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# WHY WASHINGTON POURS IN WOODINVILLE

As Washington wineries continue to grow in both number and reputation, Woodinville is leading the charge.

By Daniel O'Boyle

With nearly 120 wineries and tasting rooms, 1.6 million visitors a year, and \$800 million in annual wine sales, this Sammamish Valley town just 30 minutes northeast of Seattle has become a gateway for the state's wine industry, a growing draw for state tourism, and a creative hotbed for emerging winemakers.

While long-established names like Chateau Ste. Michelle, Columbia, and many others have helped put Washington wines on the international map, few people are aware of the key role they play as local business incubators, fostering and collaborating with nascent winemakers to build a broader, more diverse wine community. The story of Mike Januik, owner and vintner at Januik Winery, reads as a perfect example of this cross-pollination. After serving as Ste. Michelle's head winemaker throughout the 90s, he started his own label in 1999 and began making Novelty Hill's wines in 2000. The two wineries share a state-of-the-art production facility and tasting room in Woodinville. Now, Mike's son Andrew, having spent much of his childhood surrounded by his father's vines and barrels, is following his dad's lead. He launched Andrew Januik Wines in 2011.

Another major force contributing to Woodinville's burgeoning wine scene is its proximity to the thriving King County economy. Many vintners begin their winemaking as a passion project, producing and perfecting wines in their spare time while supporting themselves and their growing hobby with their day job. Gradually, a passion becomes a vocation as they gain the experience and support to make the leap to full-time winemaking and their own boutique winery.

**The collective economic stimulus provided by these growing wineries returns the financial favor to the county many times over in the form of a \$3.3 billion ripple effect.**

—Economic Impact Study of Washington Wine & Grapes, April 2012



The evolution from amateur "garagiste" to boutique winemaker to business collaborator and mentor is a thread that runs through Woodinville wineries large and small. Columbia Winery began in 1962 with a small group of UW professors who had little more than a passion for fine wine and a curiosity about how to produce it in the Columbia Valley. As the first winery in the state to focus exclusively on European grapes, they hired British winemaker David Lake in the late 70s, who would introduce Syrah to the state and have a legendary influence on how wine is made here.

As Woodinville continues to mature as a wine producer and destination, its most recent transformation has been the emergence of winemaking women.



Photos from left: Columbia Winery (courtesy Columbia Winery), Erica Orr (courtesy Victoria Wright), Courtyard at Novelty Hill Januik Winery and Mike & Andrew Januik (Courtesy Novelty Hill Januik).



Naturally, fine wine is appreciated more for its pleasures than its economics, but Woodinville succeeds in bringing out both these notes on an ever-growing scale. By creating a collaborative atmosphere where our state's unique agriculture combines with the opportunities afforded by King County and the creative talents of vintners drawn here from countless places and disciplines, Woodinville makes wine work for hundreds of businesses, millions of visitors, and the tens of millions who benefit when Washington pours.

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## A TASTE OF WOODINVILLE'S IMPACT

1.6 MILLION VISITORS A YEAR

\$800,000,000 REVENUE (2017)

