy's (WFC) stream type assessment.

By protecting Miller-Kirkman, the Bainbridge Island Land Trust aims to safeguard an Island treasure and help improve the vibrancy of Little Manzanita Bay and surrounding Puget Sound.

I support the comments thus far submitted by others opposing the dock proposal for many of the same reasons. Environmental impact. Access to Little Manzanita bay. Aesthetic nightmare-at day and night. Property values.

Please reject this dock proposal.

*www.bi-landtrust.org/protected-space/miller-kirkman-preserve/

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