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In the recent Autumn 2023 Outlook Newsletter you received, there was an article under the headline, Silverton hillside needlessly destroyed. In this article a reference was made to The BMW Store in which the article stated. "Years ago The BMW Store expressed an interest in expanding its facilities east of Stewart Road. Despite public outcry, the car dealership clear cut several acres of woods below Kenwood Country Club. Once the trees were cut down, its plans changed, and the facility was not expanded as originally planned."

These statements were based on hearsay from the early 2000's by an unknowledgeable source at that time. It has come to light that these statements are not true.

To clarify, The BMW Store neither clear cut the hillside in question, nor did it own the hillside property at that time. In addition, there was no public outcry directed at The BMW Store. Rather, it was concerned callers who directed their outcry towards The Hillside Trust, requesting that the Trust try to stop any further clearcutting from happening.

As the executive director of The Hillside Trust, and the author of this newsletter article, I acknowledge these erroneous statements and I stand by the corrected facts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Russo". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Eric Russo
Executive Director