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The Lents Neighborhood Association supports Ed Kerns and his ongoing habitat restoration along the Springwater Corridor (the Corridor), in conjunction with Portland Parks & Recreation, and requests major City-funded support towards those efforts.

The recent clearing of the Corridor revealed massive destruction of native habitat, much of which was originally planted over the past 20+ years through efforts led by Ed Kerns. Mr. Kerns organized, managed and conducted more than 400 planting and community workdays, with participation by over 20,000 local student and adult volunteers. Together, they planted over 60,000 native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wild flowers under the direct supervision of Portland Parks & Recreation staff.

Members of the Lents Neighborhood Association, some of whom were students who planted and restored the Springwater Corridor alongside Mr. Kerns 20 years ago, now have students of their own who desire to be part of any restoration that takes place. Lents is resilient, and we feel strongly that any restoration should include as many of the students, parents, teachers, and community members as possible. The Lents Neighborhood Association feels that Ed Kerns has the necessary skills, capacity and community networks, and endorses his proposal to coordinate this effort under the direct supervision of Portland Parks & Recreation.

Very truly yours,
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