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To: jared.ebert@state.co.us

Mr. Ebert,

I am writing concerning what our neighborhood and community knows as "The Lakes" next to the historic Poudre River bike and walking path, located just west of Shields Street in Fort Collins, CO. We understand there is a proposal to construct an impenetrable fence, drain and mine the ponds, and line them for water storage. This would effectively remove this area from our community's use. Although informal, this is a hub of activity and neighborhood socializing year round. Many residents can be found swimming on hot days, exercising, running and training dogs, or enjoying a beautiful sunset walk right here in Fort Collins.

As a farmer, I personally have an appreciation for the diversity for wildlife that makes its home in our backyard. Ecological diversity is a massive boon to my farm and many other farmers' well being as the native population of birds, snakes, and small mammals is allowed to regenerate and have relatively sovereign habitat.

On top of this, a similar project as described already exists less than one mile to the west. It is a barren place where the echo of generators bounces off of rusted Caterpillar machinery. I urge you to reconsider the future of this land in question, as it is greatly valued by our community in its current form.

Thank you,
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