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Attn: Annie Hillier

RE: Miller Road Shoulder SUR PLN51009

Hi Annie,

Bainbridge Island Land Trust is the owner of Kitsap County Tax parcel 162502-2-027-2002, which is a 19 acre forest preserve along the east side of Miller Road. We received in our office on January 16, 2018 a Notice of Application/SEPA Comment Period for the 6 foot wide shoulder widening project being proposed for Miller road – giving us approximately 8 business days to review the project files. While the notice indicated a comment deadline of January 26, 2018 I am still submitting comments as an adjoining landowner, interested in better understanding the plans for the project and how the protection of sensitive areas within the proximity of the project site will be managed. The Land Trust is supportive of efforts to provide safe transportation passage along Miller Road, but we are very interested in having someone share a more with us about the trees that are being proposed for removal, as well as the sensitives of the wetland and stream in the area, especially those related to wetland A which I believe is adjacent to a larger wetland complex within the property the land trust owns.

The property we own – called Heart of the Forest – provides a visual buffer along Miller road as well as the protection of 19 acres of wetland, stream, and forested habitats. The wetlands and stream within our property flow into Issei Creek, one of the Island salmon bearing streams. The land was purchased through a community fundraising campaign and so it is important to us to understand the potential impacts of the Miller Road project in conjunction with the protection of the community resources that were invested in the Heart of the Forest property.

While it is very difficult in looking at the maps provided for within the Skillings Connolly report dated 12/7/2017, it appears the Wetland A identified in their report is unfortunately represented to be much smaller than the actual wetland, which extends quite a bit into the Land Trust property. Since the Land Trust has no plans to develop the Heart of the Forest property, we have not had a wetland delineation performed on our parcel, but I can assure you, the wetland is much larger than the illustration in the Skillings Connolly report. Therefore I recommend the mitigation for

impacts of this wetland connected with the road shoulder work be looked at more closely as having potential impacts to the landscape below (or to the east and south east) of the project area, specifically the wetlands on the Heart of the Forest property, and the stream that flows into Issei Creek.

Is there a way to have someone at the City spend some time with me out on the landscape so we can review the proposed plan, have a better understanding of the proposed tree removal, and the proposed mitigation plan? We would really appreciate an opportunity to learn more.

Additionally, has the City had a chance to fully survey the right of way and mark the boundary on the ground? We certainly would want to work with the City to have this done prior to construction to avoid any potential removal of vegetation on the Land Trust preserve.

Thank you for your review of these comments and for your understanding of our concerns.

I look forward to hearing back from someone at the City on this matter as soon as reasonable.

Best Regards,
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