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Pearson Property – Paradise Point

- These properties were purchased in June 1996.
- They were part of a 127-acre acquisition that covered extensive waterfront on the East Fork Lewis River, Clark County's largest free-flowing stream, and a year-round tributary known as McCormick Creek.
- The properties were purchased with county Conservation Futures funds and a WWRP-Water Access Grant. As such, these properties are covered by both a county and state approved Deed of Right (requires us to protect the property in perpetuity to serve current and future generations)
- While these 20 acres do not themselves include shoreline, they are an integral part of the larger acquisition, and have the highest value for recreation and support facilities.
- These 20 acres occupy the highest points on the property and provide stunning views of the EFL basin and Cascade Mountains.
- Potential improvements could include trailheads, trails, viewpoints, picnic tables and shelters, caretaker's residence, children's play equipment, and signage.
- On August 11, 2015, the Clark County Board of Councilors initiated a process to surplus 20 acres of parks and greenway property near the East Fork Lewis River.
- Despite an outcry from various neighborhood and conservation groups the Councilors voted to proceed with the surplus / sale / grant conversion of these lands on 12/15/15.
- While any grant conversion would require the "replacement" of these lands they are likely irreplaceable.
- It would likely cost us to sell these lands!
- If there are lands desired to extend the waterway trail there are conservation fund dollars available to acquire additional lands without sacrificing this land.
- Once the land is sold / developed it's gone.
- Maintenance is minimal as it is primarily open space. There is a residence on the property that provides revenues that offset potential property tax revenue additionally provides added security of on site tenants.

PAB make a request that Councilors' reconsider the decision to surplus / sell this property. There is no advantage to losing this land.