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From: Cal Horton
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 8:25 AM
To: Roger Waldon
Subject: FW: Greene Tract

Please include this item with the agenda material presented to the Council. Cal

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From: Robert Dowling [mailto:rdowling@ochlt.org]
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To: Kevin Foy
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Subject: Greene Tract

Mayor Foy,

I would like to make a few short comments about the Town's proposed resolution on the Greene Tract. Please note that the Land Trust Board has not discussed this resolution, so these comments are my own as an advocate for affordable housing.

1. I very much appreciate the inclusion of 18 acres as a set-aside for affordable housing. I also very much appreciate the environmental concerns that spurred the Work Group to advocate for 146 acres of Open Space.
2. As a critical watershed area, the Greene Tract warrants protection. I would not advocate that affordable housing be built, if developing the land would result in irreparable environmental damage.
3. The process for arriving at tonight's resolution did not include many opportunities for public comment. As an affordable housing advocate, I would be interested in seeing the environmental studies that were conducted that led the Working Group to decide that 18 acres was all that should be developed.
4. Since we do not know what the best community use of this property will be in 20 years, I would prefer that a perpetual conservation easement not be approved as part of the resolution. Perhaps the decision makers of the year 2025 would prefer alternative uses on that site.

Again, I appreciate the efforts of the Working Group and the Town Council to balance environmental concerns with the need for affordable housing in our community. Thank you for your personal commitment to both of these very important community priorities.

Robert Dowling