118 WINERIES AND TASTING ROOMS

80% PRODUCE THEIR WINES IN WOODINVILLE

22% PER YEAR GROWTH SINCE 2010

9 WOMEN WINEMAKERS

# LARGEST WINE PRODUCERS IN WASHINGTON STATE

RANKED BY NET GALLONS PRODUCED IN 2017

Winery (prior rank) Website	Address Phone	Net gallons produced in 2017	Net gallons produced in 2016	License	Executives/owners
<b>1</b> Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Ltd. <sup>①</sup> smwe.com	Route 221 Paterson, WA 99345 425-488-1133	12.85 million <sup>1</sup>	14.73 million <sup>1</sup>	Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Ltd.	Jim Mortensen, CEO and President
<b>2</b> Coventry Vale Winery <sup>②</sup>	160602 W. Evans Rd. Grandview, WA 98930 509-882-4100	5.26 million	6.91 million	Coventry Vale Winery Inc.	Juergen Dieter Grieb, Reed McKinlay, David Wyckoff
<b>3</b> Goose Ridge Vineyards <sup>⑦</sup> gooseridge.com	63615 E. Jacobs Rd., NE Benton City, WA 99320 509-628-3880	4.05 million	1.07 million	Goose Ridge LLC	Arvid Monson, Suzanne Monson, William Monson, Darci Monson, Valerie Monson, Molly Stutesman, Robert Stutesman
<b>4</b> Zirkle Fruit Co. <sup>③</sup> zirklefruit.com	101 Benitz Rd. Prosser, WA 99350 509-697-6101	1.93 million	1.97 million	Zirkle Fruit Co.	William Wangler Jr., William M. Zirkle, William H. Zirkle, Lester Zirkle
<b>5</b> Ancient Lake Wine Co. <sup>⊕</sup> alwinery.com	795 Beverly Burke Rd. N Quincy, WA 98848 509-398-3136	1.79 million	20.085	Ancient Lake Wine Co. LLC	Jerry Milbrandt
<b>6</b> Precept Brands LLC dba Precept Wine <sup>⑥</sup> preceptwine.com	1910 Fairview Ave. E #400 Seattle, WA 98102 206-267-5252	1.52 million <sup>2</sup>	1.08 million <sup>3</sup>	Precept Brands LLC	Andrew Browne and Dan Baty
<b>7</b> Hogue Cellars <sup>⑩</sup> hoguecellars.com	2800 Lee Rd. Prosser, WA 99350 509-786-6000	1.18 million	689,920	Hogue Cellars Ltd.	Ronald C. Fondlier, John Wright, Michael Lee, Jennifer Murray
<b>8</b> Vinnotion Wines <sup>⑤</sup> vinnotionwines.com	8111 Keene Rd. W Richland, WA 509-967-7477	636,698	1.11 million	Pacific Rim Winemakers Inc.	The Mariani Family
<b>9</b> Columbia Winery <sup>⑨</sup> columbiawinery.com	2310 Holmson Rd. Summyside, WA 98944 425-488-2776	523,648	760,029	E & J Gallo Winery	James Coleman, Robert Gallo, Joseph Gallo, Richard Beal
<b>10</b> Treveri Cellars <sup>⑧</sup> trevericellars.com	71 Ganzi Rd. Wapato, WA 98951 509-877-0925	364,575	830,716	Gribe Optimal Winemaking LLC	Juergen Dieter Grieb, Julia M. Grieb
<b>11</b> Badger Mountain Vineyards <sup>⊕</sup> badgermountainvineyard.com	1106 N. Jurupa St. Kennewick, WA 99338 800-643-9463	234,156	55,471	Badger Mountain Inc.	Guy William Powers, Timothy DeCook, John Durne
<b>12</b> Hedges Family Estate <sup>⊕</sup> hedgesfamilyestate.com	53511 N. Sunset Rd. Benton City, WA 99320 509-586-3155	167,339	58,671	American Wine Trade Inc.	Mate Hanson, Anne-Marie Hedges, Thomas Hedges
<b>13</b> Kestrel Vintners <sup>⑦</sup> kestrelwines.com	2890 Lee Rd. Prosser, WA 99350 509-786-2675	142,497	124,545	Kestrel Properties LLC	Helen Walker, John J. Walker Sr.
<b>14</b> Mercer Estates Winery <sup>⑮</sup> mercervine.com	3100 Lee Rd. Prosser, WA 99350 509-786-2097	137,249	140,078	Mercer Wine Estates LLC	Brenda Mercer, Milton Mercer Estate, Ryan Ayres, Willis Mercer, Gerald Fitzgerald, Barbara Harle, Ronald Harle, Dora Hogue, Mike Hogue, Robert Mercer
<b>15</b> Maryhill Winery <sup>⑩</sup> maryhillwinery.com	9774 Hwy. 14 Goldendale, WA 98620 509-773-1976	136,650	133,478	W&C LLC	Caroline Leuthold, Craig Leuthold, Donald W. Leuthold, Victoria Jean Leuthold
<b>16</b> Lake Chelan Winery <sup>⊕</sup> lakechelanwinery.com	3519 SR 150 Chelan, WA 98816 509-687-9463	129,250	73,697	Lake Chelan Trading Co. LLC	Dawn Abbott, John Abbott, Karen Bell, Spencer Bell, Barbara Kludt, Steven Kludt, Jonathan D. Kludt
<b>17</b> Five Star Cellars <sup>⊕</sup> fivestarcellars.com	840 C. St. Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-527-8400	129,176	48,810	Five Star Cellars Inc.	David Huse
<b>18</b> Dunham Cellars <sup>⊕</sup> dunhamcellars.com	150 E. Boeing Ave. Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-4685	124,545	-7,812	Dunham Cellars LLC	Cheryl Blair, David Blair, Eric Dunham, Joanne Dunham, Michael Dunham
<b>19</b> Barnard Griffin <sup>⑫</sup> barnardgriffin.com	878 Tulip Ln. Richland, WA 99352 509-627-0266	123,969	188,508	Barnard Griffin Inc.	Deborah Joan Barnard, Robert Griffin
<b>20</b> Avennia <sup>⊕</sup> avennia.com	19255 Woodinville Snohomish Rd. #1 Woodinville, WA 98072 425-482-4364	117,640	13,088	WBWCO LLC	Marty Trautner, Chris Peterson, Wolf Bay Holdings LLC
<b>21</b> Lecole No. 41 <sup>⊕</sup> lecole.com	41 Lowden School Rd. P.O. Box 111 Lowden, WA 99360 509-525-0940	107,368	-8,844	Lowden Schoonhouse Corp.	Martin Clubb, Megan Clubb
<b>22</b> Double Canyon Vineyards <sup>⊕</sup> doublecanyon.com	307 Occidental Ave. S Seattle, WA 98104 206-623-5835	102,330	59,181	Double Canyon Vineyards	Crimson Wine Group
<b>23</b> Terra Blanca Vintners Inc. <sup>⊕</sup> terrablanca.com	34715 N. DeMoss Rd. Benton City, WA 99320 509-588-6082	82,642	73,127	Terra Blanca Vintners Inc.	Kathn Pilgrim, Renae Pilgrim
<b>24</b> Fries Family Winery <sup>⑬</sup> freesfamilywinery.com	2255 Chapman Ln. Prosser, WA 99350 509-786-7277	79,938	155,580	Fries Family Winery LLC	Douglas Beck Fries, Jo Ann Fries
<b>25</b> Hyatt Vineyards <sup>⑭</sup> hyattvineyards.com	2020 Gilbert Rd. Zillah, WA 98953 509-829-6333	77,681	147,002	Hyatt Farm Partnership LP	Leann R. Hyatt, Leland R. Hyatt, Lynda Hyatt, Regan Ross Hyatt, Sara Hyatt

<sup>1</sup> Includes 14 Hands, Columbia Crest, Northstar, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Spring Valley Vineyard  
<sup>2</sup> Includes Waterbrook Winery, Canoe Ridge Vineyard and Willow Crest Winery  
<sup>3</sup> Includes Waterbrook Winery, Canoe Ridge Vineyard, Willow Crest Winery and Apex Cellars  
NOTES: NA — Not applicable, not available or not approved; ⊕ — Not previously ranked on prior year's list

► **CLOSER LOOK**

**JUST MISSED THE LIST**

**Wine Producers**

- 26** Novelty Hill Winery
- 27** Long Shadows Vintners
- 28** Tagaris Winery
- 29** Dellille Cellars
- 30** Three of Cups

**ABOUT THE LIST**

Information was obtained from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board and company websites. The figures reflect net gallons produced at the locations listed and are not specific to particular labels. Information on The List could not be independently verified by the Puget Sound Business Journal. In case of ties, companies are listed alphabetically.

