

Another Dump in Woodinville??! Help Prevent this--Attend March 6, 7 or 13 cnw@wellington-neighborhood.org

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Concerned Neighbors of Woodinville

"Dedicated to Preserving the Well-Established Neighborhood Character in Woodinville"

Dear Woodinville neighbors,

Concerned Neighbors of Woodinville is **vehemently opposed** to King County's proposal to add **another GARBAGE DUMP in Woodinville**. Now is your chance to make your voice heard and help prevent this tragedy from being imposed on our small city of 13,000. We already have one of the largest recycling centers west of the Mississippi. Now they want us to bear the burden of more of King County's garbage! Let's raise our voices together to proclaim "NOT ON MY WATCH!"

King County has published the [draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) (draft EIS or DEIS.) This is the public's opportunity to review and make comments on flaws in their logic. (A large list of such flaws is below—just keep reading.)

Actions Needed – Here's how you can help fight this:

1. **Spread the word** – If we don't speak up, it will be imposed upon us! Send this email to your neighbor. Get 2 people from your household to attend at least one meeting. (Kirkland—the other possible location—has rallied their citizens to show up at meetings and speak; they are protesting loudly against enlarging the current location.) Woodinville citizens have to attend these meetings and make a show of strength so the King County decision makers know we are prepared to fight this.
2. **Attend the meetings**. There will be three opportunities for you and your neighbors to provide live input:
 - Wednesday March 6, 6pm-8pm at [Lake Washington High School](#) in Kirkland. In-person meeting.
 - Thursday March 7, 6pm-8pm [virtual public hearing](#). Online meeting only.
 - Wednesday March 13, 6pm-8pm at [Woodinville High School](#). In-person meeting.
3. **Sign up to speak** at any of the three meetings above – either in-person or online. A list of key talking points is below. Feel free to start with this list and add your own voice.
4. Can't attend any of the meetings? That's OK. **Submit written comments** to northeast@kingcounty.gov. The last day to submit written comments is April 9, 2024. If you submit written comments, please also forward them to CNW@wellingtonneighborhood.org. We will assemble all of the written comments into a book and submit all of them together. Our goal is to assemble and submit more than 100 written letters with specific comments on deficiencies in the draft EIS.

"But I'm busy...can't someone else do this?..."

We get it. We're all busy. But Woodinville has already suffered the tragic loss of Molbaks—we weren't paying attention and now it's too late. Let's not repeat that grave error! Now it's time to take action so we aren't saddled with this eyesore that will be smelly, enormous, a huge eyesore right in the middle of many wine-tasting locations, will create an enormous financial loss for Woodinville, threaten wildlife and the Sammamish waterway, and will "dump" the exact opposite of the beautiful, attractive Molbaks on future generations of Woodinville citizens. Is that the legacy you want to leave to the next generation—our kids? NO!!!!

Remember these words:

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." — Edmund Burke

Talking Points or Outline for Written Comments on the [Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#): (use these as a starter or write your own)

The economic impacts on the communities were not included in this report. Woodinville stands to lose \$287 million in business revenue by 2040, including the loss of 270 jobs and 5 businesses. The impact on Houghton is \$2.5 million over the same period.

The City of Woodinville stands to lose \$8.9 million in sales tax revenue by 2040. The impact on King County revenues would be a loss of \$13.9 million.

The environmental analysis did not include the impact of additional mileage driven by waste haulers from the current location in Houghton to the proposed new location in Woodinville. This will result in a significant increase in vehicle emissions versus the current Houghton site.

There was no discussion about how to mitigate the impacts on the school across the street from the Woodinville location. The siting analysis specifically called out an aversion to sites with schools nearby, yet the Woodinville site was still pushed forward. The proposed site is immediately next to a K to 12 school. This represents a safety hazard for school children, especially given the new dump site intends to process toxic chemicals.

The proposed Woodinville site is situated between traffic pinch points to the north (202 at 522/trestle) and south (202 at 145th St) without alternative routes to mitigate the impacts. Small delays at these intersections will cause significant traffic delays and negatively impact local businesses and homeowners.

The Draft EIS does not include any impacts generating from the Hazardous Waste facility that would be built only at the Sammamish Valley location. It must include risks related to transporting, sorting, and storing hazardous waste.

The draft transportation analysis in the EIS does not include increased traffic from the 365 dwellings, 165 hotels rooms, and retail that will come from the Harvest development at the main Redmond-Woodinville Rd roundabout, or the DR Horton Legacy Farms townhome development (the old Arabian horse farm up the hill west of Chateau Ste Michelle). Traffic from both developments will impact waste hauler routes.

It disregards waste hauler routes from Duvall and eastern King County. These haulers will travel west and southbound to the NERTS site and traverse through the Sammamish Valley.

It disregards additional traffic that will result from an increase in residential units in Redmond, as well as the soon-to-open Redmond Sound Transit train station. This congestion will impact waste hauler routes emanating from south of NERTS that traverse the Sammamish Valley.

The EIS must include estimates of future crashes along the study routes. WSDOT reports 416 crashes along the Woodinville/Sammamish Valley study routes between 2018-2022, including one fatal crash, and 10 serious injury crashes. By comparison there were 75 crashes within the Kirkland/Houghton study area from 2018-2022.

It does not acknowledge that the Sammamish Valley site does NOT align with King County's Climate Greenhouse Gas reduction goals. The Sammamish Valley site location would require an additional 154,000 gallons of fuel for King County haulers between 2029-2040, due to the additional 8.5 miles distance one-way to the Sammamish Valley location vs Houghton from the Cedar Hills landfill. Taxpayers also foot the bill for this gas.

It does not include impacts on the Sammamish Valley APD farm economy, nor impacts to our regional food security.

The EIS must include impacts to the Sammamish Valley farm businesses from pollution generated by the facilities and waste hauler vehicles such as toxic cadmium (from tires), oil drips, antifreeze and lost garbage from loads being deposited along roads next to the Sammamish Valley APD farmland, as well as air pollution. These toxins poison the farmland soil, surface water, and streams running into the Sammamish River. These calculations must also include additional pollution from slowed traffic idling in the Valley due to additional waste hauler traffic.

It must consider impact to farm businesses trying to gain ingress/egress to their fields from additional waste hauler traffic, particularly large trucks.

It must consider impacts to the environment, from microbial life in the soils to wildlife such as gophers and birds that are critical to the success of nearby Sammamish Valley farms practicing regenerative agriculture. These farms rely on a healthy natural environment for business success.

The EIS must consider losses to local food banks from reduced farming success in the Sammamish Valley due to conflicts generated from pollution and increased traffic.

It must include impacts to the 83 Sammamish Valley bird species documented by Eastside Audubon from poisonous waste, increasing light, noise, impervious surface area, and traffic, as well as decreasing wetlands and water quality. The Draft EIS contained no documentation of the bird species that use the Sammamish River Valley as both a habitat and as a migratory pathway.

It must include impacts to the fish and wildlife in the Sammamish River Valley from pollution, noise, dust and light. The Sammamish Valley site includes a wetland connecting to a stream flowing into the nearby Sammamish River. The river is a

major migration route for endangered Salmonid species. Although standard BMPs will be in place to prevent leaks and spills from reaching these water bodies, leaks and spills are inevitable. Especially with the potential for hazardous waste spills, the EIS must address impacts of a spill or leak, however minor, to a major waterway and bird and fish migration corridor. Spills could directly harm critically endangered salmonid species and their habitats. Because salmon are a keystone species, and critical food to the endangered SR Orca, all potential risk of contamination must be considered.

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