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Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

This letter requests your help in ensuring that greenway construction between Oak Street and North Mountain does not burden neighboring homeowners. As I am sure you are aware, social problems are rampant on the greenway in Central Point and Medford. Knowing that how things start foreshadow how they end up, my wife and I believe that Ashland Parks must commit up front to certain duties before building and opening the greenway extension. There must be a commitment and allocation of resources to protect both the creek and nearby citizens from crime, vandalism, littering and wildfire.

Please implement the following:

- The greenway path and safety zone must be set at least 150 feet back from the creek. Auxilliary trails can lead down to the creek.
- The city must adopt and enforce a no camping policy on the greenway. Campfires must result in jail time.
- There must be a police patrol of the greenway extension every night of the week to enforce no camping. This must be a line item in the city budget.
- The city/parks must have a line item in the budget to manage blackberries in the greenway extension to ensure that reduce wildfire risk
- The city/parks must have a line item in the budget for trash pickup throughout the year.
- There must be an after-hours phone number available for residents to call to report problems especially after 5pm and on weekends; for quick response.

Sincerely,



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