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Dear Mr. Sturdevant and Mr. Susewind,

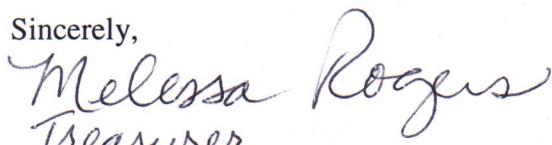
We are requesting that the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) include stronger Municipal Storm water regulations and Low Impact Development (LID) requirements in its new standards and that it strengthen the Permits with expanded requirements to monitor discharges into open spaces and streams.

Seahurst Park is a 188 acre park that sits on Puget Sound and is located in the City of Burien. It is designated as a critical area because it contains both wetlands and steep slopes. Our neighborhood is located in the critical areas adjacent to the park so we are sensitive to the impact of surface water and storm water pollution—whatever storm water and surface water issues that impact the park (community property) also affects our lands (private property). The park itself has very little impervious surfaces; so much of rain fall is absorbed directly into the ground. The park acts as a big sponge, filters many gallons of water, and there is year-around seepage from the hillsides.

Our community involvement has contributed to the environmental protection of our neighborhood as well as the park and we are subjected to the effects of the City's lax Storm Water Master Plan that fails to regulate and reduce upland storm water runoff and its toxic brew of hydrocarbons, heavy metals, paints, soaps, phosphates, dog poop, fertilizers and pesticides that flow into Lake Burien and Miller Creek. When implemented, the improved DOE LID requirements will force the City of Burien to take a more responsible, proactive approach in developing a robust Storm Water Master Plan that better protects the city's residents, open spaces, freshwater creeks and streams, and the waters of Puget Sound.

The Neighbors of Seahurst Park are requesting that the DOE adopt stronger Municipal Storm Water regulations and Low Impact Development standards.

Sincerely,


Melissa Rogers
Treasurer
Neighbors of Seahurst Park