

THURSTON COUNTY RECYCLED ASPHALT POLICY E.5

2018/2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Docket Item #11



OVERVIEW

Thurston County is in the process of reviewing and considering a request to amend the Nisqually Subarea Plan policy on asphalt recycling (Policy E.5) to remove the policy language that currently prohibits this activity from being conducted inside the mined-out portion of a gravel mine (only applies to mines located within the Nisqually sub-area).

This review was included on the Board of County Commissioners approved list (docket item 11) of Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposals to be reviewed and considered for 2017.

The proposal is to amend the Nisqually Subarea Plan Policy E.5 to remove the existing policy language that prohibits asphalt reprocessing (recycling) within the Nisqually Subarea. This policy amendment proposal was submitted by Lakeside Industries, Inc.

Recycled Asphalt Policy E.5 - Timeframes

2017 – Spring
2018

- Internal Review
- Independent Consultant Analysis begins

Spring 2018 –
July 2019

- Consultant Analysis
- Informational Public Mtg on Consultant Report

Late 2019

- Planning Commission (PC) Review
- PC Public Hearing

Late 2019 –
Early 2020

- SEPA/EIS
- Board of County Commissioner Review & Public Hearing

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Fast Facts & FAQs

Fast Facts about Recycled Asphalt Processing:

- Asphalt is one of the most recycled products in the United States.
- Recycled asphalt is reused as a component of new asphalt.
- This update considers policy language in the Nisqually Subarea Plan (Policy E.5). No site-specific applications would be approved with this update.
- Thurston County allows asphalt recycling outside of the Nisqually Subarea on a case-by-case basis.
- A permit application is required for asphalt recycling. This reviews site-level criteria, such as critical area review.

What is the Nisqually Subarea Plan and Policy E.5 and how can I view/access it?

The Nisqually Subarea Plan is a land-use planning document that was developed by the Nisqually Sub-Area Community, with the assistance of Thurston County Community Planning staff, and adopted in 1992. The Nisqually Subarea Plan is a part of the County's broader Comprehensive Plan (land-use policy document) and expands on it to establish goals, policies and a land-use vision specifically tailored to the Nisqually area. Policy E.5 is a single policy (paragraph) within the Nisqually Subarea Plan section on commercial development that addresses the accessory activities that may be considered (potentially allowed) inside the mined-out portion of a gravel pit(s). The current language prohibits asphalt recycling within the mined-out portion of a gravel pit, see the full text below.

Policy E.5

"Allow accessory activities to be considered inside the mined out portion of a gravel pit through the site plan review process. Examples of allowable accessory uses would include concrete pipe and/or septic tank construction and the recycling of used concrete. The reprocessing of imported mineral resources shall not be the primary accessory use and the reprocessing of asphalt shall not be allowed due to water quality concerns. These activities shall be discontinued once reclamation of the pit is completed in accordance with WDNR standards." (pp. 21, Nisqually Subarea Plan)

The entire Nisqually Subarea Plan document is available online as a downloadable PDF on the County's Community Planning website (link provided below).

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/planning/planningdocuments/nisqually-sub-area-plan-1992.pdf>

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