

Hamilton Marsh proponents begin postcard campaign

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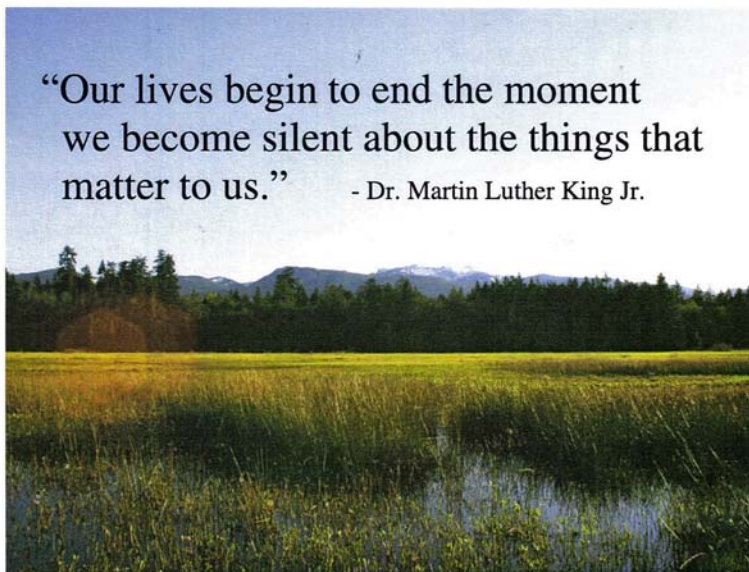
The chair of the committee committed to protecting all of Hamilton Marsh's 360 hectares said work towards preserving the wetlands continues, even though landowner Island Timberlands has backed away from negotiations. "People are lining up at community events to sign declarations of support," said Ceri Peacey, chair of a Hamilton Marsh committee and director with the Friends of French Creek Conservation Society.

Peacey said the group has gathered roughly 2,500 signatures from people wishing to preserve the marsh and protect that area of the watershed just south of Qualicum Beach and is keen to spread the word on a new program to solicit even more support for the campaign.

She said 1,800 of 2000 postcards printed and addressed to local politicians asking for assistance in preserving the marsh from logging have been picked up from Heaven on Earth Natural Foods in Qualicum Beach. The chair of the Regional District of Nanaimo confirmed he has received a number of the postcards in his mailbox at Tuesday's RDN committee of the whole.

"I have here 97 postcards addressed to me," said Joe Stanhope noting he's in agreement with the sentiment expressed on the cards and believes the marsh should be protected.

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"I/We believe that the entire 360.5 hectares surrounding Hamilton Marsh should be preserved and not logged.

It's a critical part of our watershed, it's important to our wildlife, and it's important to our children."

Comments: _____

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