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Subject: Rural Industrial Land Bank

Gordon,

I recently read about a proposed land designation change in the 'Rural Industrial Land Bank' that is being considered on property on the south side of 149th street in Brush Prairie

This is deeply concerning since across the street on the north side is not only the CASEE (Battleground School) but also the WILDLIFE BOTANICAL GARDENS which is a non-profit organization and very much a part of the community. These gardens spread out over 3 acres and educate the citizens of the local area on how to plant not only native plants but also how to attract birds, butterflies, hummingbirds, mason bees and other wildlife to the gardens. The Wildlife Botanical Gardens do partner with the kids from CASEE to encourage and enlighten their education process.

If the land on the south side of 149th is developed into potential structures with more concrete and less open land, the gardens will lose the wildlife and not be as effective with their teaching and education processes to the citizens of our community.

Are there any opportunities to keep a section (like 25 acres) to permanently remain as an open environmental area that borders the south side of 149th st to protect the wildlife that live in the area?

If you are not aware of the Wildlife Botanical Gardens, they are open year round and not only show off their beauty but offer a place to relax and enjoy the wildlife that comes to visit. The official address is 11000 NE 149th St, Brush Prairie WA. In fact those who work at the Battle Ground School offices nearby do take the time out to eat lunch in the gardens.

Please do take in to consideration of the impact that development across the street and the impact that it will have on the Wildlife Botanical Gardens.

Sincerely a local concerned citizen,

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