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# Trump tax credit to benefit small Washington wineries

BY MELISSA CROWE  
Puget Sound Business Journal

**I**n an industry known for making small fortunes out of large ones, a new tax strategy is giving winemakers something to cheer about.

For the next year, Washington state wine makers are taking advantage of tax break passed under federal tax reform that is saving thousands of dollars.

Andrue Ott, an accounting technician with Moss Adams' Yakima office, said the biggest benefit for wineries is an increase in cash flow. That cash resource, he said, can go toward buying more fruit, paying down debts, purchasing equipment or leveraging in another way to wineries' advantages.

"So many of these wineries start from cash projects – home winemakers who want to be their own boss and produce a product they're proud of," Ott said. "But with that doesn't always come the capital investment and the business savvy. ... The capital investment to start a winery is huge."

Wineries have been required to put up a cash or insurance surety bond to cover the tax liability in the event the winery goes under. Once the alcohol is prepared for sale, it can be



**\$9.6 billion**

Amount Washington's wine industry generates in economic activity — production, distribution, sale and consumption — according to The National Association of American Wineries.

**\$1.5 billion**

The amount the state's wine industry paid in taxes in 2017 (not counting consumption taxes): about \$623.7 million in state and local taxes and \$839.9 million in federal taxes, according to the winery association.

removed from bond or pay the tax on it. Under the old tax law, Ott cited a winery that removed 18,000 gallons of red and white wine from bond and paid \$7,800 in tax from a mix of the two rates — \$1.07 for wine with an ABV under 14 percent and \$1.57 for wine above 14 percent.

Using the new rates, the tax on that winery's 18,000 gallons would have been \$1,200, Ott said.

Under the new tax law, red wine is now taxed at the same level as white and rosé, representing an immediate savings of 67 cents per gallon of merlot, cabernet sauvignon and other red varietals.

"People were making wine specifically for those tax classes as part of their business model," Ott said. "If your white wine had a little too much sugar in it, and you were going to break that 14 percent ABV barrier — if you weren't planning on paying that tax rate ... they'll water back the product to bring the alcohol down to the right class."

By increasing the ABV threshold on the tax classes from 14 percent to 16 percent, wineries "don't have to vary their production style for what they're trying to get on the tax side," Ott said.

On top of that change, the small producer tax credit was expanded. The tax credit previously applied to wineries producing between 100,000 and 250,000 gallons annually. Now it's a tiered system for producers of all sizes. Instead of being taxed on the amount produced, wineries pay based on the volume removed from bond.

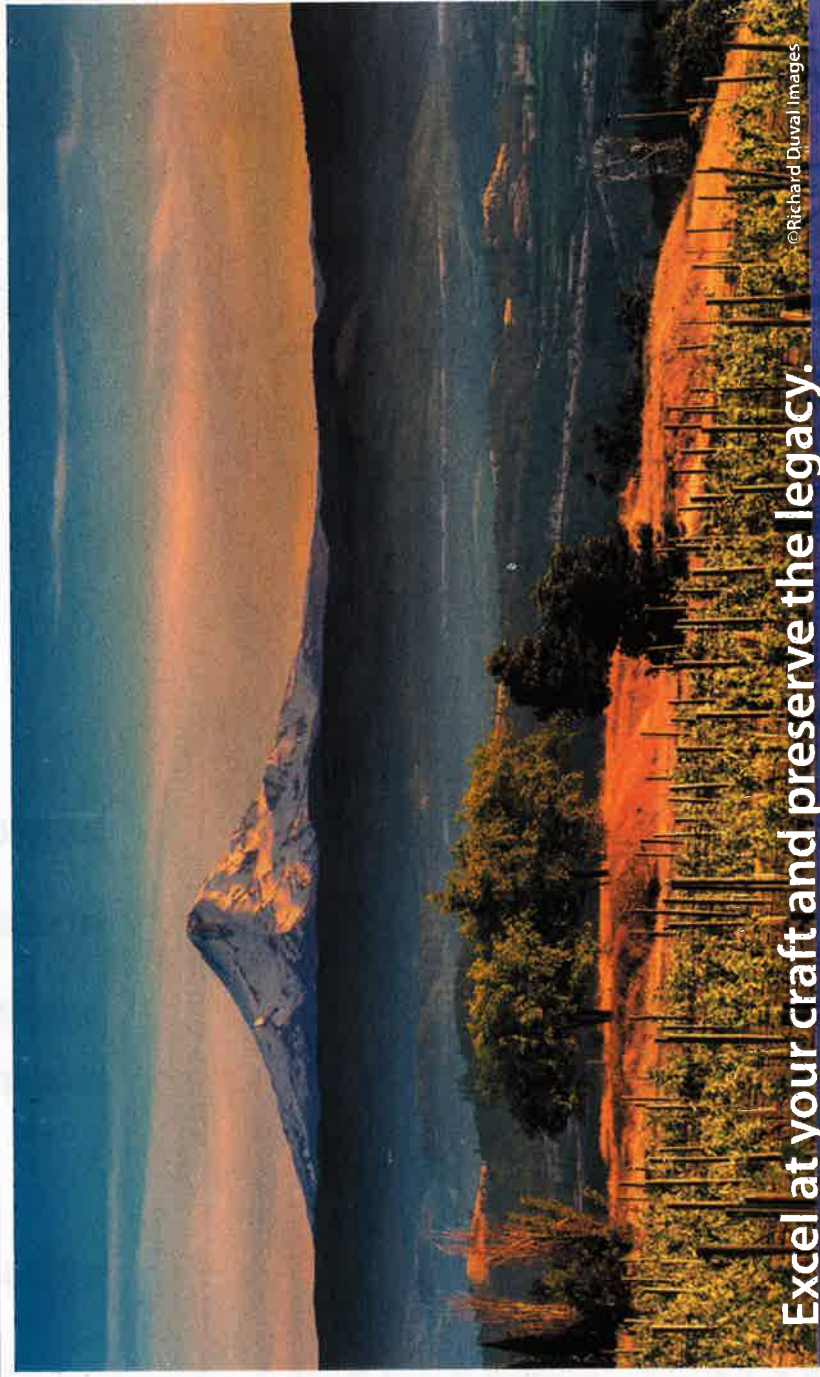
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**SAMMAMISH VALLEY WINE STUDY AREA**  
Some are opposed to any changes that would reduce regulations on agricultural land, saying this could increase area land prices and impact farmers.

