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Tom Hickey, Chairman
Bridgeton Neighborhood Assoc.
429 N. Bridgeton Road, #3
Portland, OR 97217

To Whom It May Concern,

At the request of the Bridgeton Neighborhood Assoc. Board of Directors I am submitting this proposal as an alternative to the ridiculous zig zag sheet pile wall down the center of Bridgeton Road.

Short of stopping this project, we must find a different method that preserves our aesthetic environment, retains existing parking and traffic patterns, access to floating homes and existing views, and preserves property values.

With reference to the Thames Barrier in the London East End, we could consider North Portland Harbor as a lock. An upstream gate at Portland Yacht Club and a downstream gate near or below the railroad crossing would control water levels contained within during extreme high water events. Most of the time gates would be left open so as not to impede river traffic. In a sense Hayden Island becomes the south levee holding the main Columbia River from Bridgeton Neighborhood properties.

Hayden Island properties are generally a little higher than than properties to the south, and are easier to restructure than Bridgeton Road properties.

However, it is the opinion of the writer that corrections to conditions beyond those previously cited by others, i.e., low point on N.E. Harbor Dr. at Golf Club, low point of I-5 south bound transition, and BNSF embankment, are unnecessary and are simply make work projects for the USACE.

Thank you.

Jon Peterson
BNA Board Member

