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My wife and I walk in the Dockton Forest/Dockton Natural Area/Maury Island Open Space complex regularly. Some of the trails that would be decommissioned under the preferred alternative are among our favorites, particularly the loop just north of the indentation near the site's southwest corner. Decommissioning these trails would close off a number of shorter loops and make the site less accessible to walkers. Retaining shorter hiking options is particularly important on Vashon, where the median age is over 50 (oldest community in King County) and likely to continue increasing. We were told at the public meeting that capping the trails proposed for decommissioning would cost only another \$100,000. This seems like a modest expenditure to keep these trails open and maintain public access to the site.

Also -- in the future, please extend the maps in your materials to show the trails and trailheads in the adjacent Dockton Forest complex, especially to the west. This would have made the map on Page 5 of your mailer easier to understand. Thank you.