

**Comments received via <http://www.seattle.gov/municipaljail/questions.htm>
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Name: Barb Green

City: Kirkland

Please don't site a jail close to wetlands! The proposed site in the Totem Lake area is close to an environmentally sensitive area.

Name: carol gauthier

City: Kirkland

Please do not put a jail in Kirkland. We have many children, parks, and homes right next to the proposed location. Kirkland police do not cover this area and we can't even get king county sheriff to come out if we have been robbed. This neighborhood can't handle a jail.

Name: L. Pullar

City: Kirkland

The proposed jail site in unincorporated King County (13225 N.E. 126th Place in Totem Lake) is adjacent to a fragile greenbelt that connects with the 27acre Totem Lake wetlands. This area is home to significant numbers of wildlife. The greenbelt runs through Totem Lake, up over the hill and down into the Woodinville and beyond.

This large wildlife population is made up of diverse species. The greenbelt is a stopping point for many migratory birds such as evening grosbeaks and mallard ducks. Year round resident birds and mammals include great blue herons, bald eagles, falcons, deer, red winged blackbirds, raccoons, opossum, wrens, sharp shinned hawks, red tailed hawks, quail, killdeer, rufous hummingbirds, northern flickers, Steller's jays, black capped chickadees, bushtits, robins, warblers, spotted towhees, sparrows, juncos, blackheaded grosbeaks, rails, and finches, including the pine siskin and the Washington State bird ?" the American Goldfinch.

Wetlands provide a rich habitat (shelter, food and breeding space) for plants and wildlife. Wetlands help filter and clean our water. The dense vegetation helps remove pollution, fertilizers, and sediment from the water, greatly improving the quality of the water as it leaves the wetlands. Surface water runoff enters Totem Lake and then finally makes its way to Lake Washington. The Totem Lake wetlands help to clean the water seen in Juanita Bay.

Wetlands also act as a sponge as they soak up a large amount of excess water. This water slowly enters streams, which help prevent flooding. The Puget Sound Basin has lost over 70% of its historic wetlands. Degradation of the remaining wetlands is still a problem. Wetlands must be protected to survive and grow.

The damage that would occur to this greenbelt and adjoining wetlands would have a serious effect on the entire area from Woodinville to Lake Washington. Any development projects in or around this area should be environmentally stable?" reflecting genuine concern for impacts such as traffic and increased surface runoff, promoting the growth of the wetlands, protecting water quality, and preserving the well-being of the wildlife habitat.

Name: Rod Tucker

City: Kirkland

It is unfathomable to me that you would not take into consideration the number of children who live, play in their yards, walk to school, play in the nearby parks, etc. **WITHIN BLOCKS** of your proposed Kirkland jail site!!! Please, send one of your representatives to observe the area at 132nd St and 132nd Ave on any weekday afternoon between 3:15pm & 5:15pm. Watch the number of children walking home from school. See how many kids are playing in the park. Drive around the surrounding neighborhoods and watch for children playing in their yards. I think you'll be amazed. This is no place to even consider a jail! If you would look around, you would realize that without spending any more time or resources on this ridiculous idea.