January 15, 2024 Subject : Glen's Ditch

Dear Mayor Owen and City Council Members,

As much as I have thought that the ditches around Gustavus could be cleaned out, I am not in favor of diverting the airport runoff and the PFAS that it contains, down Glen's Ditch. At this time, monitoring levels are being watched at 2 locations to observe this ditch because of its proximity to the runway and the water flow to the beach. I believe the levels are not too bad in the last couple of years in this ditch and have been stable.

I am against moving any material from the ditch up to Tract D. We already have a contained toxic waste disposal to the Southeast of the airport and that is where any contaminated material should go.

As well, I believe that this is the direction any further drainage plan should go since the big ditch is already there and has already been draining the airport stormwater which contains unhealthy PFAS levels.

The idea of spreading PFAS into a new neighborhood with many houses and wells right on or close to Glen's Ditch is negligent and shortsighted. It would also be polluting another area of the beach which is now a highly used recreational and berry picking area. I think we need to be very mindful and err on the side of caution before potentially making a bad situation worse .

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