
Subject: FW: Opposition to draft OCP

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Hello, mayor and council

My name is Thea Rodgers and I live at 1450 Jarvis Street, within walking distance of the Prince George Aquatic Center and the 18th avenue roundabout entrance to Ginters Meadow walking trails.

I am opposed to the inclusion of figures and language showing future development potential for the Ginters Meadow area, specifically the stretch from 18th avenue to 22nd zoned as Light Industrial. I am also opposed to the zoning of the forested lot between 15th and 18th near the soccer fields and snow dump as small scale residential. I am also strongly opposed to the future development of surrounding lands at the south end slopes near Ginters Meadow, currently zoned in the draft OCP as Urban Containment Boundary.

I frequent these trails upwards of 4x/week for trail running, walking, and cycling. I would encourage all of you to take a stroll through the trails at the south end slopes near Ginters, or up around the trails just west of the ice oval and horse stables. These are beautiful green spaces that are worth preserving. I would be very frustrated to see further development encroach upon the trail networks. I'm angered at the prospect of further development in these areas where we have encountered several bird species, native plants, and amphibians. In a decade when bird populations are in steep decline across North America, bird habitat within the city is crucial to preserve.

While I understand urban growth needs to happen, I am frustrated to see when there is less of a push for restructuring and densification in existing developed areas that already have sewer infrastructure and snow clearing plans in place, rather than the further spread and sprawl into forested lands. Pushing sprawl outwards and adding in new roads increases the overall cost to the city, greater demand on plows and road infrastructure.

I hope you will reconsider the draft OCP language and make a motion to exclude the section from 18th to 22nd and the southern slopes near Ginters from future development zoning, and to keep this as a pedestrian green belt in perpetuity.

Thank you
Thea Rodgers