

Unique ID	Date	Entered by	Commenter Name	Position on the Proposal	Highlighted Topics
201	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Bonnie and Curt Knudsen	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.
202	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Helen S Burling	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County; References 2021 Buildable Lands Report.
203	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Karol Erickson	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County; References 2021 Buildable Lands Report; Concern over the Amendment to Title 20.29 and how that will impact other parcels in the County; Concern over impact of warehouses on rural character.
204	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Timothy W Ransom	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes the County should conduct a study of Rural Warehousing needs; References 2021 Buildable Lands Report; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan; and Believes that the CP-16 - Community-Driven Review of Agricultural Policies and Programs should be completed first.
205	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Jan Black	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the Amendment to Title 20.29 and how that will impact other parcels in the County; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan.
206	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Bill and Tracy Osterhout	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County; Concern over the Amendment to Title 20.29 and how that will impact other parcels in the County.
207	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Thom Hooper	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over industrial development outside UGAs.
208	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Dawn Hooper	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.

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209	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Ryan DeWitt	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes the County should conduct a study of Rural Warehousing needs.
210	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Carole Wahlers	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	No additional topics discussed.
211	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Mary McCann	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes the County should conduct a study of Rural Warehousing needs; References 2021 Buildable Lands Report; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan; and Believes that the CP-16 - Community-Driven Review of Agricultural Policies and Programs should be completed first.
212	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Susan Southwick	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	No additional topics discussed.
213	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Kimberly Parsons	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over environmental impacts of proposed change.
214	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Leslie H Romer	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes the County should conduct for study on the proposal; Concern over environmental impacts of proposed change.
215	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Cindy Wills	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of food production. Believes the County should conduct a study of Rural Warehousing needs; References 2021 Buildable Lands Report; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan; and Believes that the CP-16 - Community-Driven Review of Agricultural Policies and Programs should be completed first.

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216	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Krag Unsoeld	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of food production. Believes the County should conduct a study of Rural Warehousing needs; References 2021 Buildable Lands Report; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan; and Concern over environmental impacts of proposed change.
217	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Julia G Rosmond	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over environmental impacts of proposed change.
218	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Marion Sheridan	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	References 2021 Buildable Lands Report; Highlights GMA Priorities.
219	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Helen Wheatley	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Letter addresses several topics relating to the proposal. Please see Unique ID 219 for more information.
220	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Blaine Wheeler	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	No additional topics discussed.
221	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Eugene Revelas	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County; References 2021 Buildable Lands Report.
222	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Alice Flegel	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.
223	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	William Cogswell	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes the County should conduct a study of Rural Warehousing needs.
224	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Judy O'looney	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Highlights GMA priorities.
225	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Karen Bray	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County; References Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.

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226	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Irene Osborn	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.
227	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Jan Sharkey	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes there is adequate acreage dedicated to industrial uses in Thurston County; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan; Concern over the Amendment to Title 20.29 and how that will impact other parcels in the County; Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.
228	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Stan Klyne	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over environmental impacts of proposed change; Highlights GMA priorities.
229	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Janice H Arnold	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	References 2021 Buildable Lands Report; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan; and Highlights GMA priorities.
230	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Douglas White	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes there is adequate acreage dedicated to industrial uses in Thurston County; Highlights GMA priorities.
231	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Margaret Knudson	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.
232	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Shari Silverman	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	No additional topics discussed.
233	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Lynette Serembe	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	No additional topics discussed.
234	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Linda Wilson	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.
235	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	JJ Lindsey	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Letter addresses several topics relating to the proposal. Please see Unique ID 236 for more information.

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236	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Carol Goss	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes the County should conduct a study of Rural Warehousing needs; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan.
237	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Rene Toolson	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	No additional topics discussed.
238	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Sue Danver	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Material for public hearing. Please see Unique ID 238 for more information.
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239	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Tom Smith	They support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Highlights that no agriculture has been practiced in years.
240	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Kelsea Jewell	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.
241	10/7/2021	Andrew Boughan	Leila Bardsley	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	No additional topics discussed.
242	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Sandra Charbonneau	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over the loss of farmland in Thurston County.
243	10/6/2021	Andrew Boughan	Donna Weaver Smith	They support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Highlights the adjacent industrial uses.
244	10/12/2021	Andrew Boughan	Marta Glenn	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over environmental impacts of proposed change.
245	10/13/2021	Andrew Boughan	Lisa Perle	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Believes the County should conduct a study of Rural Warehousing needs; References 2021 Buildable Lands Report; Concern over amendment to Comprehensive Plan; and Believes that the CP-16 - Community-Driven Review of Agricultural Policies and Programs should be completed first.

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246	10/18/2021	Andrew Boughan	Vicki Wolden	They support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Highlights the adjacent industrial uses.
247	10/18/2021	Andrew Boughan	Scott Heinsohn	They support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Highlights the locational benefits of the area for industrial development/uses.
248	10/19/2021	Andrew Boughan	Cindy Hoover	They support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Highlights that no agriculture has been practiced in years.
249	10/20/2021	Andrew Boughan	Deborah Cook	They support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Highlights that no agriculture has been practiced in years.
250	10/20/2021	Andrew Boughan	Alan Cook	They support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Highlights that no agriculture has been practiced in years.
251	10/23/2021	Andrew Boughan	Raymond Schuler - Proposal Applicant	They support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Applicant submitted a letter in support, draft ordinance for the Planning Commission to consider, and a map of businesses affected by the ordinance. Please see Unique ID 251 for more information.
252	11/3/2021	Andrew Boughan	Black Hills Audubon Society	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Letter addresses several topics including the applicant's suggested code amendment, public noticing and public hearing triggers, SEPA Environmental Checklist & Environmental Impact Statement, County roads, and suggested actions for the Planning Commissions related to the motions. Please see Unique ID 252 for more information.
253	11/3/2021	Andrew Boughan	Sue Danver	They do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal.	Concern over public noticing; Concern over new motions; and Believes Staff conduct further review of the new proposal.

Andrew Boughan

From: Bonnie and Curt Knudsen <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:40 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Bonnie and Curt Knudsen

Email: bknudsen@q.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: This change would impact thousands of farm land. We oppose this change

Time: October 6, 2021 at 7:39 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: HELEN S BURLING <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:46 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: HELEN S BURLING

Email: NONO.BURLING@GMAIL.COM

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. The 2021 Buildable Lands Report shows that we have more than double the amount of industrial land needed for the next twenty years – within the Urban Growth Boundaries of our cities.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 7:46 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: KAROL ERICKSON <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:48 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: KAROL ERICKSON

Email: KAROL.ERICKSON@COMCAST.NET

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County should be preserving agricultural land and rural character outside of the Urban Growth Boundary, as laid out in the Comprehensive Plan.

It's not appropriate to make such broad re-zoning changes for just one development company.

It hasn't been established that there isn't sufficient industrial land for warehouses within the UGB, as per the 2021 Buildable Lands Report.

My husband and I have been looking to move to rural Thurston County, but we don't want to live next to a warehouse, truck traffic, etc. We don't trust that some enormous warehouse won't be built just about anywhere. These large warehouses ruin the desirable character rural Thurston County and shouldn't be allowed.

Thank you for the consideration of my comments.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 7:48 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Timothy W Ransom <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:49 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Timothy W Ransom

Email: timothyransom@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I urge youNOT to recommend CP 19, the Up Castle proposal, for approval to the Board of County Commissioners, for these reasons:

Thurston County should not enact such far-reaching re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company. To make well-considered changes to the Comprehensive Plan, County Commissioners should ask for a study to discover the need (if any) to locate more warehousing in rural areas.

