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Cc: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Please don't develop the old airfield!

Dear Parks Board members,

As you are aware, the City Council has put forward a plan to develop Airfield Park to include an Aquatic Center. This area is one of our last remaining wildlife corridors and we need to protect, \NOT destroy it.

You are also aware that the City Council voted for Sound Transit to pave over ACRES of our treasured Mercer Slough Nature Park, giving them this property for nothing – a park that was bought with park bonds voted on by the people! The continuing disruption to our wildlife corridors over here is sad as more animals cannot get to the Slough to eat and live. They cross Belevue Way and are killed. They come into the neighborhoods and some are killed there, too.

This isn't about either/or. This is about protecting our environment from further degradation, a goal that Parks Board should have as foremost in their minds.

Sincerely,

Renay Bennett