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Mr. John Ford  
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Dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you so much in your endeavors to protect and preserve the vision of Mrs. Anne Pierson in donating her land to the McKinleyville Town Center Plan. I hope we can preserve that property, not just to improve the lives of McKinleyville residents, but also to protect the native wild animals and plants that reside there. There is great good in preserving sensitive natural communities, especially within town centers. Just a quick peek across the nation will show how small agricultural communities can be destroyed by thoughtless development. These are places that pollinators have fled and where native species are decimated, replaced by monoculture of the worst kind.

Here in McKinleyville we still have native species thriving in our natural habitats, and we need to protect that for everyone. We thank you for protecting the urban wildlife, natural wetlands, precious trees and habitat that thrive on Mrs. Pierson's land, because they are invaluable and irreplaceable. They establish a beautiful balance between nature, agriculture and community that gives such a great identity to McKinleyville, and makes it such a special place to live.

Thank you so much,

Marianne Tan