Thurston County does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. The 2021 Buildable Lands Report shows that we have more than double the amount of industrial land needed for the next twenty years – within the Urban Growth Boundaries of our cities.

Thurston County should preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan. That plan follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary.

Thurston County should wait to change the Comprehensive Plan until after the completion of CP – 16, the county's community review of agricultural policies and programs. This group is researching soils maps and other sources to identify additional ways to protect agricultural lands prioritized for conservation. Their recommendations will be published later this year and in 2022.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 7:49 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Jan Black <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Jan Black

Email: jblackinteriors@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: This amendment undercuts the Growth Management Act and gives a green light for industrial development on rural land in Thurston County. We do not need another distribution center. Thurston County needs to preserve the values and vision of the current comprehensive Plan. That plan prioritizes preservation of agricultural land and the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary. It only takes one distribution center and the rapid growth that will soon follow to destroy and eliminate the rural character of Thurston County that the majority of the population values.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 7:56 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Bill and Tracy Osterhout <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Bill and Tracy Osterhout

Email: tosterh@yahoo.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: We strongly oppose the proposed changes to the land use codes to allow rezoning of our diminishing farmland, thus allowing for warehouse development. Our zoning codes were developed for a reason, to protect our farmlands, and not to be simply adjusted to make way for commercial development.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 7:58 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Thom Hooper <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:59 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Thom Hooper

Email: Tghoop@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I see this as the proverbial thread, once pulled begins the unraveling of arable land in this county. One need only look at the extinct Black River Valley From Sumner to Auburn to get a glimpse at where this decision can lead. Travel on state highway 167 and you'll understand this point. Wall to wall warehouses. Is this needed in this county? Shouldn't we fill in the UGA's first? Allowing this flies in the face of so called growth management.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 7:58 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Dawn Hooper <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Dawn Hooper

Email: hooperdac@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Retain agri land for food products.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 8:02 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Ryan DeWitt <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Ryan DeWitt

Email: dewitt.j.ryan@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County should not enact such far-reaching re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company. To make well-considered changes to the Comprehensive Plan, County Commissioners should ask for a study to discover the need (if any) to locate more warehousing in rural areas.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 8:07 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Carole Wahlers <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Carole Wahlers

Email: roncw1616@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Please! No warehouses, please. I am in Greece now and do not know enough specifics except to tell you that I do not think the rezoning is a good idea.

Please listen to the public. Thank you.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 8:25 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Mary McCann <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Mary McCann

Email: marymccann51@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County should not enact such far-reaching re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company. To make well-considered changes to the Comprehensive Plan, County Commissioners should ask for a study to discover the need (if any) to locate more warehousing in rural areas.

Thurston County does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. The 2021 Buildable Lands Report shows that we have more than double the amount of industrial land needed for the next twenty years – within the Urban Growth Boundaries of our cities.

Thurston County should preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan. That plan follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary.

Thurston County should wait to change the Comprehensive Plan until after the completion of CP – 16, the county's community review of agricultural policies and programs. This group is researching soils maps and other sources to identify additional ways to protect agricultural lands prioritized for conservation. Their recommendations will be published later this year and in 2022.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 8:28 pm

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From: Susan Southwick <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Susan Southwick

Email: southofjoy2@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment:

Time: October 6, 2021 at 8:35 pm

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From: Kimberly Parsons <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Kimberly Parsons

Email: Campingkim@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: We have a mega warehouse going in by me already. The disruption with the noise and traffic is bad enough. But 50 acres of trees are forever gone. With the climate crises, development is bad. We don't need it. We need some trees and land so we can breathe.

It's too late for me. The noise and traffic will be permanent. The damage is done. But we need to protect other rural areas.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 8:36 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Leslie H Romer <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:39 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Leslie H Romer

Email: lesliehr@aol.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: 1- The Thurston County Comprehensive Plan should not be amended for the benefit of a 33 acre proposal.
2 - This change would affect the future use of many acres now protected as Rural Residential/Resource land. Such a change should only be made with comprehensive study, not on the basis of one relatively small development proposal.
3 - For example, a warehousing development as proposed, will include a much higher ratio of impervious surfaces to natural surfaces than land zoned Rural Residential/Resource, as currently defined.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 8:38 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Cindy Wills <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:54 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Cindy Wills

Email: cindy.wills1@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I strongly urge you not to contribute to the destruction of farmland in Thurston County in favor of one industrial request. The plans we have were made with careful consideration and research and not focused on benefitting industry at the cost of natural resources such as open space and habitat and especially productive farmland, which if anything the current pandemic and increasing impacts of climate change should only increase the value of. The ability to produce food in localized areas has become increasingly important to food security as transportation and supply chains struggle and weather destroys crops and more. We are blessed with a climate still conducive to food production and should not sacrifice it with more paving and pollution. As a resident of rural SW Thurston county, I came here specifically for the rural conditions and expectation that they would be preserved.. It is sad to see the development that has already incurred over the recent decades. Please do NOT recommend CP 19, the Up Castle proposal, for approval to the Board of County Commissioners. I am in full agreement with the well phrased arguments below. Don't sell out Thurston County. Thurston County should not enact such far-reaching re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company. To make well-considered changes to the Comprehensive Plan, County Commissioners should ask for a study to discover the need (if any) to locate more warehousing in rural areas. Thurston County does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. The 2021 Buildable Lands Report shows that we have more than double the amount of industrial land needed for the next twenty years – within the Urban Growth Boundaries of our cities. Thurston County should preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan. That plan follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary. Thurston County should wait to change the Comprehensive Plan until after the completion of CP – 16, the county's community review of agricultural policies and programs. This group is researching soils maps and other sources to identify additional ways to protect agricultural lands prioritized for conservation. Their recommendations will be published later this year and in 2022.

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Andrew Boughan

From: Krag Unsoeld <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Krag Unsoeld

Email: kragu@juno.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: According to the 2021 Buildable Lands Report, we have more than twice the amount of industrial lands we need for the next 20 years within our current Urban Growth Areas. Therefore, there is no reason to rezone Rural Residential/Resource lands as Rural Residential Industrial.

We need to preserve the vision and values of the current Comprehensive Plan that follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary.

One of the imperatives of our current climate crisis is localized food production. We have to reduce our carbon footprint by eating locally grown food. This means that we have to preserve and use our existing farmlands for agriculture and not unneeded industrial uses.

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From: Julia G Rosmond <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Julia G Rosmond

Email: jgrosmond@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I've lived in Thurston county for about 50 years during which time the area has changed so much as to be almost unrecognizable. So much clearing, paving, and increased traffic - this is what climate change is made of. I see that there is already a group of big warehouses adjacent, but adding another 30-some acres to this environmental desert DOES make a difference. This is a death-by-a-thousand-cuts kind of situation. Please keep this lane zoned as Rural Reserve rather than Industrial. It's not just wild creatures that need it.

The application says that it is unknown if air will be affected by emissions, if there are any endangered or threatened plants or animals, or if this is part of a migration route. Sounds like no work at all was done to determine if this development will affect the natural world.

