

**Heather Tschaekofske**

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**From:** Laurence Reeves <laurence@capitolandtrust.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 9:03 AM  
**To:** Heather Tschaekofske  
**Cc:** Sharon Lumbantobing  
**Subject:** RE: Inspiring Kids Preserve

Comment 1. Unless I missed on your plans, I noticed there was not a gate at the entrance. Without a gate and it being closed nightly, you will have drug activity, dumping of garbage and vandalisms. It just comes with the territory of operating a public access. Also, I would suggest posting signs stating "Closed During Hours of Darkness". This way law enforcement can write citations for not obeying posted signs. [Response: there will be an entrance gate, as well as an interior gate. The entrance gate will stay open 24/7 unless there are problems as suggested in the comment, in which case we'll close it at night. The interior gate will remain locked except for organized events where extra parking is needed. We will have signage stating the hours the preserve is open \(daylight hours\) and a prohibition on overnight parking.](#)

Comment 2. My other concern is vagrants moving into this site and creating the mess we have downtown Olympia now. This would destroy the habitat in the area and create a horrible mess for this "Kid's Nature Preserve". It would also bring the crime, illegal drugs, litter and vandalisms to our neighborhood. PLEASE... do not allow this to happen. [Response: we manage over 400 acres of public access property and address these issues on an ongoing basis. We have a staff member who is dedicated to managing our public access preserves and monitors them on a regular basis. We have no desire to see these things on our property, either.](#)

**From:** Heather Tschaekofske <heather.tschaekofske@co.thurston.wa.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:54 AM  
**To:** Laurence Reeves <laurence@capitolandtrust.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Inspiring Kids Preserve

Hello,

Sorry about that, I didn't find any others to respond to so I'm going with this comment alone. Feel free to send an email response, and I will route it to the commenter as well.

Thanks so much,

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**From:** Laurence Reeves <[laurence@capitolandtrust.org](mailto:laurence@capitolandtrust.org)>  
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**To:** Heather Tschaekofske <[heather.tschaekofske@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:heather.tschaekofske@co.thurston.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Inspiring Kids Preserve

Hi Heather, thanks for sending me this 18-month-old comment. Hopefully there won't be others trickling in?

And how should I respond to this, as I turned in our communications matrix to Sharon months ago? Should I just respond to this email and you route it accordingly?

**From:** Heather Tschaekofske <[heather.tschaekofske@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:heather.tschaekofske@co.thurston.wa.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 5:35 PM  
**To:** Laurence Reeves <[laurence@capitolandtrust.org](mailto:laurence@capitolandtrust.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Inspiring Kids Preserve

Hello,

As I am working my way through the past review efforts, docs, comments, etc, I found one public comment which I don't believe was forwarded to you for response. Please see the below email, and respond accordingly. This will be added to the record for the staff report.

Thanks so much,

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**From:** Rich Felsing <[rich.felsing@gmail.com](mailto:rich.felsing@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 12:34 PM  
**To:** Rich Felsing <[rich.felsing@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:rich.felsing@co.thurston.wa.us)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Inspiring Kids Preserve

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**From:** Ross Calvert <[pelagiccs@yahoo.com](mailto:pelagiccs@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 3:26 AM  
**Subject:** Inspiring Kids Preserve  
**To:** [rich.felsing@gmail.com](mailto:rich.felsing@gmail.com) <[rich.felsing@gmail.com](mailto:rich.felsing@gmail.com)>

To: Mr. Richard Felsing, Thurston County Associate Planner April 4, 2022

Re: Inspiring Kids Nature Preserve

I reviewed the paperwork sent to me about the "Inspiring Kids Nature Preserve". While I support this project, I have a few concerns about operating the site.

I worked for a regulatory agency for 30 years dealing with public accesses and the problems that come with it, like vandalism, litter, crime and vagrants. I also live across the street from this site.

1. Unless I missed on your plans, I noticed there was not a gate at the entrance. Without a gate and it being closed nightly, you will have drug activity, dumping of garbage and vandalisms. It just comes with the territory of operating a public access. Also, I would suggest posting signs stating "Closed During Hours of Darkness". This way law enforcement can write citations for not obeying posted signs.

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I look forward to your written reply addressing these issues.

Ross Calvert

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