

NEWS RELEASE:

By: Bill and Jenny Goebel, the Complete the Loop Coalition, and the Icicle Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Bill and Jenny Goebel, Leavenworth residents have announced the acceptance of their offer to purchase the seller's interest in that certain Real Estate contract between the Port of Chelan County and the Complete the Loop Coalition whereby the 14 acres of waterfront on the old Peshastin Mill Site was sold to the Coalition for \$453,255. The balance of the Contract is due on June 30, 2016. Last year the Goebels entered into a separate earnest money agreement to purchase the upland 50 acres of the Mill site for \$1.6 million dollars. That agreement to sell the upland will close in April of 2016. At the same time, the Goebels have disclosed their plans to develop the upland property in a way that would be compatible with the Coalition's intent to gift the 14 acres of waterfront to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife so that it would remain open to the public for fishing, picnicking, and non motorized use . The Goebel's plans include a section of the property to be dedicated to wine growing and production; a portion dedicated to community interest and history with the intent to enhance tourism opportunities; and a portion devoted to recreation and the environment. The Goebels intend to further amplify and disclose more details of their plans and ask for feedback from the Peshastin Community Council at the regularly scheduled meeting of the council on February 11th.

The Goebels also announced their intent to pass on to the Coalition the discount in the purchase price that they negotiated with the Port. The Goebels stated they are very pleased to support and reinforce the Coalition's goal to have the waterfront remain in public ownership and open to the public in perpetuity. The Complete the Loop Coalition has partnered with the Leavenworth Chapter of Trout Unlimited in an effort to raise the \$453,255 purchase price of the Real Estate purchase Agreement. The Coalition and Trout Unlimited still have about \$195,000 remaining before they reach their the goal to raise the full purchase price prior to June 30, 2016. Leaders of the fund drive (Bob Parlette, Rollie Schmitt and Bob Stroup) stated when they heard of the Goebel's purchase of the Port's position: "We can't think of a more desirable outcome. To have the Goebels as owners of the upland, with compatible goals of achieving open space that could become a great tourist attraction is a dream come true. Now we just need to wrap up the fund drive and hope that this puts to rest any uncertainty as to the future of the Mill Site."

More information is expected to be delivered by the Chelan County Port Commission at their meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

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