The application notes that this place is 'vacant farm land' and includes some unharvested Christmas trees. I would call it open grass land with some young trees - a bird and animal haven next to a desert of pavement, trucks, and noise next door. Please do not rezone the Rural Reserves. The world can't bear this at this point.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:01 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Marion Sheridan <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Marion Sheridan

Email: lapush@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County does not need to convert agricultural land to industry and warehouses. We already have plenty as shown in the 2021 Buildable Lands Report. Thurston County needs to follow the Growth Management Act and prioritize preservation of agricultural lands.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:03 pm

IP Address: 73.11.131.55

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Comment on CPA-19, Up Castle Land Use and Rezone

In this additional comment, I wish to specifically address the request to change the definition of RRI to allow manufacturing and warehousing. The rezone request proposes a significant change to rural zoning policy. It proposes to change the orientation of Thurston economic planning essentially, from a rural/urban model to a transportation corridor-centric model. The reason for this proposed change is clearly the current building boom in rural warehouse and distribution centers.

There is good reason to believe that this may be a short-lived phenomenon, and that it will not bring sustainable development to support rural county residents over the long term. The Sustainable Thurston long term vision and strategy¹ should not be blown off course by piecemeal development.

Warehouse and Distribution: A New Challenge for Rural People and Rural Resource Lands

For many years, the main challenge for protecting farmland and other rural resource land in Thurston County has been residential development, and especially balancing community growth against its environmental sustainability and the need to protect irreplaceable resources. Now, there is a new pressure: warehouse and distribution facilities. The reasons for the current warehouse boom are similar to the appeal for residential development. Rural Thurston County land is relatively inexpensive, easy and cheap to develop, and it is near regional transportation infrastructure.

The area in which the Up Castle land is located, is also under some economic distress. That is why it is part of the federal Opportunity Zone tax cut program created in 2017, and why it ranks 7/10 on the state Environmental Health Disparities map (most notably for socioeconomic factors {9/10} and especially cardiovascular disease, low birth weight, and unemployment). There is no question that residents of the SW Rochester/Grand Mound area need some support to overcome these difficulties, but piecemeal rezoning is far from adequate as a solution. It is certainly no substitute for working with affected community members to establish economic vitalization policies that work for them.

Residents of census tract 127.20, where the property is located, are more female (56%) and a bit more likely to be Hispanic (12%) and/or parents of young children than the Thurston County average. But to keep things in perspective, household incomes and high school graduation rates are about the same as the county's as a whole, and poverty rates are only slightly higher thanks to housing costs being lower than average. The impact of industrial development on housing costs for rural people is one of the elements that gets lost if the community context of

¹ Sustainable Thurston Vision: **In 1 generation** - through innovation and leadership - the Thurston Region will become a model for sustainability and livability. **We will** consume less energy, water, and land, produce less waste, and achieve carbon neutrality. We will lead in doing more while consuming less. Through efficiency, coupled with strategic investments, we will support a **robust economy**. Our actions will enhance an **excellent education system**, and foster a healthy, inclusive, and **equitable social environment** that remains affordable and livable. We will view every decision at the local and regional level through the **sustainability lens**. We will think in generations, not years. The region will **work together** toward common goals, putting **people** in the center of our thinking, and **inspire** individual responsibility and leadership in our residents. <https://www.trpc.org/259/Sustainable-Thurston>

rural development is not taken into account. That kind of tradeoff issue is why the HUD Opportunity Zone Toolkit warns that deep and broad engagement is necessary:

“Communities must have a deep understanding of the needs and challenges within their Opportunity Zones to properly leverage potential public and private investments. Such understanding goes beyond traditional market analysis or supply and demand factors. Communities must assess both the needs and market potential of Opportunity Zones, while also evaluating and planning for the impact that large investments may have on distressed communities, where vulnerable residents may already live.”²

The proposed change to rural industrial zoning supports neither home-grown industry nor community building. Thurston County is just a place that regional players in the industry target with their computers, map software, and some algorithms.

Our county's farmland is finite, but the appetite of the warehouse and distribution industry for property that meets its criteria, is boundless. For this reason, it is critically important to refine our county's rural resource land policies to meet new challenges, and to apply growth management principles of sustainability rigorously to rural industry as well as to rural residential construction.

What Future for Rural Warehouses?

We are living through one of history's great turning points. Climate change is already turning the Pacific Northwest into an increasingly important rural resource center as production in California falters. Our farms and forests in Thurston County will grow in value despite the adverse climate impacts. As a community, we will strive to assure that local people realize fairly the benefits as well as the costs of change. But we are also facing rapid change to our national transportation and distribution infrastructure. How do our rural lands fit into that picture?

We see all the time that industrial booms come and go, transforming landscapes and communities in myriad ways. Zoning matters most in the places put under these new pressures. Indeed, that's the very reason for the planning practice of zoning. If Thurston County changes zoning to open the way to rural industrial uses not related to the rural economy, we know that those uses will be related instead to the transportation and distribution economy because that is where the pressure for change is coming from.

To justify the change, the assumption would have to be that the new land use would be more beneficial than keeping to the current zoning. The main benefit to the county, it is presumed, would be an increase in job opportunities for county residents. It is hoped that county residents would help build the facilities (not necessarily the case), and that we would enjoy the benefits of long-term improvements in rural employment, both direct and indirect.

Unfortunately, we have no good cause to make these assumptions. The data seems to point in the opposite direction. We would end up losing good rural land for narrow short term gains and long term pains.

Automation

² HUD Opportunity Zones Toolkit, Volume 1. https://opportunityzones.hud.gov/sites/opportunityzones.hud.gov/files/documents/Opportunity_Zones_Toolkit_Roadmap_FINAL_Edited_092319.pdf

Improved long term employment opportunity is unlikely. Consider the words of Jarron Gass, a recognized leader of warehouse engineering and design (especially fire protection), speaking at a roundtable of the trade journal *Consulting Specifying Engineer* last May: “Automation is the largest trend I am seeing at the moment, particularly for order fulfillment.” Or his colleague Bryce Vandas: “The industry is moving toward denser automated storage facilities and warehousing. Removing the need for manual storage and retrieval allows the warehouse space to be used to its maximum capacity.”³

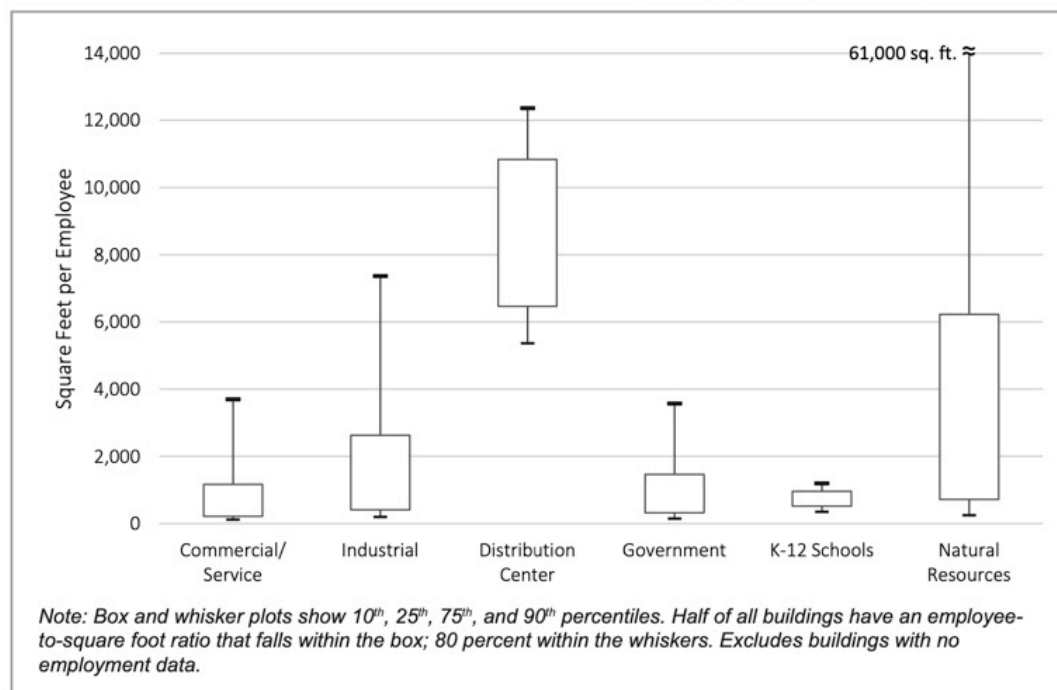
While the industry is expanding the regional job market in this present moment, this is a short-term phenomenon. We can see that the demand for inexpensive land will continue for the builders, as a central consideration for how to achieve the greatest cost efficiencies for themselves. But the jobs benefit for hosting communities will decline. Job loss, when it comes, will happen abruptly with automation. The host communities, like ours here in Thurston County, need to consider carefully what is the best, and most sustainable path. We need a comprehensive policy toward this growing warehouse and distribution element in our county, and the unique challenge it poses for our relatively cheap rural resource lands.

