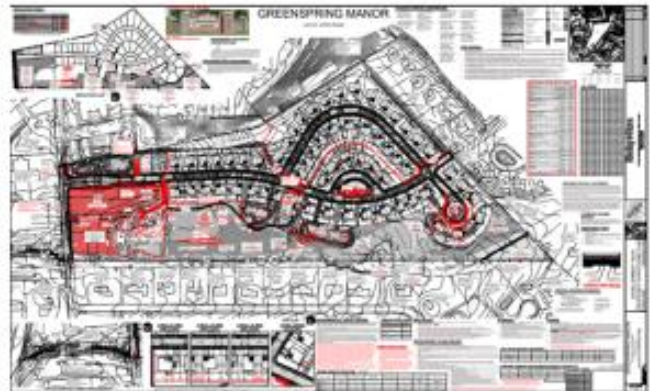


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Greenspring Manor Update

Greenspring Manor is a 61-home development proposed for a property next to Greenspring Station. Valleys Planning Council is opposing this development based on traffic, sewer, and environmental concerns. The hearing before the administrative law judge continues January 30.



Many community members have testified about existing conditions and their concerns about how the addition of 60 homes will exacerbate traffic backups and sewer overflows. Traffic and sewer experts have been engaged and are testifying about the impact the proposed development will have on currently overtaxed systems.

VPC collected close to 200 signatures on a petition submitted to the administrative law judge as evidence of community opposition. Besides people living in communities adjacent to the proposed development, County residents who travel through the area also signed the petition, demonstrating the obvious and immediate impact the addition of 60 residences would have on a much larger area than just the surrounding neighborhoods.

Please consider making a donation to VPC to fund our opposition to this development. Visit <https://www.thevpc.org/donate/special-project-donation/> and specify Greenspring Manor. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Oregon Ridge Master Plan



Beginning in the spring, consultants leading the process to develop a master plan for Oregon Ridge held public meetings, conducted interviews, collected information and public input, conducted a public survey, and presented proposed enhancements to the public. Their goal is to create a plan that will protect the natural resources in this 1100-acre park, including streams and forests, preserving important wildlife habitat and opportunities for research and education, as well as to improve facilities, programming, and accessibility.

Goals, objectives, and actions listed in the final version of the master plan are contemplated but there is no guarantee any or all of them will actually happen. However, many concerned parties weighed in and were heard, and it appears that trails will not be opened up to mountain bikers or horse riders. There may be additional staff assigned to the park and possibly some other changes that improve the experience of visitors. A final plan is imminent and we will let you know when the public meeting to announce that plan is on the schedule.

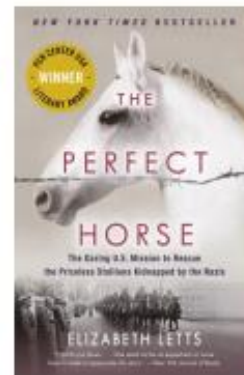
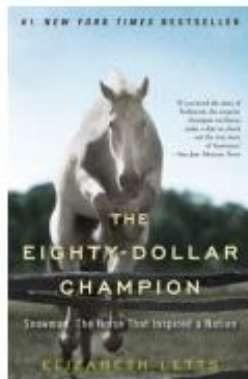
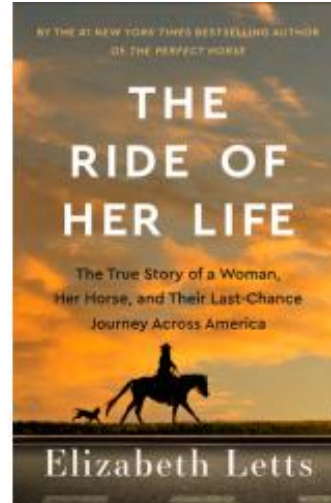
Save The Date!

We have planned another event to celebrate VPC's sixtieth anniversary. Mark your calendars for February 23, when award-winning author Elizabeth Letts will talk about her 2021 book, *The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America*, the true story of a woman who rode her horse across America in the 1950s, fulfilling her dying wish to see the Pacific Ocean.

Letts has written other books, including the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, The Horse That Inspired a Nation*. This compelling tale is described in some detail here:

https://moneyversed.com/s/man-saves-horse-grim?as=70aol&utm_source=AOL.com&bdk=0

Letts also penned *The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis* and *Finding Dorothy: A Novel*.



The Valleys Planning Council wishes you a peaceful, happy, and healthy new year!

It's not too late to make your tax-deductible contribution to The Valleys Planning Council. All donations are used to fulfill our mission: to conserve land and resources, preserve historic character and maintain the rural feel and land uses in the valleys. We can't do it without you!

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