# ILLEGAL TASTING ROOMS ARE ON THE TABLE

BY JASMINE SPEARING-BOWEN | Puget Sound Business Journal

King County is considering legalizing wine-tasting rooms that have been operating in a gray zone, a move that could resonate far beyond wineries. ¶ County officials cited Sammamish Valley tasting rooms in 2015 for operating on unincorporated rural and agricultural land where commercial and retail businesses aren't allowed. But officials did not shut down any operations while they assessed the area's emerging wine industry. ¶ "Many times, when something is new and special, the county has to adapt to how we're going to deal with that," said King County Council Member Kathy Lambert. "We are adjusting to what exists and putting parameters around it." ¶ Some of the tasting rooms call themselves wineries, even though they don't produce wine on site, said Michael Tanklesy, a member of Friends of Sammamish Valley, a nonprofit formed to oppose the changes and preserve the valley's rural character. Only nine of the nearly 130 wineries in the area are operating illegally, he said.

**"Nobody set up a tasting room and just started selling alcohol**

**out of the back of a truck. It makes it sound like we have speakeasies."**

**SCOTT HEINRICH,**  
owner of Genoa Cellars

King County's planning committee is considering an ordinance that would update regulations for wineries and allow these tasting rooms for three years to study the impact. After that, they could be shut down or be allowed to stay open, along with any others that open.

The committee would also remove a mandate that a winery operating on rural land must get 60 percent of its produce from within the Puget Sound counties.

Finally, as written, it would change the rules on agricultural land so 60 percent of the grapes would need to be grown on the property for a winery to operate there. This could make it almost impossible for wineries to operate on agricultural land, since grapes don't grow well

in the Sammamish Valley.

"One hundred percent of people bring grapes in from everywhere else. The growing area in Washington is Eastern Washington," said Samuel Castillo, owner of Castillo de Feliciano, which produces its wine in Walla Walla and has a rural Woodinville tasting room that was cited in 2015.

He opened the tasting room six years ago and considers it in compliance because the county hasn't closed it down.

"I'm an optimist, so I don't have any fear that we'll be shut down by the opposition," he said. "King County, I believe, knows how valuable what the wine industry has brought in is to the county and to the city of Woodinville. I don't think there's any stepping back."



RICHARD DUVAL IMAGES

King County is considering a trial run to study the benefits and drawbacks of tasting rooms in rural areas where zoning rules now prohibit them.

Castillo said he believes the 60 percent rule will wither on the vine because "it's not feasible."

The ordinance changes are still being negotiated, and the final version which could be voted on as soon as Dec. 4 may have fewer agricultural regulations, preliminary county documents show.

Buyers and sellers are standing by. The owners of a four-acre equestrian property who listed it for \$6.5 million in May took it off the market in September to see what happens with the vote.

Teresa Leatham, the Keller Williams agent who listed the agricultural-zoned property, said her clients are retiring and plan to sell either way, but are holding out for a bigger payout from someone who wants to use the property for a wine-tasting business or event venue.

Leatham said she has other clients in the area who want to sell but are also waiting to see what happens.

"There's definitely opportunity," she said. "I would love it if somebody bought our property (to partner) with a farm-to-table and maybe some kind of attraction like a venue for a destination, winery and distillery," said Leatham.

More development may be coming to the area soon. The 24-acre Woodinville Wine Vil-

lage property sold for \$16.2 million in September to an entity of Windward Real Estate Services of Kirkland. Windward wants to add more residential and commercial space to the plans for the mixed-use property, which has been in various stages of development for over a decade due to legal and financial difficulties.

DeLille Cellars co-founder Greg Lill, Matthews Winery owner Cliff Otis and other business leaders envision more. They presented the committee with a list of other changes they would like to see in the Sammamish Valley, including hotels, art galleries, restaurants, bike, rollerblade and kayak rentals, youth hostels and a passenger train station.

Lambert said none of those changes are being considered yet.

Tanksley and other members of the Friends of Sammamish Valley are opposed to any changes that would reduce regulations on agricultural land.

They say this could increase area land prices which would impact farmers and that the area doesn't have the infrastructure to support additional tourism more development could bring. Instead, Tanksley encourages wineries and other businesses to set up in the

city of Woodinville or in the nearby tourist district.

Scott Heinrich opened Genoa Cellars tasting room in a rural area in 2015. His business was federally and state licensed, he said, and King County had a chance to raise concerns about the location during the state licensing process, but never did.

"Nobody set up a tasting room and just started selling alcohol out of the back of a truck," he said. "It makes it sound like we have speakeasies."

