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Subject: Schneider Woods donation to rare Charitable Reserve

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Dear Mayor Salonen and Councillors;
I fully support the Schneider family's donation of their land to the rare Charitable Reserve as soon as possible.

The land has been accessed by the public for years without the need for a parking lot. Creation of a parking lot would be very difficult and expensive as most of the land next to the road is wetlands. In addition, building a parking lot would destroy wetland, disturb or destroy habitat for many species and may hinder water flow and the environmental cleansing provided by the wetlands. Maintenance of the parking lot would incur further expense. Existing road parking works well now and, if necessary, could be improved at minimal cost.

Furthermore, the donor is 94 years old. We don't likely have a lot of time to complete the donation. If she dies, I understand that then the resulting taxation would necessitate sale of the lands, resulting in a loss of this beautiful property to everyone.

There is no cost to Wilmot if this donation is approved.

I strongly recommend that Wilmot Council remove the parking lot requirement and approve the severance application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Andrew Wilson

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