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Lane Shetterly
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Re: Objection To City of McMinnville Periodic Review Work Task

Dear Mr. Shetterly:

The McMinnville City Council has issued findings on the park land issue that LCDC sent back to the City for further consideration. Per the notice sent by the City of McMinnville I would like to file this objection with DLCD.

I have participated in this process for several years, both as a citizen submitting testimony for the record and as a member of the McMinnville Citizens Advisory Committee. I provided additional testimony on the park land issue for the public hearings that were held on May 24, 2005 and January 11, 2006.

The City has overstated the need for buildable lands for parks. The City's findings do not respond to the issues that I and others testified to, including: 1) parks could be placed on non-buildable land in a much greater percentage than calculated by the City and in fact have been so sited historically throughout the City; 2) the Park Plan cited by the City encourages sharing facilities with the School District and Linfield College as additional evidence I placed in the record shows is currently taking place; and 3) after a third of the 20-year planning period has been completed in the City's Park Plan not only is the City not moving towards its goal of 14 acres of park land per thousand residents, it has in fact lost ground.

I encourage you to carefully review this issue once again. Nothing has changed since the issue was sent to the City for further work, and there continues to be a serious overstatement in the buildable land needed for parks.

Sincerely,



Mark Davis