



May 5, 2020

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department  
C/O Paul Knowles  
404 N. Havana Street  
Spokane, WA 99202

Sent via email

RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

Dear Mr. Knowles,

I am writing on behalf of Avista to express support for the protection of Beacon Hill through the acquisition of several properties being proposed for purchase by Spokane County Parks and City of Spokane Parks departments.

As a property owner on Beacon Hill, we have seen the increased use of trails in the area by hikers and mountain bikers alike. We believe that public recreational use of the Beacon Hill area is consistent with our ongoing operations there. More broadly, we support this great opportunity to secure an area with unique attributes and access as a recreational and habitat resource for the future.

Those are the reasons Avista plans to donate a conservation easement allowing public recreational use of its Beacon Hill property to help secure the public benefits in support of the project. A conservative estimated value of this easement is \$375,000. We hope that with our support and funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office, we can preserve this vital urban recreational and open space area for future generations. We look forward to being a partner in this effort.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance to help make Beacon Hill public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bruce Howard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce Howard  
Sr. Director, Real Estate & Environmental Affairs



4/06/20

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department  
C/O Paul Knowles  
404 N. Havana Street  
Spokane, WA 99202

RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

Dear Mr. Knowles,

I am writing to express on behalf of my organization support for the preservation of Beacon Hill through the acquisition of several properties being proposed for purchase by Spokane County Parks and City of Spokane Parks departments.

Beacon hill is really the recreational gem of the Inland Northwest. Its proximity to Spokane and ease of access for all types of outdoor recreation make it unique and unlike anything else in the state. Hundreds of people from the west side and neighboring states travel here each year just to recreate on Beacon Hill. Not preserving it would have a huge financial impact on Spokane and the neighboring areas. As population increases and building continues to take over green spaces now is the time to preserve these critical areas.

To show the level of community support to preserve Beacon Hill, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance has pledged \$20,000.00 in matching funds. We were able to raise this money in just 5 days further demonstrating how important this area is to our community.

We hope that with our support and funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office, we can preserve this vital urban recreational and open space area for future generations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance to help make Beacon Hill public.

Sincerely,

Chris Conley  
President - Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Eastern Washington Chapter  
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4/22/2020

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department  
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RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

Dear Mr. Knowles,

On behalf of the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy (INLC) I am writing to express our support for the preservation of public access to Beacon Hill through the acquisition of several properties being proposed for purchase by Spokane County Parks and City of Spokane Parks departments.

Among the criteria that we use to evaluate the public land conservation projects that we participate in throughout the region, we give strong weighting to community support. This Beacon Hill land project is easily the most widely supported and highly visible of the efforts that we are aware of in eastern Washington. And the project area is clearly deserving of its place in RCO's recent inventory of Recreational Assets of Statewide Significance.

This is why INLC is pleased to join Evergreen East Mountain Bike Alliance as a supporter of this joint project between Spokane County Parks and City of Spokane Parks with our pledge to contribute roughly \$25,000 worth of professional services towards this worthy project.

We hope that with our support and funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office, we can preserve this vital urban recreational and open space area for future generations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance to help make Beacon Hill public.

Sincerely,

Dave Schaub  
Executive Director  
Inland Northwest Land Conservancy

Inland Northwest Land Conservancy 35 West Main Avenue, Suite 210 Spokane, WA 99201



April 3, 2020

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department  
C/O Paul Knowles  
404 N. Havana Street  
Spokane, WA 99202

201 W North River Dr. Suite 130  
Spokane, WA 99201

RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

Dear Mr. Knowles,

I am writing to express on behalf of Spokane Sports our support for the preservation of Beacon Hill through the acquisition of several properties being proposed for purchase by Spokane County Parks and City of Spokane Parks departments.

As an economic and community development organization, we recognize the benefits associated with this proposed property acquisition. Our mission is to develop sports and recreation opportunities that drive an economic and social benefit in our community. These properties open opportunities to develop events and activities that would interlace trails and features in a very unique and exciting way. We look forward to our continued partnership with Spokane County Parks to make these a reality.

We hope that with our support and funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office, we can preserve and enhance this vital urban recreational and open space area for future generations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance and share our vision for this special area in our community.

Sincerely,

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Eric Sawyer  
President / CEO



4/21/2020

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department  
C/O Paul Knowles  
404 N. Havana Street  
Spokane, WA 99202

RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

Dear Mr. Knowles,

I am writing to express on behalf of my organization support for the preservation of Beacon Hill through the acquisition of several properties being proposed for purchase by Spokane County Parks and City of Spokane Parks departments.

Natural, open recreational space in an urban, accessible location is extremely rare. Once lost, it is impossible to re-create. In many cities, a community asset like Beacon Hill is a lost dream and attempts to provide this type of environment are often many miles outside of a community, inaccessible to a significant number of its citizens. Spokane is so fortunate our city and county leaders long ago recognized the need for fantastic parks and open spaces. Today, we continue this foresight with our conservation futures acquisitions and ongoing development of community trails and parks.

Beacon Hill has avoided significant development to this point, and through grassroots efforts, become an urban treasure. It deserves to be a high priority for protection and preservation through public and private investment.

In support of this, Wheel Sport organized a community gathering at the Magic Lantern Theater in February, where we raised just under \$1000 for Evergreen East to help with their RCO grant matching funds.

We hope that with our support and funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office, we can preserve this vital urban recreational and open space area for future generations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance to help make Beacon Hill public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Neupert', written in a cursive style.

Mark Neupert, Owner  
SLI Holdings, LLC dba Wheel Sport



April 6, 2020

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department

C/O Paul Knowles

404 N. Havana Street

Spokane, WA 99202

RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

Dear Mr. Knowles,

I am writing to express on behalf of my organization support for the preservation of Beacon Hill through the acquisition of several properties being proposed for purchase by Spokane County Parks and City of Spokane Parks departments.

The Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, through our Greater Outdoors initiative, has consistently advocated for the preservation of our community's recreational spaces to help maintain the Spokane Valley as being a vital and vibrant place for all. Through collaboration with business, government entities, and citizen groups, this initiative encourages opportunities to enhance the quality of recreation, nature and parks, while stimulating economic growth. We see the plan set forth by Spokane County as an outstanding master plan for the Beacon Hill area which will finally connect access from Spokane Valley to the rest of the trails located on the west end of the complex.

We hope that with our support and funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office, we can preserve this vital urban recreational and open space area for future generations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance to help make Beacon Hill public.

Sincerely,

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Lance Beck

President and CEO

Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce

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April 7, 2020

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department  
C/O Paul Knowles  
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Spokane, WA 99202

RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

Dear Mr. Knowles,

I am writing to express on behalf of my organization support for the preservation of Beacon Hill through the acquisition of several properties being proposed for purchase by Spokane County Parks and City of Spokane Parks departments.

One of the greatest attractions and reasons people make this community home, is our abundance of outdoor assets. I've traveled to many places throughout the World and have yet to find an asset offering World class mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing, and trail running as with Beacon. It's an asset not only local's leverage, but on any day you will find several individuals visiting from outside of the Spokane area riding the amazing variety of single track throughout Beacon.

Beacon is a catalyst for more, not less outdoor activity. There are great things happening up at Mica that your aware of. Riverside State Park, Liberty Lake, Mt Spokane, Antoine Peak all offer additional riding destinations for locals that also will attract more visitors from outside the Spokane community. Beacon stands as the model for these other local riding areas for both new and experienced riders.

Mountain Biking is a growing outdoor activity not only on a National level but also on a local level. One of the reasons we see the hockey stick growth in our community is Beacon, it offers a great place for bikers new to trail riding to quickly explore, take advantage of the skills park, pump track and watch some amazing local talent in the "Hollywood" area launching incredible air tricks that inspire our youth.

Evergreen East stands as the nucleus with its army of volunteers and mission to advance safe & secure mountain biking while practicing preservation of our lands. The owners of Millwood have a mission of "leaving this place better than we found it". A mission that Evergreen East represents. Evergreen East is an organization that Millwood has adopted as its primary organization that we give back to every year. The last two year's we donated over \$2500 in beer that generated in excess of \$5000. The employees of Millwood volunteered 50+ hours towards events, dig days, and maintaining trails at Beacon, MT Spokane & Mica. In addition, we are an Epic Member donating \$500 every year. Much of these proceeds have gone directly towards making Beacon public.

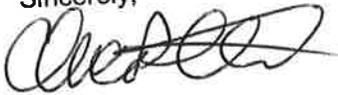
Mountain Biking is a lifestyle. Many of my best friends I've met through riding bikes on trails. MTN Junkies is a group of over a 100+ riders with a passion for riding. We meet every Wednesday at the Brewery and ride to the towers and back. Female and Male riders of all skill levels and ages join these

Wednesday rides. Many of them also are involved with Evergreen East as members, donors and volunteers. Taking Beacon away would remove this activity.

We hope that with our support and funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office, we can preserve this vital urban recreational and open space area for future generations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance to help make Beacon Hill public.

Sincerely,



Chuck R Watkins

Owner

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April 6, 2020

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Spokane, WA 99202

RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

Dear Mr. Knowles:

Our organization fully and wholeheartedly supports the acquisition for public recreational and open space purposes the several properties in Spokane's and Spokane County's Beacon Hill area proposed by the park departments of both jurisdictions.

To quote RCW 84.34.200: "... such areas and spaces, if preserved and maintained in their present open state, would constitute important assets to existing and impending urban and metropolitan development, at the same time that they would continue to contribute to the welfare and well-being of the citizens of the state as a whole."

The preservation of Beacon Hill public access is a project of long-standing interest to the Inland Northwest Trails Coalition. In the history of our members' involvement with conservation efforts in Spokane County we have helped host collaborative work with the National Parks Service that resulted in the Beacon Hill Trail System Concept Master Plan in 2008.

This area has been the subject of a more than decades-long effort to secure this landscape, which accomplishes the connection of important conservation and recreation areas that will result in contiguous managed public open space of more than 700 acres, including the public golf course. The Beacon Hill portion will feature mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing and Spokane River access.

Sincerely,

*Lunell Haught*

Lunell Haught for  
Inland Northwest Trails and Conservation Coalition



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April 16, 2020

Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf Department  
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Spokane, WA 99202

RE: Make Beacon Hill Public Project

*Dear Paul:*

I am writing to express strong support for the preservation of Beacon Hill through the acquisition of several properties proposed for purchase by Spokane County Parks and The City of Spokane Parks Departments. Adding these various property acquisitions would be a great addition to an already outstanding recreation space and mountain bike trail system in Spokane. Purchasing these properties will ensure continuity and connectivity of the trail system. Beacon Hill Conservation Area provides a variety of unique recreational opportunities.

This project is particularly attractive to the City of Spokane because its proximity to downtown and its regional importance to recreation. There is a sense of urgency as the opportunity to purchase these privately owned parcels is running out. Residential development is being planned and hopefully the acquisition of these properties can be obtained to limit or reduce the negative impact on the mountain bike trail system. It is truly an area for all seasons for recreational opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity for the City of Spokane Valley to submit its support for the Make Beacon Hill Public Project. We hope that with our support and funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office, we as a community can acquire and protect this vital urban recreational and open space area for future generations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance to help implement this great community project.

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Stone, CPRP, PLA  
Director of Parks and Recreation