Endorsement Letter from Andy Rheaume

I have played in Bothell forests all my life.  I grew up on West Hill and spent a large portion of time in the forest, wading wetlands, catching frogs, and building rope swings and forts.   Having a 65 acre forested areas inside an urban area, as is the case with North Creek Forest, is very much worth preserving.  The forest provides a place for refuge from urban life and connecting with the natural world - both valuable for our children and their children to experience, especially close to home.  
  
Bothell doesn't have a lot of forest left and preserving this forest as a natural area would be an asset to the City.  Forests clean the air, sequester green house gases, cleanse runoff, reduce thermal heat island effect, and provide habitat.  
  
I support and hope this effort is successful.  
  
Respectfully,  
  
  
Andy Rheaume