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**Jean Fraser - Support Munjoy Heights**

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Hi there,

We are writing to express our support for the Munjoy Height project.

This has always been private property, so any arguments that it should be preserved as public space seems strange. The land is mostly unusable steep slope and populated by non-native invasive vegetation. Munjoy Heights will create permanent Public Access easements and provide legal access for Portland Trails which has not existed before. Additionally, developers will improve urban ecology by removing the detrimental invasive vegetation and replacing with all native plants and shrubs (they are planting 67 new trees and more than 700 shrubs). From the stormwater management techniques, to plant selection, street design, the building envelope, and mechanical systems, they have designed Munjoy Heights to be among the most innovative and greenest housing developments anywhere.

This is something Portland should be proud of. Please help to see it is approved.

Thanks!

All the best,  
Catherine York + John Powers (Portland residents)

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