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From: Tim Clark
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To: Lopez Village Subarea Planning Comments
Subject: comments to draft Lopez Village Plan

Dear devoted Planners and volunteers,

I had the opportunity to speak with you at the pop-up display at the Lopez Village Market today. Thank you for the chance to learn more, and congratulations on what looked like a well-attended event.

I would like to offer a couple of comments.

The map of trails shows a trail from Lopez Road close to Village Road, south across an open field and then across the Weeks Wetland Preserve to Weeks Point Way. Personally, I would prefer to see this trail along the shoulder of Weeks Point Way, for two reasons.

- 1) The open field is privately owned, and the owner has expressed concern over government agencies trying to use his land before. Seeing a new trail on a map may make that trail more difficult to achieve.
- 2) The trail across the Preserve crosses the drainage from Lopez Village and an existing trail, and comes close to the Category I wetland that the Preserve protects. It may be possible to install a new trail, but it would entail many permits and seems redundant.

Also, I was disappointed to see that there were no native trees chosen to be planted on public lands within the Village. While I appreciate landscaping trees, I also appreciate the ecological services that native trees offer, such as habitat and food for native songbirds and pollinators. Please consider changing some of the trees to native species, such as Douglas maples, Douglas hawthorns, and *Malus fusca*, our native crabapple.

Thank you once again for all your work. I hope to read the draft plan in more detail for your next meeting.

Respectfully,
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