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FW: Comments on Official Community Plan

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Hello City of PG

I am writing to oppose the Official Community Plan that includes potential development of the forest surrounding the trails in Forests for the World and the Greenway. I was always under the impression that this forest was already set aside as a park. My friends and I use this area multiple times a week for walking, running and riding our bikes. We like the feeling of being in a forest and do not want to just use trails surrounded by a small fringe of trees. This area is a community asset that costs the City of PG next to nothing to maintain and provides recreation opportunities that are available to a wide variety of age groups and socio economic groups. No need to borrow millions of dollars to create a phoney plastic 'park' at Carrie Jane Grey park. Why not just retain the existing park like areas we have at Forests for the World and the Greenway and embrace our native forest environment surrounding this area? I'm unhappy that the City planners seem to be stuck in an expensive 'big city' model of development at all costs, instead of being fiscally prudent and accepting and valuing the natural resource opportunities for recreation that the City already has.

Please amend the OCP and remove all the Future Growth Priority (the yellow parts) along Tyner and the escarpment from the Growth Management Map. Our city has too much sprawl already, and the extra infrastructure development and maintenance is only adding to our property taxes.

While I understand that you need my name and address to confirm that I am a resident of the City of Prince George, I ask that, in the interests of my privacy, you do not publish my address or contact information, as you've done in the past.

Sincerely

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