



INLC Policy on Advocacy

As a matter of policy, Inland Northwest Land Conservancy does not take positions on specific land-use disputes. We operate one-on-one with conservation-minded land owners, and do not enter the arena of advocacy against developments.

There can be exceptions to this policy, if approved on a case-by-case basis by the board.

- 1) If there is a project slated for development in one of our focus areas the Conservancy can issue a letter which states the scientific reasons why we choose to work in that particular area. This would include explanations such as "Little Deep Creek has been identified as a critical wildlife corridor connecting Mount Spokane with the Little Spokane River and Riverside State Park areas." It would not cite the specific project in dispute.
- 2) Where we hold an easement near a proposed development that is likely to harm the conservation values of the eased property, the Conservancy will not testify or advocate against the development. However, the board may choose to send a letter to the City or County asking that they be sure that the project addresses specific concerns about impacts to area wildlife habitat, wetlands, and so on. The letter would also state the Conservancy's role in helping ensure the protection of the eased property in perpetuity, and stating our general concern about incompatible uses on nearby lands that would affect the property under easement.

The Conservancy does not weigh in on regional or county-wide land use issues, such as the comprehensive plan or on the urban connectors or north-south Freeway. The Conservancy follows these matters, as a way to identify lands that are at increased risk and worthy of more attention by the Conservancy.

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