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Nehalem is a part of a small rural community in north Tillamook County. Our county relies on the timber industry, farming, fishing, construction. Tourism fills in the rest. The city of Nehalem is named for the Nehalem River which runs through it, Hwy 101 is our main highway. Highway 53 takes us north to Hwy 26 to get to the Portland area 75 miles away. The closest larger cities are Tillamook to the south, and Seaside to the north, both 25 miles in distance. The outlying area has dairy farms, small businesses and residences with fishing docks that are found by driving on two lane country roads. The Neah-Kah-Nie School District is considered 2A. Two grade schools; Nehalem and Garibaldi. Middle School and High School located in Rockaway Beach, centrally located. The North Coast Recreational District (NCRD) was established and locally supported as a taxing district, as a community center from the original Nehalem Grade School. It includes a 75+ year old swimming pool, which is still utilized by the school system and members of the community.

This is not a good match with the urban, more populated areas. We should be kept in our coastal District 5 as is.

Thank you for your consideration. Marlene Acker Nehalem

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