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As a frequent visitor to the area between the Husky Stadium and the Urban Horticultural Center, I have become aware of an area where there is an enormous diversity of wildlife, especially birds. These creatures depend upon an area of marshlands and riparian habitat unique to this area. Second only in number of bird species to Discovery Park, this area contains species found nowhere else in the Seattle area. For example, this spring I saw a Bullock's Oriole in this area, an American pipit and just missed a Common Snipe in addition to the 30 or so different species seen at each short visit. Many shorebirds visit this area. Should this Montlake Fill area be impacted, even indirectly through habitat loss, Seattle would be just as poor as if it had lost the opera or the symphony. Whatever the final choice is for the bridge it must take into account preservation of animal and plant habitat or the quality of life in our region will be seriously downgraded.

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Response:

See Section 16.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.