Meanwhile, proposals to electrify transportation, the push for self-driving trucks and other labor-saving innovations, and the possible revamping of our rail transportation network, all raise big questions about indirect employment from this transportation-based industry. What, for example, will the truckstop of the near future really look like?

Inefficient land use

Even today, distribution centers are not a land-efficient way to create jobs.

Figure 4-4: Building Floor Area (Square Feet) per Employee for Select Industries



In addition, the future of Thurston County employment is not to be found in industry. According to the recent Buildable Lands report prepared by the Thurston Regional Planning Council, there is still ample industrial-zoned land available in urban industrial areas. The TRPC expects that 95% of new jobs will be urban. But only 5% of new jobs are anticipated to be industrial. Natural resource jobs may well expand in the county from climate mitigation policies and growing local markets, at the very time that warehouse jobs will likely be vanishing.

Does it make sense to sacrifice rural resource land to such a small growth sector? Certainly not if automation is poised to take the jobs away again. Furthermore, as land values rise, the pressure to keep costs down will shift toward employment costs, meaning downward pressure on wages and further pressures toward automation. The TRPC's decision to downplay the employment impacts of new industry in the county, and consider floor area per employee, is therefore very reasonable.

A landscape of white elephants?

As the warehouse engineers suggest, with the denser use of space that will be made possible by full automation, the industry will also find it more feasible to build up instead of out. This will change land cost considerations. Density from automation will encourage a shift in warehouse and distribution development closer to regional markets. In and when that happens, Thurston County could end up not only without the hoped-for jobs, but also with white-elephant warehouse buildings that no longer serve their purpose — and having sacrificed farmland, even as local agriculture grows in importance, profitability, and job prospects.

Thurston County could well benefit from the experience of the city of Kent. It gave up its farm fields long ago to become an industrial hinterland for Seattle, and warehousing was a central part of the mix. Today, “Any developer planning to build a trucking-intensive warehouse in the Kent Valley will need to put on the brakes and make a U-turn.”⁴ Kent has decided that its destiny is no longer to serve as warehouse land for other peoples' stuff. While the city continues to welcome industry, it has no interest in paying for the impact of warehouses on its roads. In the words of Mayor Dana Ralph to the city council after passage of a zoning restriction on large warehouses, “Giving us the ability to hit pause and plan for what our future should look like is extremely important...It's extremely important we take our destiny into our own hands and plan for what our future will look like, not only today and tomorrow, but 50 years from now.”

For these reasons and more, we need to develop policies that balance the value of our rural resource lands against the costs and benefits of rural industrial development for rural communities. As it improves its rural resource policies, the County can take the opportunity to better understand the needs of rural residents in order to assure that support for economic development serves them efficiently and equitably. We also need to balance the present against the future. There is little reason to believe that the future for the people of rural Thurston county is best built on proximity to a transportation and distribution infrastructure that is itself in flux. Please stay the course, and deny this land use and rezone request.

⁴ The Kent Reporter, April 4, 2019. <https://www.kentreporter.com/business/city-to-limit-large-warehouses-in-the-kent-valley/>

Andrew Boughan

From: blaine wheeler <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: blaine wheeler

Email: lawbbn@omcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment:

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:17 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Eugene Revelas <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Eugene Revelas

Email: generevelas@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County should not enact re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company. Thurston County does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. The 2021 Buildable Lands Report shows that we have more than double the amount of industrial land needed for the next twenty years – within the Urban Growth Boundaries of our cities. Let's preserve as much habitat and open land as possible and make better use of existing built/developed areas.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:17 pm

IP Address: 24.18.110.141

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10-2-21

Dear Mr. Boughan,

In writing to comment on the
CP-19 Up Castle Land Use + Regzone
Ameadment docket item.

I'm deeply concerned about losing
farmland in Thurston County. We
do not need industrialization. Pollution,
flooding, traffic, noise, will happen.
I urge you not to recommend
re zoning from Rural Residential
Resource to Rural Resource
Industrial! We must keep
our farmland protected.

Thank you for your consideration
of my views to keep R.R.R.!

Thank you +
Sincerely,

Alice P. Flegel

Andrew Boughan

From: William Cogswell <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:18 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: William Cogswell

Email: willcee@usa.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: This is too far-reaching. Thurston County should not enact such far-reaching re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company. To make well-considered changes to the Comprehensive Plan, County Commissioners should ask for a study to discover the need (if any) to locate more warehousing in rural areas.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:18 pm

IP Address: 73.59.38.103

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Andrew Boughan

From: Judy O'looney <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Judy O'looney

Email: joloone@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County should preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan. That plan follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing the preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:19 pm

IP Address: 73.59.38.103

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Andrew Boughan

From: Karen Bray <gkbray@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: Up Castle Rezone and Code Change.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

As a 50+ year resident of Thurston County I have seen vast changes from agricultural lands to industrial use. Our county does not need more warehouses on rural lands suitable for agriculture.

The rezone and code change would not be in compliance with the Thurston County Mitigation Plan. Please deny this request. We owe it to the generations coming after us and the health of the planet.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bray

Andrew Boughan

From: Irene Osborn <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Irene Osborn

Email: irene.bookworm@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: We do not need more destruction of Thurston County land.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:29 pm

IP Address: 24.18.109.138

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Andrew Boughan

From: Jan Sharkey <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Jan Sharkey

Email: jansharkey3@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: 5 Oct 2021 Comments on a request by UP Castle LLC to rezone 33 acres of agricultural land in southern Thurston County from zoned RRR (Rural Residential/Resource) to RRI (Rural Resource Industrial).

To: Thurston County Planning Commissioners,

I am a resident of Thurston County and oppose this proposal for several reasons, as follow:

- 1) Thurston County does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. These can be built on lands already zoned for industrial use, with plenty of these lands already available in the county.
- 2) Thurston County should preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan. That plan follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary.
- 3) Thurston County should not enact such far-reaching re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company.
- 4) We don't need more warehouses in the county, especially at the cost of losing farmland. Warehouses support small numbers of low-paying jobs and add little economically to the county, and therefore do not add value to the county.
- 5) Thurston County's own mission is to preserve our agricultural lands. "Thurston County's culture and economy are deeply rooted in the soils of its working lands. From fresh food, to green vistas, to money earned and spent from the riches of the land -- local forest and agricultural lands nourish the region today as they have for centuries."

Let us continue to purchase our local produce instead of the need for it to come from the other side of the Cascades and California.

We must support our local farms in Thurston County, especially as we see Lewis county developing more of their land.

