

February 15, 2024

Dear Laurence,

We would like to express our strong support for the planned improvements and activities at your Inspiring Kids Preserve (IKP) located at 4849 Johnson Point Road NE, Olympia, WA 98516.

As members of the community and former next-door neighbors to IKP, we are definitely in favor of that property being used to provide environmental education for local school children. We believe it is important to give young people in Thurston County the experiences that will help them form strong connections with the natural world to keep our region a wonderful place to live for humans and wildlife alike. It is important for members of the community to have access to ecologically significant natural spaces such as this beautiful property located on Johnson Point Road, with Henderson Inlet as the westerly boundary. We would also enjoy having access to conserved property such as IKP to take walks and enjoy time in nature.

During our time as next-door neighbors to Capitol Land Trust's IKP property, we have continued to be a supporter of all the activities of the CLT. We were extremely pleased when we learned that the CLT was interested in purchasing our 10-acre property adjacent to the IKP property when we were getting ready to sell. When we quickly reached an agreement with CLT to purchase our property we and all our family were overwhelmed with joy that the property we had owned for nearly 50 years was going to be preserved forever!

We are especially supportive of all the work that the Capitol Land Trust has done and continues to do in and around Thurston County to preserve the natural environment essential to the exceptional quality of life we enjoy in our region.

Sincerely,

Donna and Jerry Louthain