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Subject: Preservation of the Mercerdale Park greenbelt and Hillside Park

Attention: Scott Greenberg, Development Services Group Director

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I am writing concerning the Mercerdale greenbelt and hillside

My husband and I have been living aside the property now called The Mercerdale Park and Hillside Park for 56 years.

In about 1970, due to developers interests in building homes on the spring-fed hill (running with streams), that the mercer island community brought to a vote the developing of a park. The mercer island community voted to create a park on the hillside and Mercerdale "flats".

In order to create Mercerdale park, they raised "the flats", then a large swamp, by 12 feet. The property between 32nd and 40th & 74th and 78th became park.

Because the creation of this Mercerdale park, greenbelt and hillside was decided by a vote -any changes to this park must be brought to a vote of the Mercer Island citizens. The park is in the possession of the Mercer Island citizens. Park property cannot be rezoned as commercial without a vote.

John & Dolores Gehrig

