



October 15, 2018

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Re: GRDE18-0114 – Expansion of Ravensdale LLC Trench Filling and Amended SEPA Environmental Checklist

Ms. Dehkordi-Westerlund,

Please accept comments herein on the subject permit application and SEPA Checklist from the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC).

We fully endorse the attached comments you received earlier from local citizens Michael and Donna Brathovde who have lived near the proposed area in question and thoroughly have researched the project's evolution for many, many years. Herein they have continued to do impeccable on-the-ground research

Specifically, we wish to call your attention to the following:

1. Past Permits. The applicant's prior and current permit performance is in question and, as such, it must first show it can successfully remedy past problems and any ramifications therefrom.
2. Sediment Runoff. Any expansion of any of the trenches must be accompanied by real-time monitoring and be controlled to ensure systemic runoff stops. We also are very wary of any allowed overtopping that will lead to sediment runoff and mudflows impacting fish-bearing public waters.
3. Wetlands. All wetlands must be adequately identified and all buffer requirements adhered to throughout the project's life.
4. Reclamation/Restoration: Reclamation and the return of the site to forestry use is a goal of King County and local citizens, but it is not clear the applicant shares this goal as evidenced by its past overfilling of trenches and proposal to fill new trenches and non-trench areas successfully managed for forestry for over 50 years (which includes harvesting and replanting by the applicant).
5. Traffic Impacts: The proposed number of truck trip on already completely congested SR-169 and the Issaquah-Hobart Rd is untenable. Up to 150 truck trips per week for over 7 years cannot be accommodated on either of these overcrowded roads.

We welcome your review of the attached comments. We wish to continue an open dialogue on the subject permit application. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of the concerns expressed herein.

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