

I would like the following statement to go on record with the City of Rivergrove regarding the Stark Boat ramp.

Rivergrove maintains its unique identity as an independent, eminently little city. We like to think of our little city as a best kept secret in the Portland area. A city that has thrived under the watchful care of its citizens. These are direct quotes from the City of Rivergrove website and the reason why so many of us have chosen to live here. Over the last several years, the Stark Boat ramp located on Dogwood Drive, has seen increased usage by kayakers, stand up paddle boarders, boaters, picnickers and fishermen. The increase of traffic on Dogwood, Tualamere and Marlin has created great concern for the safety of our citizens, especially families with children. A play structure across the street from the Stark Boat ramp and absence of sidewalks presents a safety challenge in that increased auto traffic from the boat ramp users means less visibility to children playing at or around the park or walking to it. A petition completed in August of 2020 by nearly 70% of those citizens residing on Dogwood, Tualamere and Marlin, (the major access routes to the boat ramp and park), thoughtfully identified the concerns, along with possible solutions in addressing safety concerns, traffic issues and increased usage of the Stark Boat ramp. The little city feeling no longer exists for the citizens residing in this area. We are the citizens that no longer have the same quality of life as other citizens in Rivergrove, due to the increased usage of the Stark Boat ramp. I respectfully ask Rivergrove City Council to strongly consider options identified in the petition, to make the Stark Boat ramp a good and safe neighbor to those in close proximity to its increased impacts.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Vanslavie