

Kate Blystone - Fwd: Input for County Council Meeting re: Larrabee Springs

From: Council
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To: Whatcom County Council
County Executive Pete Kremen

From: Kenni B. Merritt
Re: Larrabee Springs
Date: November 23, 2009

I am a Bellingham resident. I am writing to support bringing Larrabee Springs back into the Bellingham UGA for the following reasons:

- Larrabee Springs gives us a great opportunity to have a master planned project that could provide for a range of housing types, including affordable housing, and developer-provided parks, trails, open space and other recreational and community amenities which are urgently needed on the northside of Bellingham.
- Since Larrabee Springs is contiguous to a high density single-family and multi-family residential area, it makes sense to build here for convenient access to our regional commercial center. Significant transportation and commercial infrastructure is already in place so people wouldn't have to drive long distances for jobs, shopping and entertainment.
- The area has not been used for agricultural purposes for decades and is not high agricultural quality soil.
- This is a place where people want to live. This project would go a long way toward helping us achieve our density and infill goals.
- The City of Bellingham has strict environmental, stormwater and building permit standards so this would be an environmentally responsible development.

For these reasons, I urge you to bring Larrabee Springs back into the Bellingham UGA.

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