

MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT

You have the right to comment on anything, but the County can only act within specific land use rules. Here's how to frame your concerns so we can turn them into action.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement identifies potential environmental impacts. Your comments help ensure the Final EIS is complete and accurate.

Do

Point it out. "The wetland analysis on page 42 missed a seasonal stream located at..."

Suggest a fix. "To reduce noise for neighbors, consider a 10-foot sound wall instead of the proposed 6-foot fence."

Offer an alternative. "Have you considered placing the parking lot on the north side to preserve the oak grove?"

Don't

General Likes/Dislikes. "I support this project" or "I am against this."

Vague Concerns. "This project will be bad for the area."

Out of Scope. Issues like property taxes, project profit margins, or personal opinions unrelated to the physical environment.

The Permit process looks at how the proposal or project fits into our community and follows Thurston County Zoning Laws (Title 20).

Do

County Plan Alignment. "The Comprehensive Plan envisions this area as a dense residential district. Adding a warehouse is inconsistent with that vision."

Potential Impacts. "Permitting a new coffee shop on this road will add traffic to an already busy street. That'll mean long delays and safety issues."

Design Standards. "The new building is too close to the road and the proposed fence isn't tall enough to block lights and noise from the lot."

Don't

General "Not In My Backyard". "We just don't want this here. It'll ruin our view and lower our property values."

Market Competition. "There are already three gyms within two miles—we don't need another one taking customers from local businesses."

Internal Operations. "I worked with the owner for two years and they don't pay their staff nearly enough and their machines are outdated."

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