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Meeting (if known): Swale concerns

Comments: I am one of many residents who have chosen to live in Aspen Ridge. Part of my decision was the proximity to the swales and their biodiversity . In a world where we are losing natural resources at an alarming rate the city of Saskatoon has the opportunity to protect what is likely one of the few remaining areas of natural prairie near the city with a delicate natural ecosystem. The construction of the new bridge and the extension of McOrmond drive was and remains concerning due to the risk of damage to the wildlife living in the swale as well as the impact of traffic driving through the area leading to garbage and debris entering into the ecosystem. However the proposal to also build a freeway in the area doesn't seem to be a sensible use of resources and also would be undoubtedly detrimental to the native grass prairie and wetlands in the area not to mention the disruption that additional construction would cause to wildlife that nests or lives in the area. I enjoy being

able to walk along the trail by the swale and listen to the wildlife and see what Saskatchewan may have looked like long ago. I have taken my niece and nephew for walks out there and seen their faces light up when they see the tracks of different animals living in the swale and hear the many different birds (including some remarkable cranes and their amazing vocalizations). It would seem to be a better move on the city's behalf to work on ways to protect and preserve these areas, to encourage research and education in our community about what the swale has to offer and to be seen to be committed to protecting delicate endangered areas such as the swales as opposed to building more roads and infrastructure with little consideration to the environmental and cultural impact. As a country and a city we are losing our natural areas and once they are gone there is little that can be done to regain it. Wouldn't it be better to protect what we have left for our and future generations?

As a resident living alongside the swale I hope that our city council will recognize the importance of this area and the value of protecting it.

Attachments:

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