

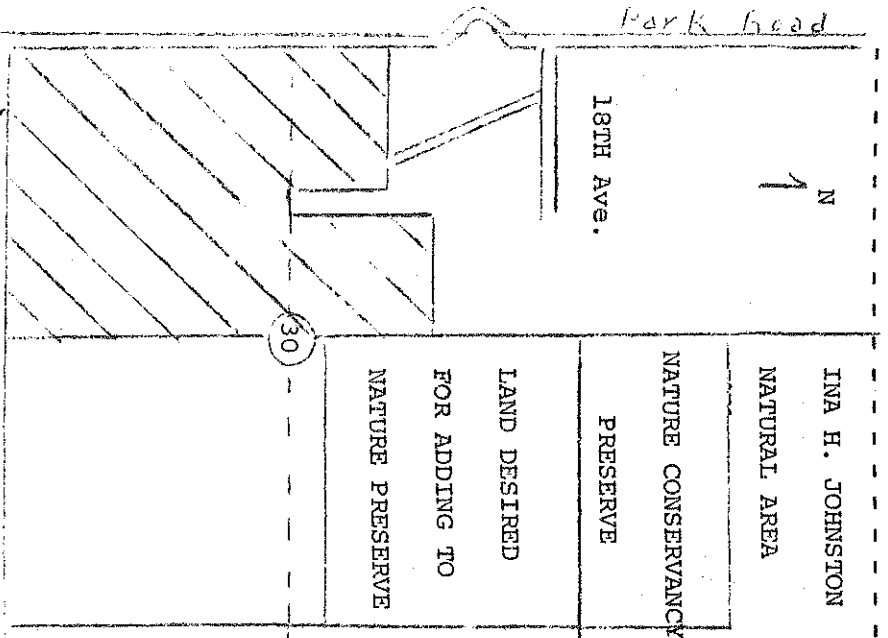
LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

March 1978

RESIDENTS, ASSOCIATION, OPPOSE 212-ACRE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ADJOINING DISHMAN HILLS
 Traffic congestion, air, water, noise pollution, wildlife harm, cited as reasons

Residents of the Spokane Valley area around 18th Avenue and Park Road are opposing a housing development of 212 acres proposed by a Missoula, Mont. party. In addition a poll of board members of Dishman Hills Association last week found eleven members opposed to the development. The twelfth member could not be contacted. Information received describes the area as lying south of 18th Avenue between Park Road and the Dishman Hill-Tower Mountain ridge to the east. The proposal includes 134 single-family units, although information from other sources indicate that "town houses" (condominiums) are also slated for the area.

- Spokesmen for the citizens' group listed the following issues in the controversy:
1. Increase of traffic to the extent of 1000 cars per day, creating driving hazards, air and noise pollution and increased danger to children, adults and pets.
 2. Possible widening of Park Road to four lanes, involving loss of property.
 3. Inevitable widening of 18th Avenue, involving loss of property and trees.
 4. Possible rezoning of the entire area.
 5. Increased population density, with resulting need for more fire and police protection.
 6. Soil pollution, potential flooding, pollution of springs and wells still in use by some residents.



7. Very limited access, one road leading to possibly 150 dwellings. Probable wintertime difficulties. Good fire protection almost impossible.

8. Adverse impact on wildlife habitat.

9. Proposed development will open the door to additional such projects, involving many acres of natural area.

At first Dishman Hills Association did not oppose the project, as we had no plans to acquire the area. However, further examination of the situation convinced board members that the development would make it difficult or impossible for larger animals to come down from Tower Mountain to the present natural area owned by Spokane County and The Nature Conservancy. In addition, land desired for addition to the nature preserve lies adjacent to the proposed development. The impact of more people living close to the preserve, with possible incompatible use likely from dogs, cats, horses, and off-road vehicles, would, in the opinion of the board, be highly detrimental. If you desire more information on the controversy you are invited to call one of these numbers; 926-9855, 928-3606 or 924-8110.

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MORE LAND FOR DISHMAN HILLS
NATURAL AREA IS IN THE OFFING

A non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of some of the natural environment of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.

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Monthly meetings are at Kiwanis Camp Caro, South 625 Sargent Road, Dishman. Board meeting is at 7 p.m. and general meeting is at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday. You are cordially invited to attend both the board meeting and the general, which usually includes a slide or film program on the out-of-doors.

Dishman Hills Natural Area Assoc., Inc.
Income Statement for 1977

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| Income | |
| Memberships | \$ 405.00 |
| Donations | 2,107.04 |
| Recycling | 1,228.39 |
| Interest on Savings Acct. | 1,126.76 |
| Total Income | <u>\$4,867.19</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ 335.59 |
| Net Income | \$4,531.60 |
| Balance Sheet for 1977 | |
| Current Assets | |
| Cash in banks | \$ 54.40 |
| Checking account | 20,528.08 |
| Savings accounts | <u>20,582.48</u> |
| Total in banks | 566.46 |
| Cash on hand | |
| Total current assets | <u>\$ 21,148.94</u> |
| Fixed assets | 250.00 |
| Fire patrol radios | <u>\$ 21,398.94</u> |
| Total assets | |
| Retained income, Dec. 31, | |
| Ret. income, Dec. 31, '76 | \$16,867.34 |
| Net income for year | <u>4,531.60</u> |
| Total retained income | <u>\$21,398.94</u> |

Acquisition of more wild, rugged land to add to Dishman Hills Natural Area and land along the unique, winding Little Spokane River between the Painted Rocks and the river's confluence with the Spokane River are Spokane County's two top priority items for 1978, A.D. (Sam) Angove, Superintendent of the county parks and recreation department, told the Dishman Hills Association at its February 22 meeting. The association, The Nature Conservancy and Spokane County will start negotiations April 15, with a target date of Oct. 31 for the acquisition. The Dishman Hills Association board of directors voted funds to pay the cost of appraisal of 140 acres adjoining The Nature Conservancy preserve on the south. The possibility of acquiring land to the west of the present natural area, including the ponds, is also being explored. We thank

We thank you who have contributed so generously to our land fund over the years and hope that you and others will continue to support our efforts. It will take all the funds we can raise in the next few months to make these additions. We're moving ahead!

BUTTERCUP HIKE INTO DISHMAN HILLS
IS SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 2 P.M.

Join us among the buttercups and grass widows in the Hills Palm Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. We'll meet at Camp Caro and hike as long as you like but probably not after 5 p.m. Nobody is too young or too old to come.

Did you notice that we exceeded our goal of making \$1000 on recyclables last year, thanks to the efforts of many people who saved newspaper and other kinds of paper; aluminum cans, foil and dishes, returnable bottles, scrap metal and cleaning rags. Your bulletin editor has been able to sell 500-600 pounds of paper a week, thanks to the many people who are collecting it. How about making it \$2000 in 1978?

This statement is somewhat condensed. The complete statement is available from the Association upon request.

We note that our expenses for 1977 were less than 7 per cent of income. We think that is a good record.