

Lori,

My family moved to the valley after my father served his 2nd combat tour in Vietnam and retired from the USAF. After living all over Europe and almost every air base here in the United States, we decided to stay here because of all that Washington offered in the way of camping that we did a lot of when the family was young. The ocean was only a short road trip away and the mountains and lakes were so beautiful. I will always remember our father teaching us to always get to know the history of every area we moved to. Everything that was so important to my father has stayed with me all my adult life here. When we were young, we did a lot of walking/hiking and bike riding thru the valley and I know it well....still, how it used to be. I know all of the foot hills and mountains around the edges of the valley as we traveled by foot as kids in those days and I know it all.... as it used to be.... So much has gone.

The Painted Hills (golf course) before, when I knew it, was known as a Wild-Life marshy :Wet LANDS: from water feeding these areas from above, near the foot hills south of the valley.

I remember in spring time the run off would flow down hill right along the roads and the lower lands all of this heading to a small community named Chester, this water fed the trees and lower plant life as it headed past Chester towards Dishman then on to Sprague Avenue.

If you alter/block this naturally designed system you will be causing and or ending this natural sustaining structure that will never recover.

To alter/end this large area of the valley for just a few hundred homes is hardly worth the outcome. This has a bigger effect than you think. Before its too late, take a drive into this area of our valley and drive up thru the narrow passage to where the water run off begins and look at the old home steads/farms that have been there for many many years and look at them with with a sense of history and reflect upon what you will be altering below for once its done, it will never be undone.

Best Wishes, Mark Eaton

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