

THURSTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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THURSTON

**Comprehensive Plan Update 2020
Mineral Resource Lands**

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MINERAL LANDS STAKEHOLDER GROUP



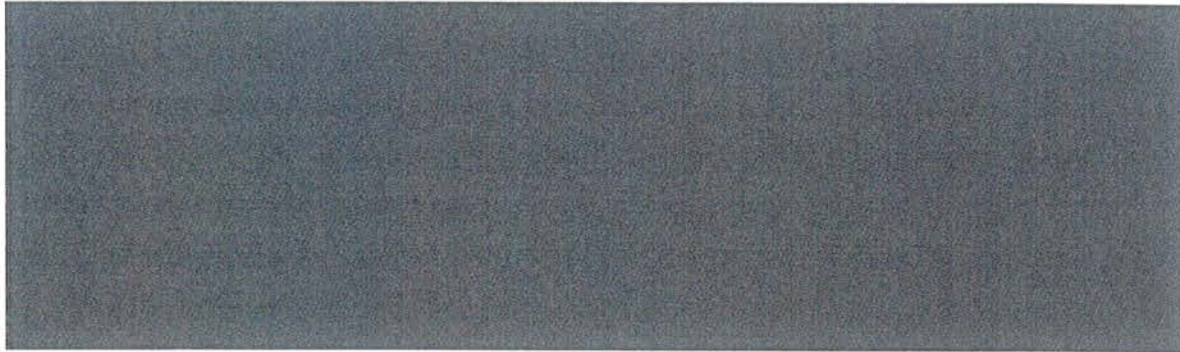
MINERAL LANDS STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- 9 meetings from April 2017 through October 2018
- Interests represented:
 - Agriculture
 - Cities
 - Environment
 - Industry
 - Realtors
 - Tribal
 - Wa. Dept of Transportation (WSDOT)
 - Wa. Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)

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- Topics Discussed
 - Inventory and classification
 - Options regarding the scope of designation
 - Goals, objectives and policies
 - Chapter 3 background information
 - Definition of public parks and preserves
 - Current permit process
 - Proposed code changes

DISCUSSION WITH MINERAL LANDS STAKEHOLDERS



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CHANGES TO MINERAL LANDS CONTENT BASED
ON THE LAST MEETING



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CHAPTER 3 POLICY CHANGES

- **New policy added in specifying the definition of “public parks and preserves” (Board Decision, November 2018)**
 - For the purposes of the Designated Mineral Lands Map (Map N-2), a “public park and preserve” is defined as the following: a park in the Thurston County Parks Layer that is at least 5 acres or larger, and is government owned, including public preserves, national wildlife refuges, habitat and wildlife areas, natural areas, state conservation areas, and developed or undeveloped parks used for passive or active recreation. This definition does not include the following: non-government parks, parks smaller than 5 acres, trailhead parcels, county-owned boat launches, county-owned trails, the off-road vehicle park, and the Evergreen State College.

CHAPTER 3 POLICY CHANGES

- **New policy added in to consider future parks that site in the resource area without 1,000 foot separation distance. (based on Planning Commission comment, 1/22/2020)**
 - At the time of any countywide update to the Designated Mineral Lands Map (Map N-2), in the event that new parks exist that were not previously excluded from the map and meet the definition of “public parks and preserves”, the County should exclude the park from the designated mineral lands map, but should also consider reducing or eliminating the 1,000 foot separation distance. This is based on the understanding that future parks are siting in a known designated mineral resource use area.

CODE CHANGES – 17.20 TCC MINERAL EXTRACTION CODE

- **17.20 Thurston County Code revision – Mineral Extraction Code**
(based on Planning Commission comment, 1/22/2020)
 - 17.20.140(A)(9) - For land that is co-designated as Long Term Agriculture or Nisqually Agriculture, a soil survey shall be complete prior to the start of any mineral extraction activity. The rehabilitation plan shall include a plan to return the site, or portion of a site as determined by the soil survey, to a state suitable for agricultural use. The reclaimed site should contain similar physical and chemical characteristics for areas that include prime farmland soils based on the findings of the original soil survey.

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QUESTIONS?

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