Heinrich eventually moved his business into the city of Woodinville not because of the zoning, but because of challenges associated with running a business on undeveloped land. Heinrich offered words of caution to speculators placing bets before officials act.

"It's risky as an investor," he said. "If it doesn't pan out, they are stuck holding agricultural land that they have to go grow something on."



# RECOMMENDATIONS



**ANDREW BROWNE**  
 Founder and CEO of  
 Precept Wine

**Favorite wine:**  
 Browne Family  
 Vineyards 2015  
 Cabernet Sauvignon .  
 "The wine was aged 20  
 months in 56 percent  
 new French oak,  
 lending vanilla tones  
 to the wine's deep  
 berry, cigar box and  
 chocolate notes."

**Cost:** \$35  
**Pairs well with:**  
 Charred rare steak and  
 spicy, tomato-based  
 dishes.



**LISA CALLAN**  
 Owner/winemaker at  
 Callan Cellars in  
 Woodinville

**Favorite Wine:**  
 Callan Cellars 2016  
 Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Cost:** \$35  
**Pairs well with:**  
 "It is a medium- to  
 full- bodied red that  
 pairs well with meats,  
 cheeses and heavier  
 pasta dishes. However,  
 I regularly pair it with  
 the remote control."



**AARON WOOD-  
 SNYDERMAN**  
 Metropolitan Grill  
 wine director

**Favorite wine:**  
 2009 Betz Family  
 Winery, Père de  
 Famille. "This wine has  
 a beautiful far-eastern  
 spice note wrapped  
 around a solid core of  
 black cherry and red  
 currant, complemented  
 by vanilla, violet and  
 cedar."

**Cost:** \$268  
 (at Metropolitan Grill)  
**Pairs well with:**  
 "It pairs great with  
 steak, but it also goes  
 with anything meaty  
 and rich. ... Think  
 roasts, casseroles, etc."



**SHELLY FITZGERALD**  
 Certified sommelier  
 and Columbia Winery's  
 wine education  
 specialist

**Favorite wine:**  
 Treveri Cellars Brut  
 Blanc de Noir  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Pairs well with:**  
 Smoked salmon on a  
 crostini layered with  
 goat cheese, a touch  
 of lemon zest, dill, and  
 black pepper. "Simple  
 yet delicious!"



**GREG LILL**  
 Co-founder and  
 president emeritus  
 of Delille Cellars and  
 principal at Cashmere  
 Partners

**Favorite wine:**  
 "The 2008 Delille  
 Cellars Harrison Hill  
 is my favorite wine to  
 drink right now. We  
 have always called our  
 Harrison Hill the 'Velvet  
 Hammer' because  
 of its soft texture yet  
 powerful structure."

**Cost:** \$90  
**Pairs well with:**  
 Rack of lamb



**ANGELA STOWELL**  
 CEO of FareStart,  
 former CEO of Ethan  
 Stowell Restaurants

**Favorite wine:**  
 Cadaretta SBS. "It is  
 a Sauvignon Blanc/  
 Semillon blend, a super  
 dry white wine that has  
 the right amount of  
 acid and citrus notes."  
**Cost:** about \$23  
**Pairs well with:** Oysters  
 and shellfish.

Comments by Aslaug Haraldsdottir

King County Council PRE Committee meeting regarding King County Ordinance #2018-0241 ("Beverage" Ordinance)

November 28, 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen of King County Council,

My husband and I live just above a narrow greenbelt from one of the larger parcels included in "Overlay B." Every day I have to plan my driving in the valley around the **nightmare traffic congestion on SR202**. This narrow 2-lane road, with **no left turn lanes or sidewalks**, can in no way handle the increase in traffic the "overlay" would create. The inevitable **parking lots** created by new businesses would rapidly increase **water runoff** that already causes difficulty for the agriculture in the valley.

Another key issue is the use of **septic systems** for bars and event centers. The increased volume of affluent that would run through these septic systems can reach into the aquifer and ultimately into the farmland in the valley below. **Bars and event centers need sewer hook up**, which do not and should not exist on rural land.

The final point I want to make is this: We have a **lovely rural oasis in this valley** with deep fertile soil that is so rare in our otherwise hilly terrain. This is key to the tourist draw and outdoor recreation in the valley, and **we are blessed with the opportunity to continue to preserve this gem!**

**I plead for your support of the amendment from Friends of Sammamish Valley for proposed King County Ordinance #2018-0241. Thank you.**





Dear Members of King County Council-

My husband & I have lived here almost 30 years, raised family here – bought here due to beauty, quiet and peace of rural character of valley but also proximity to cities

Drastic changes have occurred over last several years. I don't know at what point it became okay to ignore the laws that protected and outlined the use of the valley. It is a nightmare going down Redmond Woodinville Road on weekends. Traffic is chaotic with no turn lanes and pedestrians cross everywhere. The infrastructure does not exist for what is being allowed now, much less what some future proposals outline. Former homes, designed for a family, have been turned into tasting rooms with dozens of cars parked on what likely could be drain fields or reserve drain fields.

Paved or compacted soil does not drain and causes water runoff problems.

There is an opportunity now to do what is right, to safeguard what the current laws have been designed to protect. Doing the right thing is not always about what generates the most revenue. As a tax-paying resident of King County, I ask you to be part of the solution and not perpetuate what has proven to be a problem for those of us who live and work in the area and for the land that is rich for agricultural use and recreational purposes. This is the legacy I hope you choose.

I support Friends of Sammamish Valley amended ordinance,

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Don't go into Woodinville on weekends

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We've heard the science &  
we know why its important  
to keep this small valley from  
overdevelopment.

There are very few places left  
where we can say "enjoy the land"  
'respect the land'.

