

Dear Yachats City Councilors:

We are not yet Oregon residents, but are currently fortunate enough to be able to spend half of each year in our home in Yachats. As most of the people we meet, we chose to invest here for the beauty of the location and the sensibilities of the community.

We support the idea of purchasing the forestland in the Yachatsian watershed as a means of protecting the watershed, providing wildlife habitat, and to protect the setting of the town from subdivision and development. We would be willing to contribute to that effort through our property taxes, a bond, or any other creative means to provide the financial wherewithal. Given that the estimated figure for the purchase is only \$2 million (far less than the wastewater treatment plant), surely there are ways to finance this effort while this rare window of opportunity exists.

It seems clear that the City could find ways to turn this land into another reason to visit Yachats, and there could be several ways for the City to produce revenue from the land in the long run from such an investment.

Thank you very much for your time and the service you provide to our fine community.

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