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Friends of Badger Mountain



Land on the ridges is slated for development, with Little Badger land most at risk. The City of Richland has submitted a proposal for \$1 million to the [Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office](#) (RCO) on behalf of [Friends of Badger Mountain](#) to help purchase the land from a willing seller.

As the grant requires a 1:1 match, FOBM needs to assess by June 30 whether we can raise \$1 million in cash and pledges in order to be eligible for the full grant by the time it is awarded. ([Answers to Frequently Asked Questions](#))

Learn more about Friends of Badger Mountain and the "Sprint to the Summit" at <http://www.friendsofbadger.org/index.html>.

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Land Acquisition Strategy

The only way we acquire land is to raise the money for purchase at appraised market value from a willing seller.

We can suggest the land owner consider placing some of the land into Conservation Easement. This gives the owner excellent tax credits and lowers the purchase price. Consideration for Conservation Easement, a federal program, can only be initiated by the owner.

Where We Are At

“Thank You” to the [most recent contributors](#) to the campaign for lands adjacent to Badger Mountain. Donations are rolling in...a little over \$18,000 last week! And though we are counting on the business community in this final push we still have a long way to go. We've had nearly \$5,000 in expenditures lately (supplies, printing, postage, etc.) leaving us about \$113,000 in the bank with \$60,000 more pledged or expected.

For all of you thinking of giving who haven't yet done so, now is the time!

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Invite Us to Speak

Invite us to speak to your organization or host a coffee 'n Danish or a wine 'n cheese. FOBM does a great presentation. This is an easy, fun and entertaining way to get the facts out about our current land acquisition efforts. We'll help you set it up, if needed. For more information contact: <vicki_patten@yahoo.com> or call 547-2317.

What's Worth Preserving?

- Easily Accessible Open Space ([Badger Mountain trail map](#))
- A Potential "Ridges to Rivers" Trail
- A Home for [Animals and Plants](#) of the Shrub-Steppe
- Irreplaceable Features of the [Ice Age Floods](#)

Reflections

What were your favorite things to do as a kid? Most of us had places where we could run around unfettered in fields, woods or hills near our homes...where we could dig in dirt...discover insects, bones, or unnamed curiosities...pull apart grasses and plants...build forts out of dirt, rocks and branches...follow tracks...investigate burrowing holes. Lose ourselves outdoors. And we still love it.

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“Ridges to Rivers”

This is what drives my passion. The kid in me wants our children and grandchildren and all the generations to come to have places to run and to roam. Asphalt, concrete and grass just don't cut it. All the kids struggling with obesity or stuck in front of their games and computers are telling us that.

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Yet, open space is disappearing fast and that's all that will be left to them if we don't step in soon.

Most of the nearby open space we see now is slated for development. The only natural habitat that will be preserved is what citizen's groups like ourselves, Tapteal Greenway, the Audubon Society and others are working to save. All else will be developed.



This may be the last year we have a chance to preserve any ridge lands in Richland's jurisdiction.

Little Badger Ridge is the most at risk and thus our first priority.

Again, the only way we acquire land is to raise the money for purchase at appraised market value from a willing seller.

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Natural habitat once gone can never be replaced. Please give as generously as you can to help create a legacy of open space for our children and grandchildren.

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