



Thurston County

MINERAL RESOURCE LANDS DESIGNATION OPTIONS

OVERVIEW

Thurston County is looking at designation options of mineral resource lands as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update. These options are being considered at the March 7, 2018 public hearing.

Option 1

- Designates 141,331 acres.
- Allows for the largest designation of mineral lands of all options.
- Maps mineral lands based on the current designation criteria in the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan.
- Does not co-designate agriculture of long term commercial significance (identified as LTA and NA).

Option 1a

- Designates 143,391 acres.
- Co-designates 2,060 acres of agriculture of long-term commercial significance (identified as LTA and NA).

Option 2

- Designates 107,447 acres.
- Allows for the smallest designation of mineral lands of all options.
- Excludes additional criteria based on land-use and environmental factors.
- Does not co-designate agriculture of long term commercial significance (identified as LTA and NA).

Option 2a

- Designates 108,110 acres.
- Co-designates 663 acres of agriculture of long-term commercial significance (identified as LTA and NA).

Option 3

- Designates 135,765 acres.
- Excludes additional criteria based on land-use and environmental factors.
- Identifies designated mineral lands where land use and environmental factors may require additional review.
- Does not co-designate agriculture of long term commercial significance (identified as LTA and NA).

Option 3a

- Designates 137,492 acres.
- Co-designates 1,727 acres of agriculture of long-term commercial significance (identified as LTA and NA).

WHAT CRITERIA IS EXCLUDED UNDER EACH OPTION?

Criteria	Options					
	1	1a	2	2a	3	3a
Public parks, preserves, national wildlife refuges, state conservation areas, and areas within 1,000 feet	X	X	X	X	X	X
Urban Growth Areas and areas within 1,000 feet	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parcels < 5 acres	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parcels 5 acres or larger when more than 40% of surrounding parcels are less than 5 acres	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parcels with historic sites	X	X	X	X	X	X
Agriculture of long-term commercial significance (LTA and NA)	X		X		X	
FEMA Flood Zones			X	X	X	X
Group A Wellhead Protection Areas for 1, 5, and 10-year time of travel			X	X	R	R
Parcels with Group B Community Systems			X	X		
Marine Shoreline Landslide Hazard areas			X	X	X	X
Habitat for state and federal threatened and endangered species, including but not limited to, Mazama Pocket Gopher, Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly, Streaked Horned Lark, Chinook salmon, Oregon Spotted Frog			X	X	R	R
Gopher preferred soils as recommended by WDFW			X	X		
Limited Areas or More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRD) with densities greater than 1 du/acre			X	X		
DNR Mima Mounds			X	X	X	X
Wetlands					R	R

X Criteria is excluded from option

R Criteria is a designated mineral land, but may require additional review at the permit-level due to land use or jurisdictional factors

HOW MUCH OF EACH RESOURCE IS CODESIGNATED?

	LTA	LTF
1	0%	73%
1a	13%	73%
2	0%	64%
2a	4%	64%
3	0%	72%
3a	11%	72%

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<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/comp-plan/comp-plan-mineral-resource-lands-inventory.htm>

