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Subject: Agenda item 7.2.1 Natural Areas Management Pilots – Small Swale and Richard St Barbe Baker Afforestation Area [CK 4110-38]

Meeting (if known): Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services Monday, December 05, 2022 at 9:30 A.m.

Comments:

As attached in a formal letter, and repeated here. Thank you. (No request to speak at this time)

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As pointed out in the reference reports these two areas combined provide over \$1,000,000 per year in ecosystem services. Using the figure of up to \$16,000 as the value of a large, healthy tree, as referenced in a 2017 City of Saskatoon report, the value of the RSBBAA would be much higher.

In addition:

- In RSBBAA over 17 species at risk have been identified on either e-Bird or through iNaturalist photos
- The areas are prime places to study regeneration, ecological succession, geology, First Nations history and ethnobotany
- The West Swale is a remnant of the Yorath Island Glacial Spillway. The spillway and its connection to the river valley influenced Paleo-Indian activity in the area. The potential is there to study spiritual, medicinal, and nutritional uses of the area from a First Nations historical perspective. The post-contact historic Old Bone Trail is another heritage element
- Honouring the legacy of Richard St. Barbe Baker, a pioneering Global Conservationist, who had many ties to Saskatoon
- The role of these areas as carbon sinks
- Protecting these areas matches many of the goals identified by the UN for both Sustainable Development and Ecological Restoration

Thank you,

Julia Adamson

On behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas. Inc.

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- [December 5 2022 SPC on EUC.pdf](#) 89.19 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

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