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RE: Thornton Creek Alliance Comments on the Draft One Seattle Plan and Draft EIS

To whom it may concern:

Thornton Creek Alliance (TCA) has been dedicated to restoring an ecological balance in the Thornton Creek watershed since 1993. Thornton Creek, the largest creek system in both Seattle and Shoreline, drains NE Seattle and SE Shoreline to its Lake Washington outfall at Seattle's Matthews Beach Park. Needless to say, we maintain a keen interest in planning and projects that impact the health of the watershed's ecosystems.

We appreciate the work the City has completed on the One Seattle Plan to date. We realize it is a balancing act to meet the many City interests which need to be accommodated in the Plan. While the Plan and the SEPA DEIS evaluating the Plan are comprehensive, they fall short in several areas. Attached are our comments to help improve the Plan and DEIS and address those areas that require additional attention. We hope our comments will help ensure that Seattle grows in a sustainable, thoughtful manner.

We thank you for your consideration of these comments and those of the attached letters. We look forward to learning your responses, as well as collaborating to create a healthy city for all. Please add us to your distribution list for further updates and materials pertaining to the One Seattle Plan and its EIS.

Sincerely,

Sandy Gurkewitz,
Land Use Committee Co-chair

Ruth Alice Williams

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President

THORNTON CREEK ALLIANCE (TCA), founded in 1993, is an all-volunteer, grassroots, nonprofit organization of 175 members from Shoreline and Seattle dedicated to preserving and restoring an ecological balance throughout the Thornton Creek watershed. Our goal is to benefit the watershed by encouraging individuals, neighborhoods, schools, groups, businesses, agencies, and government to work together in addressing the environmental restoration of the creek system including: water quality, stabilization of water flow, flood prevention, and habitat improvement through education, collaboration, and community involvement.

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