Jan Sharkey
521 Rogers St SW
Olympia, WA 98502

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:30 pm

IP Address: 174.21.85.140

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Andrew Boughan

From: Stan Klyne <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Stan Klyne

Email: kstan21@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Can we please stop converting living land into unproductive dead land uses. Every acre of lost living land contributes ever more to the escalating global warming (aka Climate Change) problems. Thurston County should respect and preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan which follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and protecting the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary. Thank you for considering my comments.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:34 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: JANICE H ARNOLD <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: ☐ Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: JANICE H ARNOLD

Email: janice.arnold@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Given the state of the Climate Crisis at hand, we MUST preserve and INCREASE the amount of natural spaces and wild spaces not decrease them. This is not the easy route but the necessary one to protect and preserve all that we hold dear in this county..

Our county does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. The 2021 Buildable Lands Report shows that we have more than double the amount of industrial land needed for the next twenty years – within the Urban Growth Boundaries of our cities!

We must preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan! That plan follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary.

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Time: October 6, 2021 at 9:56 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Douglas White <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Douglas White

Email: offwhite@scattercreek.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I'm a part owner of Hercules Farm, just outside Tenino in unincorporated Thurston County. I am opposed to changing zoning laws to allow conversion of farm land to industrial use. There is plenty of industrial land within the urban growth boundaries, more than enough for decades of projected growth.

Farmland is an important and irreplaceable resource, and the Comprehensive Plan emphasizes preserving the rural character of the county while concentrating growth, both residential and industrial, within the urban growth boundaries of our cities. Violating this precept at the whim of a single development company is a very bad idea, please don't do this.

Douglas White
Hercules Farm
Brand X Design & Construction
Tenino, WA

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Andrew Boughan

From: Margaret Knudson <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Margaret Knudson

Email: jmrolympia@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Farmland is precious, valuable for our life for what it grows, and is getting more rare. I understand that property tax revenues would be higher for a commercial zoning designation, but as a long time home owner in Thurston county, we are willing to pay higher property taxes to protect our farmland.

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Time: October 6, 2021 at 10:39 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Christina Chaput
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Maya Teeple
Cc: Andrew Boughan
Subject: FW: Technical Glitch/UpCastle Zone Change Comment site

FYI

From: Shari Silverman <silverman.shari@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Christina Chaput <christina.chaput@co.thurston.wa.us>; cumminj@co.thurston.wa.ud
Subject: Technical Glitch/UpCastle Zone Change Comment site

Hi,

There is a technical glitch on the comment site for submitting comments to the Planning Commission on the proposed UpCastle zoning changes. (See attachment.)

I tried three times after 2PM, well before the stated 3PM deadline, twice with the comment section filled in and once without comment as a simple "I do not support" comment.

The screen shot, showing 2:55 PM, was taken after my other earlier attempts were rejected.

I would like my "I do NOT support" comment to be noted in the record.

There are probably other people who have tried to comment who gave up in frustration.

Please record my "not support" comment.

Thank you,

Shari Silverman

[Silverman.shari@gmail.com](mailto:silverman.shari@gmail.com)

Lacey

- Please read and check box prior to submitting comment. requires at least one selection

NAME (Required)

Shari Silverman

EMAIL (Required)

silverman.shari@gmail.com

DO YOU SUPPORT THE UP CASTLE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT?

(Required)

Andrew Boughan

From: Lynette Serembe <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: ☐ Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Lynette Serembe

Email: lserembe@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment:

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Time: October 6, 2021 at 10:46 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Linda Wilson <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Linda Wilson

Email: cammi24@juno.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Keep the current Comprehensive Plan. There is no need at this for further development of farmland.

Please read and check box prior to submitting comment.: Public Comment submitted after 4PM on October 6, 2021 will not be included in the public hearing at 6:30PM. The comments received after 4PM will be compiled and added to the Up Castle webpage by Friday, October 8, 2021.

Time: October 6, 2021 at 10:46 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: JJ Lindsey <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: JJ Lindsey

Email: jhawk@gglbbs.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: It's a terrible proposal....this opens the door for an onslaught of development devastation of our lands, TREES, wetlands, and quality of life. I strongly oppose this, and the County should too. It is time for us to prioritize protections against this kind of rezoning, and disallow developers to have front and center attention, while residents who are working so hard to protect our resources, our farmlands and their bounty, the intrinsic beauty of a stand of trees.....we all are stuck on the sidelines needing to use all our time OPPOSING these measures. The County, and Tumwater in particular, is going for a bonanza of tree canopy devastation lately....despite promises and disingenuous expressions of concern.

This has got to stop. We have a Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan to adapt. We have to start taking the VALUE of the earth's gifts into consideration--for all that they offer---instead of a constant dollar value.

And to compromise on this with what---massive warehouse complexes?

Small business, preserved and assisted farms, smart development (in which trees, especially older valuable climate mitigators, are retained on properties, not clearcut).....these are the kinds of enterprises with living wage jobs we should be supporting---which don't destroy the natural environment, pollute, annoy residents who live nearby, and are compatible in ethics with the schools nearby which teach students to love and care for the natural world.

I agree with the BH Audubon in their points as well:

Thurston County should not enact such far-reaching re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company. To make well-considered changes to the Comprehensive Plan, County Commissioners should ask for a study to discover the need (if any) to locate more warehousing in rural areas.

Thurston County does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. The 2021 Buildable Lands Report shows that we have more than double the amount of industrial land needed for the next twenty years – within the Urban Growth Boundaries of our cities.

Thurston County should preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan. That plan follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary.

Thurston County should wait to change the Comprehensive Plan until after the completion of CP – 16, the county's community review of agricultural policies and programs. This group is researching soils maps and other sources to identify additional ways to protect agricultural lands prioritized for conservation. Their recommendations will be published later this year and in 2022.

So, please reject this proposal!!

Thank You,
JJ

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Andrew Boughan

From: Maya Teeple
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: FW: Up Castle rezone/code

Maya Teeple | Senior Planner

Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development
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2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Bldg 1, Olympia, Washington 98502

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Maya.Teeple@co.thurston.wa.us | www.thurstonplanning.org

From: Thurston County | Send Email <spout@co.thurston.wa.us>
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Subject: Up Castle rezone/code

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To: **Maya Teeple**

Subject:

From: **Carol Goss**

Email (if provided): cgosslwv.tc@gmail.com

Phone: (if provided): **206 251-6316**

Message:

I live just off of Marvin Road (about 1 mile from Tolme State Park) where there is on-going warehouse development gobbling up forested areas. The tree canopy has been cut and scraped away in huge plots. The landscape has been changed in very disturbing ways - without building affordable housing for low-income people. It make one wonder, "How many warehouse developments does Thurston County need?" Is all of this warehouse development in enormous swaths going to benefit Thurston County residents? Before it's too late for farmers and farmland, please see that a comprehensive study on what is needed for warehousing in Thurston County. The County Needs a Rural Warehouse Study: Action on CP – 19 should be postponed until after the county evaluates the need for industrial activities such as warehouses in the rural part of the county. Request the Planning Commission to ask the BoCC to include a Community-Driven Review of Rural Warehousing Needs, Policy, and Code Language in the 2022-23 Docket. The review could determine if and where the Thurston County Code 20.29.020 should be revised to allow warehouse type industrial uses (section 5).

