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Subject: Kelsey Creek Farm Park -- many thanks!

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Hello Shelly,

My husband, Steve, and I have lived in the Wilburton, Kelsey Creek Farm Park area since 1984. One of the most delightful features of living in this area is not only the Bellevue Botanical Garden, Wilburton Hill Park and Woodridge park trails, but the farm at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Many, many thanks to you, the City of Bellevue Parks Department and the Kelsey Creek Farm Park staff for keeping the park a safe, educational, natural, fun and active place for people of all ages and abilities.

As staff and volunteers for the Eastside Heritage Center, Steve and I have presented historic programs in the 1888 Fraser Cabin. It was always a delight and added another public program to those already offered by the Farm Park. We feel so very fortunate to live nearby and to watch the happy faces of people whenever they visit the park. We have met people from surrounding towns such as Renton and Issaquah who come often to this park because they love it. Much of this feeling is due to you and your staff who care about the animals and the welfare of the park. This wonderfully diverse parkland is a treasure to the City of Bellevue. I hope it will remain that way for a long time to come. It serves a diverse population in multiple ways and has an interesting history. There are few other places in the area where children and adults can experience a working farm. It must take hours of time and skill to maintain this active farm. Your skill in maintaining open space at the Farm, while closing other areas due to the Corona Virus, was well done. Thank you for your consideration for people's health.

One last note: Our neighbor's children attended summer camp programs at the farm and loved it!

Thank you for all you do to maintain this parkland farm --- Kelsey Creek Farm Park!

With Appreciation and Thanks,
Barb W