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To: Sonja Cady

Subject: Capitol Land Trusts Inspiring Kids Preserve Permit

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Dear Sonja Cady,

I would enthusiastically express my support for the planned improvements by the Capitol Land Trust to create and operate a Childrens Environmental Educational Center at their Inspiring Kids Preserve located at 4849 Johnson Point Road NE, Olympia, WA 98516.

As a member of the community and supporter of education I am in favor of that property being used to provide environmental education for local school children and an outdoor experience for other community members. The preserve is a wonderful place to view the tidal flows of Henderson Inlet, an old growth forest, birds, and native vegetation at a site easily accessible to an urban area. The closeness of the preserve to other Capitol Land Trust protected properties and the Woodard Bay Natural Area makes it a valuable resource for our county citizens and wildlife alike and will inspire more investments in our community's natural places.

I have been part of volunteer work parties at the Inspiring Kids Preserve and see the commitment of the Capitol Land Trust to restore and maintain this ecologically significant space for generations to come. It is truly a treasure to our community and the environmental education center will instill that value into the school children and those that follow.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important project.

Most sincerely.

Bill Robinson