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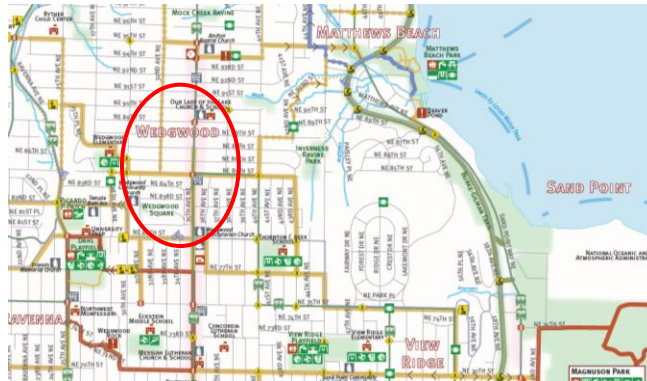
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Dear Opportunity Fund Selection Committee:

Walking is an essential part of our everyday lives. Walking connects us to people, places and to other forms of transportation. For over ten years, Feet First has been working to ensure there are walkable communities throughout Washington. We are a not-for-profit group of over 2,500 members and supporters and belong to America Walks and the Alliance for Biking and Walking both nationally recognized organizations. We are a collaborator with the National Partnership for Safe Routes to Schools.

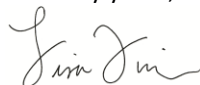
On behalf of Feet First, I would like to express our support for the **Inverness Ravine Trail Project** being proposed by the Wedgwood Community Council (WCC) as part of the Parks and Green Spaces Levy 2012/2013 Opportunity Fund. We understand that this project is consistent with the goals described within the Wedgwood Vision plan. Additionally, the proposal is consistent with the mission of Feet First "to promote walkable communities" and Goal 4 of our Strategic Plan to "Provide programs, tools and infrastructure to measurably increase walking."

We believe that this project would improve connectivity for pedestrian between the Wedgwood and Inverness communities, which are largely cut off from one another by steep topography and the inaccessible Inverness Ravine. The deficiency in pedestrian access and connectivity of these communities, which this proposal addresses, is illustrated below within the selection from the *Northeast Seattle Trails* map, from the "Neighborhoods on Foot" series, created by Feet First with support from the community.



We encourage you to award funds to this project and improve the walkability of Northeast Seattle. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me by calling me at 206-652-2310 ext. 6 or by emailing lisa@feetfirst.org.

Sincerely yours,



Lisa Quinn
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