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I am writing to let you know I support the following recommendations for our MI parks.

Protect OUR Parks by:

- > Leaving parkland for recreational uses and facilities only not government offices
- > Substantially reduce the proposed height limit of buildings within the park
- **➤** No Net Increase in Impervious Surfaces
- Limiting transit stops to the right of ways
- ➤ Not allowing parking structures in our parks
- Not allowing a future re-zone of a park without a community vote

Carol Mariano Resident of Mercer Island

All these things are part of the drama of the kingdom, part of God's healing and renewal of life on Earth, part of the kind of faith that the Lord is looking for when he comes to be among us – the kind of faith, the kind of trust in, and openness to God that draws us out to the cold, dark places; to see all the Earth under the brilliant canopy of God's good design for all; to hear and be moved by the cries of the world around us; to be thrilled by signs of slashing light and of brilliant, falling glory; and to live as fellow travelers with others who are willing to live towards God's great, compassionate design for all that is. (Brian Donst)

The Rev. Dr. Carol Mariano