First Examine Need for Rural Warehouses, Don't Approve CP - 19 Now

• Intensive industrial uses like generic warehouses on rural land do not fit the Comprehensive Plan vision for rural lands: Rural Resource Industrial Lands (RRI) are permitted in rural Thurston County in a limited manner: "Industrial uses will generally be those that are related to and dependent on natural resources such as agriculture, timber or minerals" (Comprehensive Plan page 2-11). The Comprehensive Plan describes RRI uses as those "compatible with rural character... dependent on a rural setting. For example, sawmills should be close to forest lands. An industry that has no orientation to rural or resource based activities is not dependent upon a rural location" (page 2-30). Generic warehouses are not part of the community's vision for rural lands. The CP-19 proposed code change would change the vision of what fits in the rural landscape.

Please contact me after a decision is made. Thank you!

Carol Goss

5739 Whispering Pines St NE

Olympia, WA 98516

Andrew Boughan

From: Rene Toolson <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:53 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Rene Toolson

Email: rene.toolson@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County policy should reflect long term vision and planning, not the interests of single businesses. We do not want our precious open space turned into another Duwamish River Valley.

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New Analysis by County Staff on where the RRI could be a warehouse if the code were changed

From page 6 of the staff submittal for the Oct 6 Planning Commission Hearing on Up Castle

There is approximately 300-700 acres of parcels adjacent to existing RRI zoned parcels, which range in zoning from RRR 1/5, RL 1/1, R 1/20, and RCC. These areas could potentially utilize these standards that allow for more intensive industrial uses under the amended code, only after being rezoned to RRI. Only contiguous parcels to existing industrial zoning were included in the estimation. Under the proposed amendments, a new industrial development could begin contiguous to an existing industrial development and span out away from it – leading to an unquantifiable additional acreage that could be impacted where these more intensive uses could be permitted.

The following maps shows the Rural Resource Industrial District (RRI) clusters throughout rural Thurston County. The parcels shown in purple are zoned RRI, while the parcels outlined in orange are parcels contiguous to existing RRI. [text in red are my comments]

Figure 5. Rural Resource Industrial District cluster adjacent to Highway 12 – Rochester – these are homes – none in commercial ag at this time.

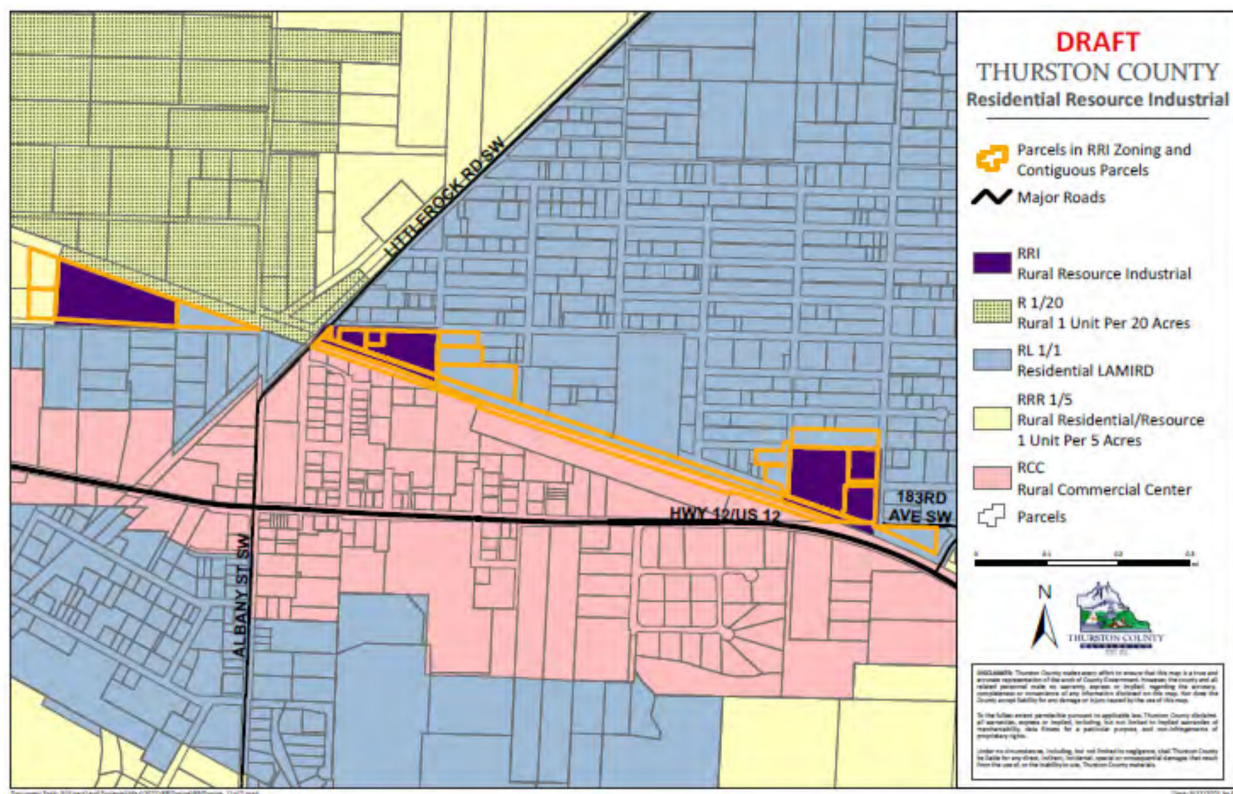


Figure 6. Rural Resource Industrial District cluster adjacent to the intersection of Maytown Road SW and Interstate 5 – timber, ag, houses – white boxes are my addition