Let's do that here and now.  
Not only for the short term but  
for the generations to come.

The Sammamish Valley is a  
treasure that should be passed on  
to future generations.

Let's do it !!!

I support  
Friends of Sam. Valley Ordinance

Mary Vermulen  
16734 NE 102 St  
Redmond, Wa. 98052

I support the  
Friends of Sannamish Valley  
ordinance

Submitted by Brenda Vanderloop; presented to King County Council, Nov. 28, 2018

Brenda Vanderloop, commenting on behalf of 21 Acres and Sammamish Valley Alliance.

Preserving and protecting the farmland and rural spaces in the Sammamish Valley has direct impact on the farms and organizations that offer their products and educational resources to the community. Farming in the Valley is a viable entity and we've seen growth in recent years with farm production and education programs bringing in an increasing number of young farmers growing food on acreage in the Valley. Education programs that provide increased opportunities for food access and food security. Farming practices that regenerate the soil addressing weather issues and climate challenges that affect production.

Each year thousands of youth and young adults are in the fields and on the grounds on these Sammamish Valley farms learning valuable skills about how food is grown, harvested and used in their family kitchens. Farmers host field trips for youth, from preschool to college, are adventure centers for farm camps, serve as homes for veterans healing, and are locations for volunteering and community service. The SAge program, as one example, is a collaboration of five Seattle area colleges, and WA State University, who use their Valley farmland for hands-on curriculum as part of their Sustainable Agriculture degree programs. Participants continue their education working on the SAge farm, they become successful incubator farmers growing MORE food in the Valley for the community. They look for land to farm they can call their own. Access to affordable, useable farmland is key, it allows these farmers to remain in business, increase food production goals and support the local food economy.

Please protect this viable farmland and keep the rural buffers free from development creating additional water issues that affect production. Do NOT put our Valley farmers out of business. In fact, King County's current Local Food Initiative has established goals for GROWING 25 NEW farmers every year and INCREASING the amount of King County acreage in food production. Please support Friends of Sammamish Valley's amended Ordinance.

Thank you.

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## Climate Reality Leader



### THE CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT

Founded and chaired by Nobel Laureate and former US Vice President Al Gore, The Climate Reality Project is dedicated to catalyzing a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every level of society.

### A GLOBAL CAUSE DEMANDS A GLOBAL EFFORT

With glaciers melting, seas rising, and 14 of the 15 hottest years on record coming this century, the threat of climate change has never been clearer. But with solar, wind, and other clean energy solutions becoming more affordable and accessible every year, neither has the way forward. And with 195 countries signing the historic Paris Agreement to cut greenhouse gases the world is finally united in working to seize the promise of renewables and create a safe, sustainable, and prosperous future powered by clean energy.

What's in the way? Powerful fossil fuel companies and their government allies spreading fear and misinformation.

Led by Vice President Gore and CEO Ken Berlin, we're here to change that. We connect cutting-edge digital media, global organizing events, and peer-to-peer outreach to share the truth about climate change and the solutions in our hands today with people everywhere. And with our more than 10,000 Climate Reality Leader activists building support for pro-climate policies at every level, and millions joining us to accelerate the global transition to clean energy, we have the chance to stop climate change and together create a future we can be proud of. We're not about to waste it.



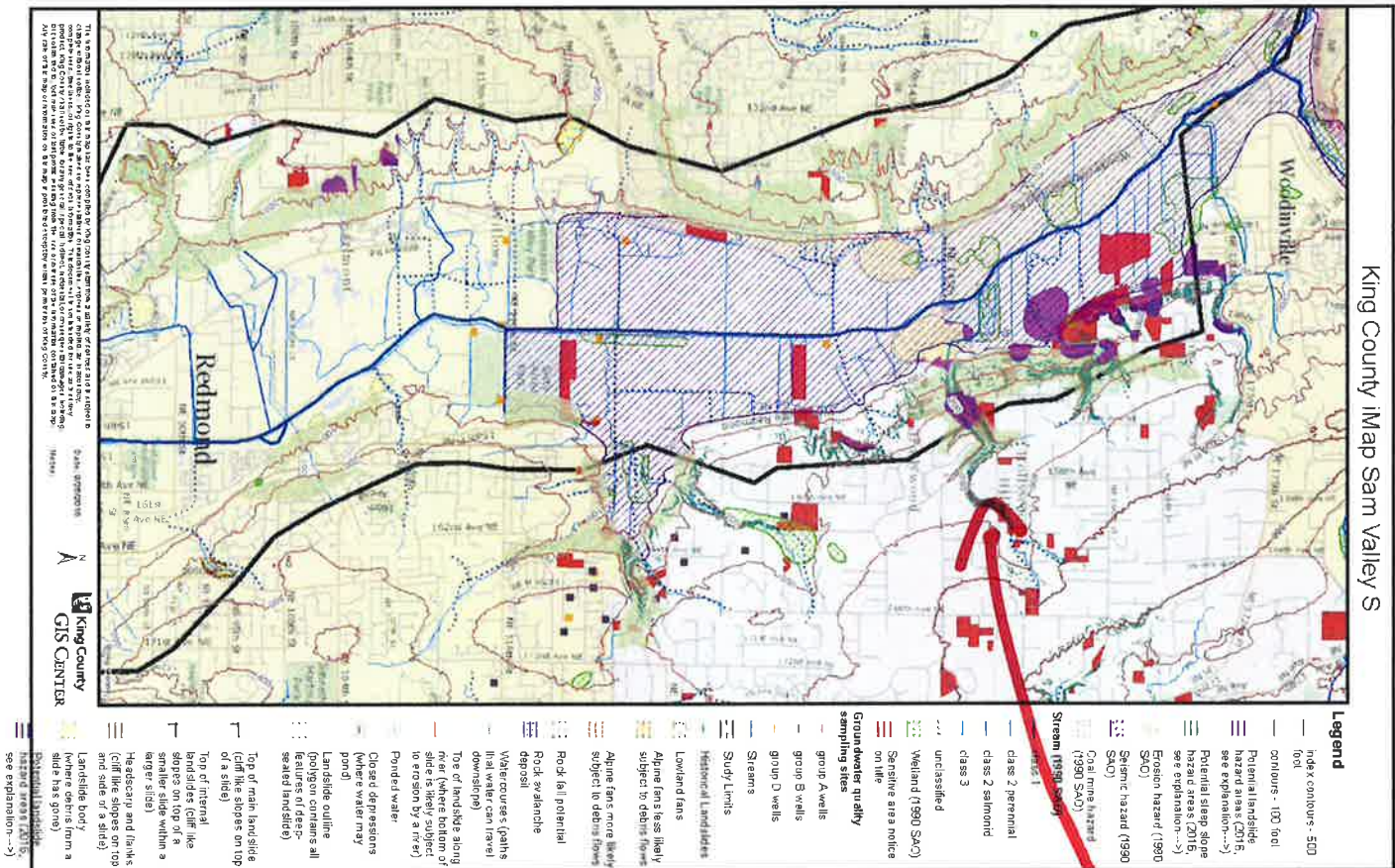
- Climate Reality endorses the Friends of Sammamish Valley amendment to Ordinance 2018-0241, to retain the Rural Buffer Zoning
- The Rural Buffer is an essential part of the Sammamish Valley ecosystem
- The Rural Buffer is the steep, sloped walls of the valley
- Undisturbed, it provides pure water resources to the valley and the Sammamish River
- If commercial zoning is allowed the ecosystem will be destroyed, sediments and toxics will flood farmland and contaminate the soils and the Sammamish River
- These toxics and sediments will damage multiple migratory Salmon runs
- The Rural Buffer must remain in place to protect the Sammamish River and the farmland soils
- This farmland can feed 80,000 people and must be preserved for now and the future
- The farms produce food for families, restaurants and numerous charities throughout the

