



# Town of Reardan

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RE: Expansion of the Audubon Lake Sanctuary Project

The Town of Reardan is very much in support of the expansion of the Audubon Lake Sanctuary. This sanctuary is in a critical location for seasonal migration routes with rich feeding grounds and has abundant nesting opportunities.

Presently the proposed land acquisition has not been developed, but it will not remain undeveloped for much longer. The Reardan area has begun to feel pressure from developers looking to move west from Spokane and Airway Heights.

The parcel of ground being proposed is perfectly located and beautifully compliments the existing sanctuary site. It is in pristine condition at this time and would provide an enhanced opportunity to create a very synergistic relationship between public access, education, and natural preservation.

The additional ground would make possible the opportunity to construct a health trail around the perimeter of the sanctuary. This has been a long desired goal of the Town and the added ground would increase this likelihood. The added area would allow the trail to be far enough back from the nesting areas so as to not disturb any nesting habitat while at the same time be near enough to provide a marvelous educational experience for the general public.

The Town therefore enthusiastically supports the request to acquire the additional sanctuary ground.

Sincerely,

Sherman L. Johnson, Mayor