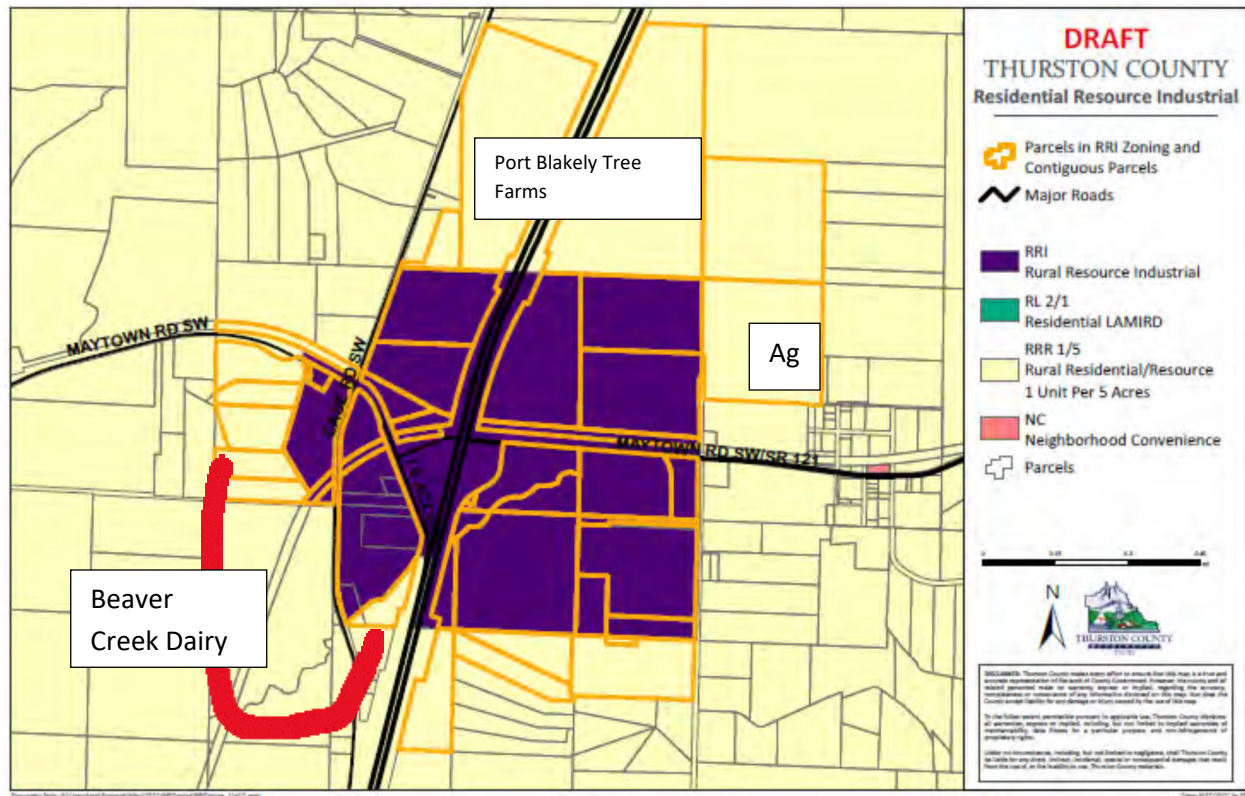
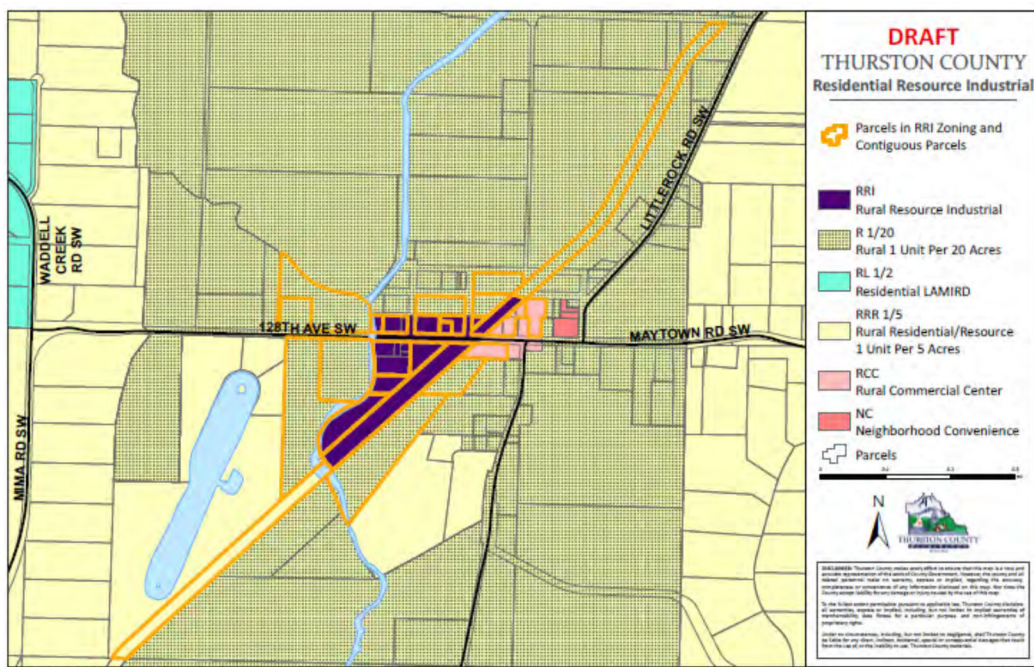


Figure 7. Rural Resource Industrial District cluster adjacent to the intersection of 128th Avenue SW and Little Rock Rd SW – the orange area is nationally significant agricultural land, most is in ag (WSDA map)



Black River Protected Areas

Legend

Black River

Waterbodies

Lake/Pond

Reservoir

Wetland

Streams

SubWatersheds

Protected Areas Manager

Capitol Land Trust

Chehalis Confederated Tribes

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

The Nature Conservancy

Thurston County

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

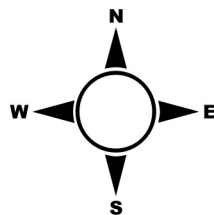
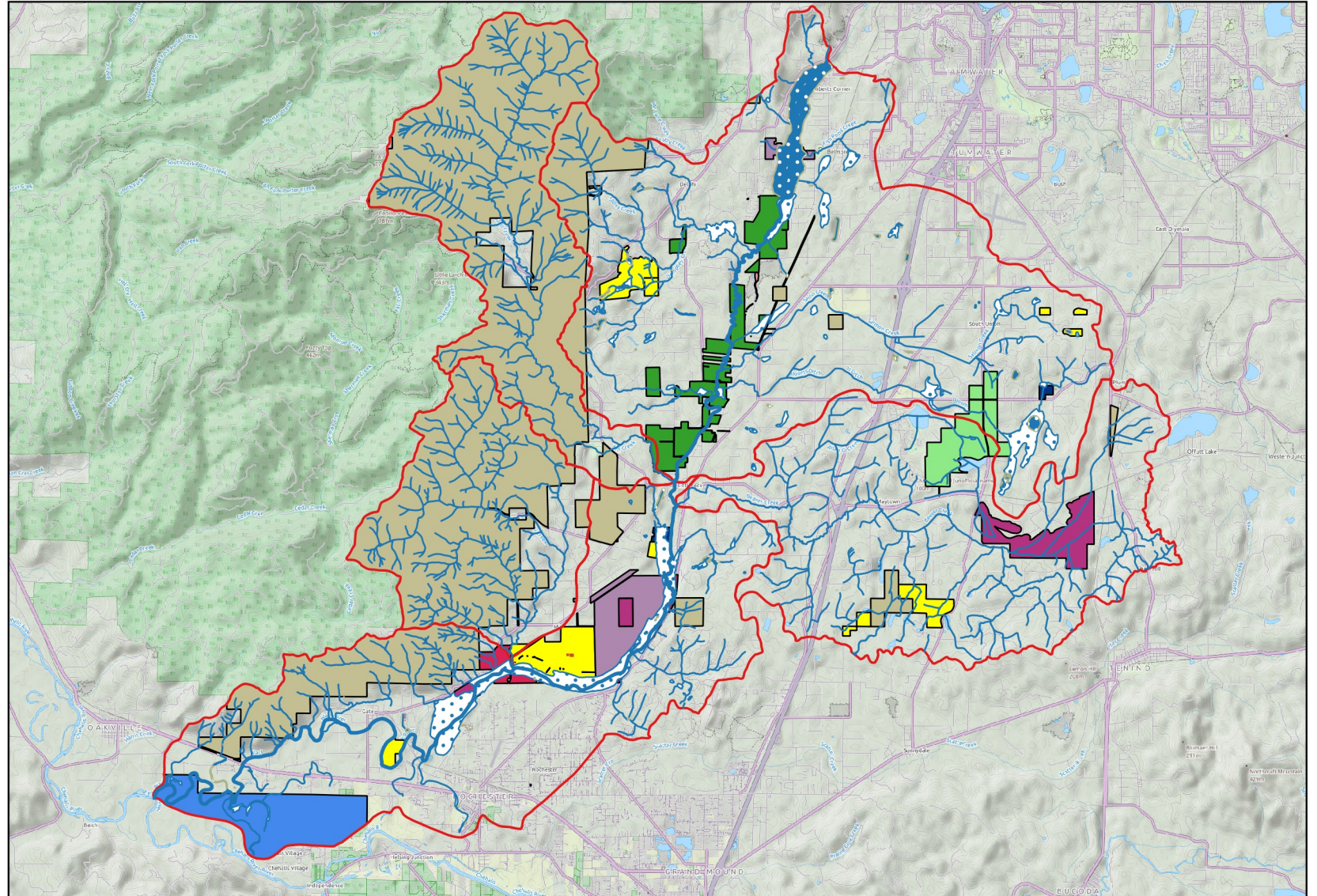
U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Svc.

