



December 12, 2017

Bothell City Council
18415 101st Ave. NE
Bothell, WA 98011

Dear City Council Members,

The Seattle Audubon Society advocates for preserving green space and wildlife habitat in our city and its surrounding neighborhoods. We are thrilled at the possibility that the Wayne Golf Course purchase could have for the people of Bothell, the birds that migrate along the Pacific Flyway, and our environment. We encourage you to vote yes on the purchase of the Back 9 of the former Wayne Golf Course, which, together with the Front 9 has valuable potential for wildlife conservation, connecting humans to nature, and bringing renewed recreational and visitor interest to the city of Bothell.

One of Seattle Audubon's key conservation issues is around the preservation of urban wild places. Many species of birds rely on our region as they migrate. This former Wayne Golf Course has the opportunity to be a wildlife refuge for many species in Western Washington, and also garner the interest of the birding community.

In addition to birds, The Seattle Audubon Conservation Committee has declared that Puget Sound protection is one of the key conservation issues facing our region. The former Wayne Golf Course provides unique habitat for salmon in the Sammamish River. Salmon preservation is important for all aspects of the Pacific Northwest ecosystem, including humans, birds, and marine mammals.

I recently had the opportunity to visit the former Wayne Golf Course, and envision this as a place where a community can come together, experience the benefits of green space, and contribute to important avian and wildlife conservation. Please consider voting "yes" to purchase the Back 9 of this property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Megan Friesen'.

Megan Friesen, PhD
Conservation Manager, Seattle Audubon Society