



Proposed Green River Gorge Mine

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On Monday, August 3, the Area Council held its Regular Monthly Meeting at the Maple Valley Fire Station at 22225 SE 231st St and via Zoom. Major topics discussed were: (1) Proposed Druid's Glen Development; (2) KCCP Mid-Point Update Scoping; and (3) Proposed Green River Gorge Mine.

Proposed Druid's Glen Development

Mark Rosenberger from the Remington Home Owners' Association (HOA) and Preserve Druids Glen Committee discussed preserving the Druids Glen Golf Course and preventing it from being re-developed into a gated community of 75+ elite houses. Druids Glen has many ecosystem benefits it provides to the region and a major housing development will impact or destroy much of it if approved by King County. The HOA and Committee have been reaching out to King County throughout the year and demanding strict zoning and environmental compliance as it reviews the Land Development Permit Application submitted by Parks Legacy, current owner based in Arizona. Mark asked the Area Council to consider submitting a Letter of Endorsement for their work to King County. The Area Council agreed to do so. The Committee can be contacted at: druidsglencommittee@remingtonhoa.com.

KCCP Mid-Point Update

The 2029 King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) 5-year Midpoint Update (2029 Midpoint Update) is an opportunity to make substantive policy changes that address long-term needs and advance the County's policy goals. A *Scope of Work*, released on July 13 for Public Comment, is organized according to three Focus Areas: Climate Change and Resiliency; Shorelines; and Housing—as well as other general changes.

The Joint Team of King County Urban and Rural Unincorporated Area organizations, coordinated by the Area Council, submitted [Comments](#) on the proposed *Scope of Work* on August 2. Such Public input will be used to help finalize the KC Executive's *Scope of Work* to be submitted to the KC Council in November.

Proposed Green River Gorge Mine

The Segale Development Corporation proposes a Gravel Mine and an Asphalt Facility on ~990 ac near the Green River and Kanasket-Palmer State Park at the top of the Green River Gorge (Cumberland area).

On Wednesday, July 8, the King County Department of Local Services—Permitting Division (DLS/P) issued a [Determination of Significance \(DS\)](#), which will trigger the need for an EIS to be prepared. The 30-day Public Comment period runs through Friday, August 7.

The project, as proposed, would have major impacts on the immediate area, as well as impacts throughout SE King County. These include impacts to: hydrology, water quality, wetlands, steep slopes, geochemical contamination, fish, wildlife, recreation, land-use, aesthetics, noise, air quality, traffic, fire safety, public services, water supply, and many more.

The Area Council's Regional Coordinator has been coordinating many concerned SE King County organizations in preparing a set of detailed Public Comments on the DS. Following submittal, those Comments will be posted on the [Area Council's Website](#).

Next Area Council Meeting

The next Area Council monthly meeting will be held **Monday, September 14, 2026**, (one week later than the normal "*first Monday off the month*" due to the labor day holiday) from 7 - 9:30 PM at the Maple Valley Fire Station at 22225 SE 231st St (across from the KC Sheriff's Precinct).

Meetings are held on the *first* Monday of the month (except for Holidays, when they are held on the *second* Monday). All meeting announcements, agendas, and Zoom information are posted on the [Area Council's Website](#) and local *NextDoor* platforms. You can also find us on our [FaceBook page](#). Each meeting begins with an open Public Comment period where anyone can voice concerns, comments, etc.

Area Council Membership

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The twelve-seat Area Council has four open seats. If you wish to join, please send an e-mail to: info@gmvuac.org or attend (either in-person or virtually) a monthly meeting and express your interest. To be eligible to join as a *Member* you need to live *within* the TSD.

Residents, even those not living *within* the TSD, are eligible to become *Associate Members* who can serve on any Area Council Committee: *Economic, Environment, Growth Management, Transportation, Public Relations, or Train Show*—please see the Area Council's [Website](#) and use the drop-down menu under *Committees*.

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