County



# The Kunal Buffer is the Steep walls of the Valley.

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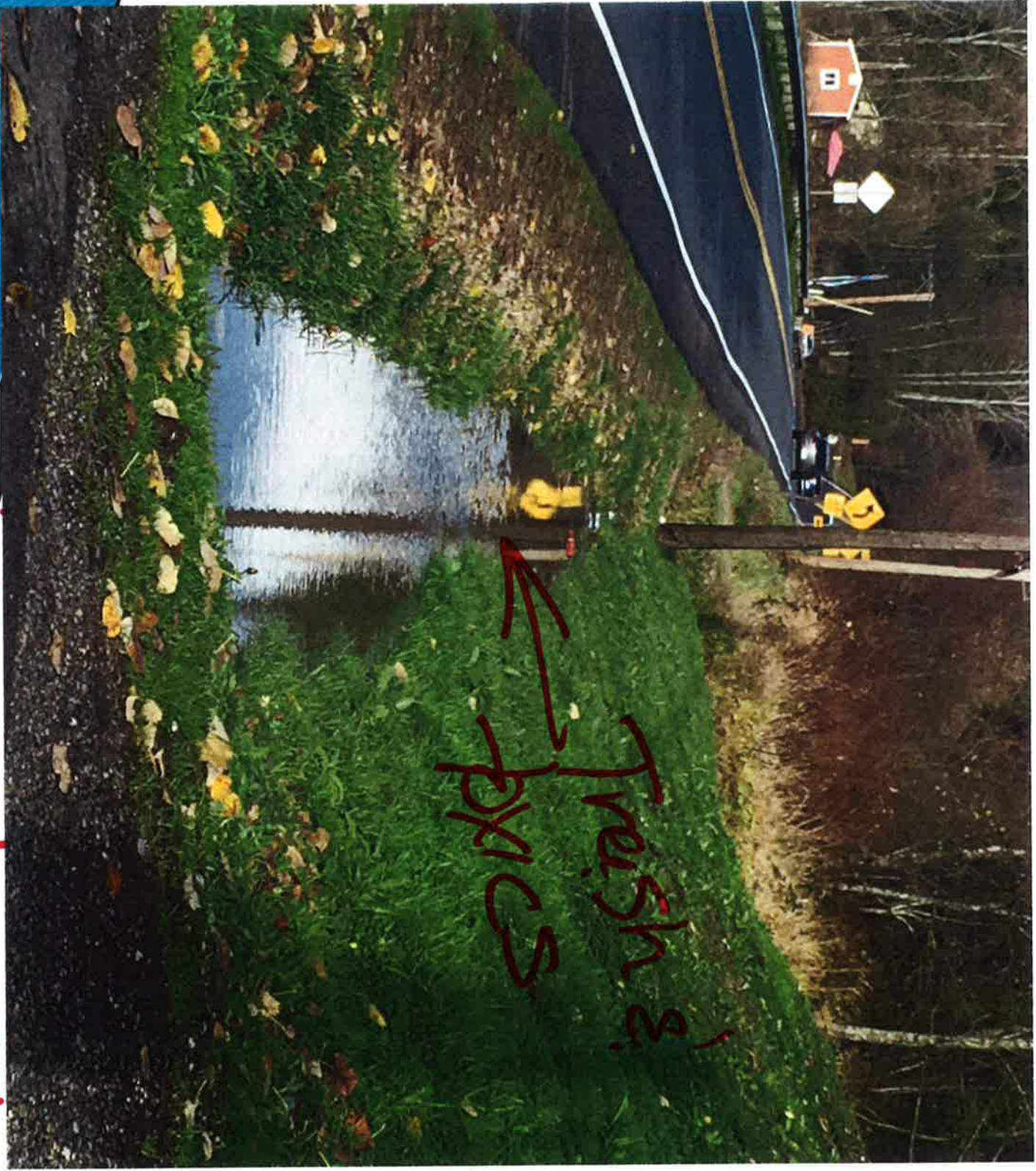
*Undisturbed Stable Rural Buffer Slopes*



*Water flows to the Valley & into the Snohomish River*



*Violators create impervious surfaces; toxics flow to farms*



Farms and creeks, leading to the river, became contaminated!



