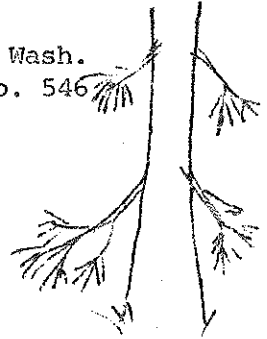


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LAWSUIT AGAINST DEVELOPMENT LOST:
DISHMAN HILLS BOARD STUDIES NEXT ACTION

Our association has lost its lawsuit against Spokane County board of commissioners for its approval of "The Meadows" development of about one house per acre next to the Dishman Hills and about a half mile from the nearest other housing.

At a special meeting October 26 our board of directors deferred action until more information on our options can be obtained. Another special meeting will be held November 2 to decide whether the lawsuit verdict will be appealed.

MCBRIDE, SHEPARD ENDORSED FOR COMMISSIONERS

Continuing problems with the county government over the comprehensive land use plan and protection of Dishman Hills Natural Area force us to continue taking positions on candidates for county commissioner posts. The success of Jerry McBride in defeating Ray Christensen in the primary is most encouraging to us. We continue to recommend McBride. His opponent, Maurice Hickey, was recently endorsed by the defeated Christensen, so if we want a change of direction, McBride looks like the one to produce it.

We also endorse Keith Shepard over incumbent Harry Larned. We believe Shepard will do a far better job of listening to the people.

For a highly interesting look at the powerful board of county commissioners, read the article in the October issue of Spokane Magazine. The board's power is awesome. It makes the rules (legislative function), enforces them (executive function) and to some extent acts as judge and jury, as when appeals are made from decisions of the planning commission, which the
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OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR IS PROPOSED
BETWEEN DISHMAN HILLS AND TOWER MOUNTAIN

Spokane County planning department, at the request of the planning commission, has placed on the proposed land use plan a rural-designated corridor which would connect Dishman Hills Natural Area with the mountain to the south. The commission previously had asked for our input, an invitation which we appreciate. This is an encouraging step forward. We can see in it not only passageway for animals but also possible expansion of the protected wildlife habitat and a hikers' and skiers' trail and bridle path to Tower Mountain.

Of course the corridor will mean nothing unless it can be kept free of development, either by purchase or by some other means. We will be cooperating with the county's parks and recreation department and The Nature Conservancy to this end. Purchase of the 140 acres in the north end of the corridor, now in the works, will probably exhaust our land fund. The next block of land to the south might be obtained by using the value of TNC's 80 acre preserve for the local one fourth of the purchase price when obtaining matching funds. Securing the rest of the corridor will depend upon additional donations, so we have plenty of work cut out for us to protect this high quality, close-in wild area. Please keep on helping with as generous donations as possible.

A distinct problem still exists regarding the Dishman Hills and the land use plan. The land against the Dishman Hills on the west has been designated urban in the proposed land use plan. This would allow up to 17 family units per acre, without a lower density buffer zone to protect the

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Please use this form when sending contributions to save the Dishman Hills and the Tower Mtn. corridor. Your dues and/or gifts are income tax deductible.

\$ _____ Dishman Hills Assoc. annual dues (%5 per person) New? ___ Renewal? ___
\$ _____ Dishman Hills Land Purchase Fund
\$ _____ Dishman Hills Legal Defense Fund
\$ _____ Memorial gift to Land Fund in remembrance of _____
\$ _____ Bulletin expense fund (\$1 or more) _____

Please make checks payable to Dishman Hills Natural Area Assn. and mail to David E. Lentes, Treasurer, E. 10922 23rd Ave., Spokane, WA 99206. Many thanks! To cut down on expense, no receipt or acknowledgment will be sent unless requested.

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board appoints. Such concentration of power probably exists nowhere else in government in the U. S. A.. We understand there is a study underway that may well show that this almost dictatorial system can and should be changed. Meanwhile it is up to us citizens to elect commissioners who are our servants, not our masters.

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natural area. We have requested of the planning commission a return to the former rural designation (no more than one house per ten acres.)

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, WHICH CONTINUES TO HELP THE DISHMAN HILLS PROJECT. DUES ARE \$10. SEND TO: 618 Smith Tower, Seattle, WA 98104

COMMUNITY PRESS LASHES OUT AT LAND PLAN

A scathing analysis of the comprehensive land use plan appeared in the Community Press September 3. Written by Jim Wavada, formerly public information specialist in the county planning department, it says the plan was drawn up for the benefit of special interests, not for the good of county residents in general.

LIGHTS & SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS
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We have just received notice that the commissioners will hold two more hearings on the comprehensive plan the first week of December. This looks like our last chance to be heard. ATTEND THE HEARINGS. It would be well to talk to the commissioners ahead of time, either in person or on the phone, or to write your views to them. The plan is available at the planning department in the Broadway Centre building by the court house and probably will be available at libraries. The commissioners' number is 456-2265 and their address, W. 1116 Broadway, Spokane, WA 99201.

We are 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. S. 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.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!