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Comments: I appreciate the need for conservation and restoration within our National Heritage Greenway. However, I'm totally opposed to this effort to fill Gold Pond. Personally, it's been a spectacular place of peaceful refuge for many decades.

Though the area may have been altered many years ago, over time a new ecosystem has developed and this project will take many decades for a new recovery to occur. Disrupting the existing ecosystem of nature and wildlife for some future unknown is not effective planning.

Is it really about water and trout? I think not. The power of self-serving interests is at hand. I've witnessed historical plans by US Fish and Wildlife many decades ago to alter the ecosystem of Lake Sammamish and it had horrible consequences to the native population of kokanee. We're making strides to correct that mistake to prevent kokanee from going extinct.

I'm not convinced that this Gold Pond restoration plan will provide a beneficial outcome projected by planners. Though I'm certain the disruption will be painful to many of us that enjoy the current landscape. Please reconsider this project. There are alternatives toward restoration that can be pursued without destroying one of our treasured places in the Greenway.