

## Triplex's development across the street from the Ash Place Townhouse Project

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During my morning walk in the park I was approached by a man interested in purchasing the 3 remaining lots 1710 1714, 1722 W Dalton across from the townhouse project. He is a Federal Police Officer (showed me his badge) and already owns several rental properties. His plan is to purchase the three lots and build triplexes on each one. I told him wetlands have a protective buffer zone and that the proximity of the park to the lots would be an issue. He said the developer was building across the street and he didn't see any difference. According to the State of WA Department of Ecology property directly adjacent to wetlands must have a buffer zone...

"The recommended minimum buffer width for a healthy wetland ranges from 50 to 300 feet or more. The width requirement is based on the size of your wetland, the functions it provides, the health of existing vegetation, the wildlife you may want to protect, and adjacent land use. Your conservation district, county cooperative extension office, city or county planning office, or Department of Ecology can advise you on the minimum requirement for your particular wetland." - Department of Ecology State of WA Publication Number: 14-06-022 May 2014, Revised April 2018

This is a serious situation that will directly affect the delicate ecology of the park. We need to address the size of the wetland's buffer zone immediately. A joint letter from UCUT, Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council and Ash Place Concerned Companions to The State of WA Department of Ecology requesting Drumheller Park's buffer zone size and status would be a strong start in preventing this triplex development from reaching the permitting stage.