

## Amy Johnson

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**From:** Kenneth Bierly <bierlykenneth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 25, 2020 3:30 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder; citycouncil; Chuck Bennett  
**Subject:** Support for Agenda Item 3.3b.  
**Attachments:** Support Letter.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council.

Please accept the attached letter of support for the approach to acquiring property for Marine Drive.



*Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council* P.O. Box 5005 Salem, OR 97304

July 25, 2020

City of Salem  
Mayor Chuck Bennett  
Council Members

Re: Agenda Item 3.3b. Purchase and Sale Agreement with Robert and Suzan Creamer for acquisition of real property

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Glenn Gibson Creek Watershed Council is pleased with the recent actions on May 26, 2020 associated with land acquisition of three properties and the proposed acquisition tonight for the Creamer property for the right-of way for Marine Drive. Each property acquisition included the acquisition of floodplain property that has additional value to the citizens of Salem. These properties have significant long-term benefits to the floodplain ecosystem and protection of human welfare. The properties acquired by the City will be of benefit in assuring flood water storage, riparian habitat, and wildlife support that will help the City comply with the Biological Opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service concerning the implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program. We are pleased to see the incremental acquisition of parcels that total nearly 10 acres of floodplain by the City adjacent to Wallace Marine Park.

As the acquisition of right-of way for Marine Drive continues we encourage the City to consider additional floodplain acquisition as well. The Watershed Council has seen portions of the property by invitation of landowners and believe the significant ecological values can be managed with limited effort to reduce the impact of invasive species (both plants and human).

During the deliberations by Council on the acquisitions, staff Kristen Retherford inquired about protecting the property using a conservation easement. While that option was not seen as appropriate for the sellers of these specific properties, there may be an opportunity to use that tool for additional land conservation benefits in the floodplain providing additional benefits to the City and City inhabitants.

The Watershed Council fully supports the proposed acquisition in Agenda Item 3.3b. and would be pleased to work with staff to plan for the long-term management and appropriate public use of the floodplain throughout West Salem. We look forward to working with the City for mutual benefits to the community and the Willamette River ecosystem. Please feel free to contact the Watershed Council at any time to continue the conversation.

Kenneth F. Bierly, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth F. Bierly".

Glenn Gibson Creek Watershed Council

**Mission:** to foster better understanding and stewardship of watershed resources

**Purpose:** to share information, reduce duplication of activities and to help address watershed management issues in the watershed and to provide a framework for coordination and cooperation among key interests

**Vision:** a balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed and provides for an economic base and viable communities

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**From:** STEVEN ANDERSON <andersonriskanalysis@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 2:49 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Materials for Inclusion Tonight's City Council Meeting  
**Attachments:** Steve Anderson Public Comments Graphic Items 3.3b & 3.3g.pdf

Please include the attached map in the materials going to City Council for tonight's meeting. It will be part of my Public Comments for Agenda Items 3.3b & 3.3g. Please advise receipt of this material. Thank you.

Steve Anderson  
andersonriskanalysis@comcast.net

## 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Cameo Marine Drive Alignment

Point A: 5<sup>th</sup> Ave at Cameo North Alignment

Point B: 5<sup>th</sup> Ave North Alignment



Attachment to Public Comments of Steve Anderson  
Agenda items 3.3b & 3.3g  
July 27, 2020 City Council Meeting