*This Valley feeds 80,000 people nutritious food including*

# Charity Organizations from throughout the County

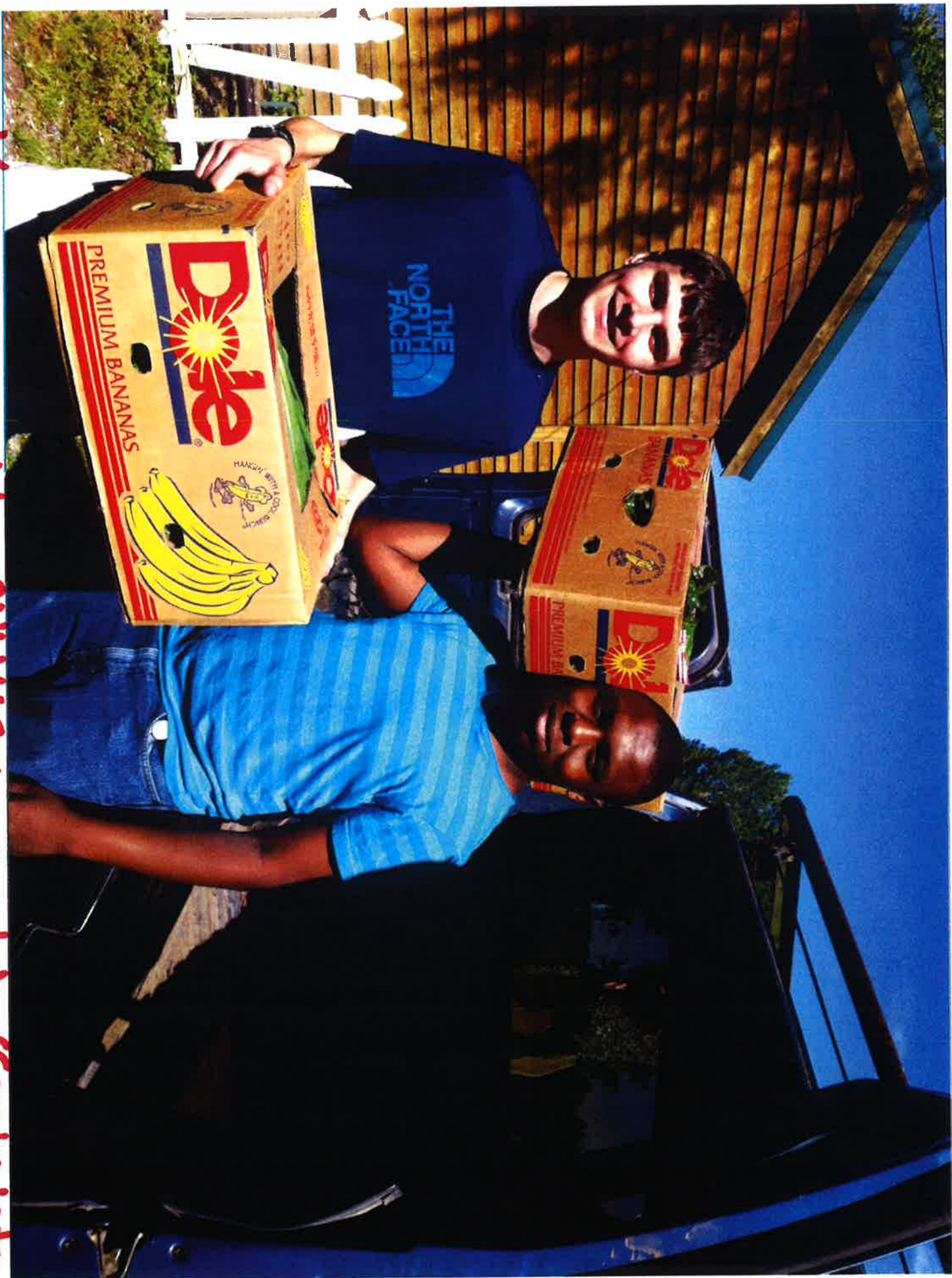
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YOUTH CARE	18	4	2	5	5	8		6	8	2	2
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NORTHSHORE	16		4	5	5	10		6		2	2
SOPHIA WAY	15	15	15		15	20		15	15	3	5
HERO HOUSE	10	10	15		8			15	15	3	3
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*from the Valley with love to charity*

*Fertility*

Climate change is decreasing fertility while populations increase





The Valley can provide, ONLY if the rural butter is intact.

- Climate change is decreasing agricultural fertility nationwide already creating produce shortages
- With increasing the numbers of climate migrants, our County has increasing populations that all need to eat.
- The Sammamish This valley can provide this food, if we do not disturb the Rural Buffer, thus protecting the fertile soils.
- The County cannot let this valuable resource be damaged, please keep the necessary Rural Buffer zoning, by supporting the proposed Ordinance amendment by the Friends of Sammamish Valley.

*“Whether we and our politicians know it or not, Nature is party to all our deals and decisions, and she has more votes, a longer memory and a sterner sense of justice than we do.”*

*Wendell Berry*

