



Sprouting Simple Change

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Community Transit
Snohomish County

I am writing this letter to ask for a bus route and a stop on Paradise Lake Road, Woodinville Snohomish County WA. We are a non-profit organization, developing our headquarters farm site at the Paradise Valley Conservation Area Trailhead. The food we grow, is shared with the community, we host school programs, classes, interns and research projects as they study sustainable food production, in harmony with wildlife and the ecosystem. We host hundreds of people each week just at this location. Farmer Frog supplements the fresh produce to 25+ thousands of people in the region. Our work is very important, yet many of our members cannot afford a vehicle or the fuel for it, so they cannot participate easily at our Paradise Farm. We have noticed over the past three years, since we started at this location, that many folks would love to come to see us or participate more often, cannot get there due to lack of a bus going through and stopping in the area.

We also discovered that the trailhead is a busy place for thousands of hikers and mountain bikers, who are either forced to drive and park dangerously due to not enough parking, or simply cannot participate as often as they would like to, because there is no bus route to the site. Youth bike clubs for low income communities would love to use the trails regularly, but have no transportation, so they cannot. We are aware of a couple of large new development projects under way, one of them alone will add 360+ condos not very far from us. We are very sure the folks who will be living there would love to use public transportation, if it was available.

The County Parks and our organization are working on recreating the parking area, adding new stalls and extra spaces. We would like to ask that Community Transit to consider a route and a bus stop here. It will be possible for a smaller bus (30-40') to stop going in both direction safely. The accessibility for thousands of people who use or would love to use the area, a unique recreational and food growing space, will be life changing.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zsafia Pasztor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Zsafia Pasztor Executive Co-Director