WA State Department of Natural Resources

WA State Fish & Wildlife

WA State Parks & Recreation

Manager	Acres
Capitol Land Trust	1611
Chehalis Confederated Tribes	1813
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge	1544
The Nature Conservancy	331
Thurston County	1190
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	12
U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Svc.	455
WA State Department of Natural Resources	22404
WA State Fish & Wildlife	1001
WA State Parks & Recreation	902



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*Source data for Black River Protected Areas is:

U.S. Geological Survey, Gap Analysis Program (GAP). May 2016. Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US), version 1.4 Combined Feature Class. Additional data provided by Capitol Land Trust.

Hydrographic data source is U.S. Geological Survey National Hydrography Dataset and Watershed Boundary Dataset. Map by R.Jordan

Andrew Boughan

From: Tom smith <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 6:27 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Tom smith

Email: Dukesdad555@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I live right near this proposed area and the comments on this the negative ones are amazing to me there has been no farming in that area for two decades that I know of yes they will have to modify the roads to meet their needs the comments I'm seeing her totally off base and obviously by people that do not know the area do not know what's around and do not know the traffic mitigation it's already been taking place I would like for them to get up to speed before they comment again I totally support this plan

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From: Kelsea Jewell <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 7:52 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Kelsea Jewell

Email: Kelseajewell@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I strongly support maintaining and even expanding rural opportunities for small-scale agriculture. I am concerned that converting potential or existing agricultural land into industrial zones, parking lots, and business owned outside of the community will reduce our local ability to employ and feed ourselves and our neighbors.

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From: Leila Bardsley <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 2:56 AM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Leila Bardsley

Email: leila.bardsley@yahoo.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment:

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From: Sandra Charbonneau <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 6:38 AM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Sandra Charbonneau

Email: hounds4all@yahoo.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: We need to preserve farm land.

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From: Donna Weaver Smith <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Donna Weaver Smith

Email: dweaverland@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: The area adjoins existing warehousing etc on its boundary. This is a sensible site to re-zone for activities and uses that are dependent upon agriculture & associated with natural resource uses. The area does not impact any operating agricultural farms and a re-zone will allow construction of facilities which will support those who depend on services to get their product to market.

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From: Marta Glenn <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 9:47 AM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Marta Glenn

Email: marta.glenn63@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: With global warming we are becoming the new California. I believe it is essential to safeguard our ground water, farming, and natural wooded areas for wildlife. Most of the citizens who live in rural Western Washington paid for and have been stewarding the land for quality of life issues. This would destroy what makes rural Thurston County the beautiful place it is to live.

Time: October 12, 2021 at 4:47 pm

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From: Lisa Perle <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 8:16 AM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Lisa Perle

Email: lvperle@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I do not support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: Thurston County should not enact such far-reaching re-zoning as the result of the request of a single development company. To make well-considered changes to the Comprehensive Plan, County Commissioners should ask for a study to discover the need (if any) to locate more warehousing in rural areas.

Thurston County does not need to convert farmland to warehouses and manufacturing. The 2021 Buildable Lands Report shows that we have more than double the amount of industrial land needed for the next twenty years – within the Urban Growth Boundaries of our cities.

Thurston County should preserve the values and vision of the current Comprehensive Plan. That plan follows the Growth Management Act in prioritizing preservation of agricultural land and of the rural character of land outside the Urban Growth Boundary.

Thurston County should wait to change the Comprehensive Plan until after the completion of CP – 16, the county's community review of agricultural policies and programs. This group is researching soils maps and other sources to identify additional ways to protect agricultural lands prioritized for conservation. Their recommendations will be published later this year and in 2022.

Time: October 13, 2021 at 3:15 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Vicki Wolden <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Vicki Wolden

Email: sunbeam5@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: This area is already more industrial than rural. It should be approved so that the homeowners who live in the area can sell, recoup their investment and move to a more residential area. Right now they are in limbo, living in an area zoned rural but actually being more industrial. Thanks.

Time: October 18, 2021 at 8:44 pm

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Andrew Boughan

From: Scott Heinsohn <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 5:31 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Scott Heinsohn

Email: 3heins@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I agree with the growth of our community. I have been in the commercial construction business for over 20 years. I have seen and been involved with the construction growth in areas throughout the Sumner, Algona and Auburn valley. As well as Lacey and parts of Tumwater. As you know Lacey has a thriving industrial complex. I believe with the areas south of grand mound being a central location for the ports of Tacoma and the port of Longview. The potential is huge. If done correctly we can still have our great friendly little community with a successful business community.

Time: October 19, 2021 at 12:30 am

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Andrew Boughan

From: Cindy Hoover <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 7:15 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Cindy Hoover

Email: keynorthwest@comcast.net

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: I understand there is some misconception regarding this land being agricultural. It is not being farmed and is surrounded by commercial properties, freeway and developments. There is no reason this request should not be granted.

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From: Deborah Cook <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:08 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Deborah Cook

Email: dollyisnumberone@gmail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: This small area of the county is surrounded by commercial properties already. It has not been rural, agricultural for many years. More commercial growth would greatly benefit that area.

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Andrew Boughan

From: Alan Cook <donotreply@wordpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:09 PM
To: Andrew Boughan
Subject: [] Comment on the Up Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Name: Alan Cook

Email: alan.cook@429mail.com

Do you support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment?: I support the Up Castle Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal.

Comment: This small area of the county is surrounded by commercial properties already. It has not been rural, agricultural for many years. More commercial growth would greatly benefit that area.

Time: October 21, 2021 at 2:09 am

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October 23, 2021

Honorable Members of the Thurston Co Planning Commission

c/o Planning staff Andrew Boughan and Maya Teeple

Re: CP-19 – UP Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment – 5505 & 5641 222nd Ave SW

Greetings:

We, along with Ryan and Katie Hoover, are the proponents of the above referenced comprehensive plan amendment. We all attended the Zoom meeting with you on October 6th.

The hearing for our proposed amendment did not go well for us. There were a couple hundred people who objected in advance, and at least 10 during the zoom call. There were only three in favor, two of us being the applicants. Not a good start.

It seemed one of the biggest difficulties with our proposal was how many other Thurston County properties could be affected by amending the qualifying language in the Rural Resource Industrial zone. The requested amendment was necessary for our two sites to be useable, if the comprehensive plan amendment was approved.

We, the applicant, did not make the suggested edits to the zoning ordinance; these proposed amendments were made by the county staff. After looking at the exhibits showing all of the

other properties that could be affected by this change, we were surprised at the magnitude. That was never our intention. We simply want to create a development similar to our adjacent neighbors to the South (Lewis Co) and many in nearby “rural” Lewis County.

As stated in our original application, the Hoover’s property and ours abut Lewis County and the Port of Centralia Industrial Park. They are sandwiched between Interstate Five and Highway 99, are not suitable for profitable farming and are pretty noisy due to the I-5 traffic. Taking into consideration the encroaching development from the north, and West, and the sites' access to rail and road network via Highway 99, we feel this isolated area should change to Rural Resource Industrial. It would provide some "south county" jobs in Thurston County (vs North Lewis) and some public benefit by making use of the Federal Opportunity Zone classification, without disrupting the actual rural areas in this Opportunity Zone census tract.

Please find attached our proposed revised language for RRI, together with a map showing which other properties could be affected by this change if any other private applicants (or the commission itself) determined this concept has merit. Thank you.

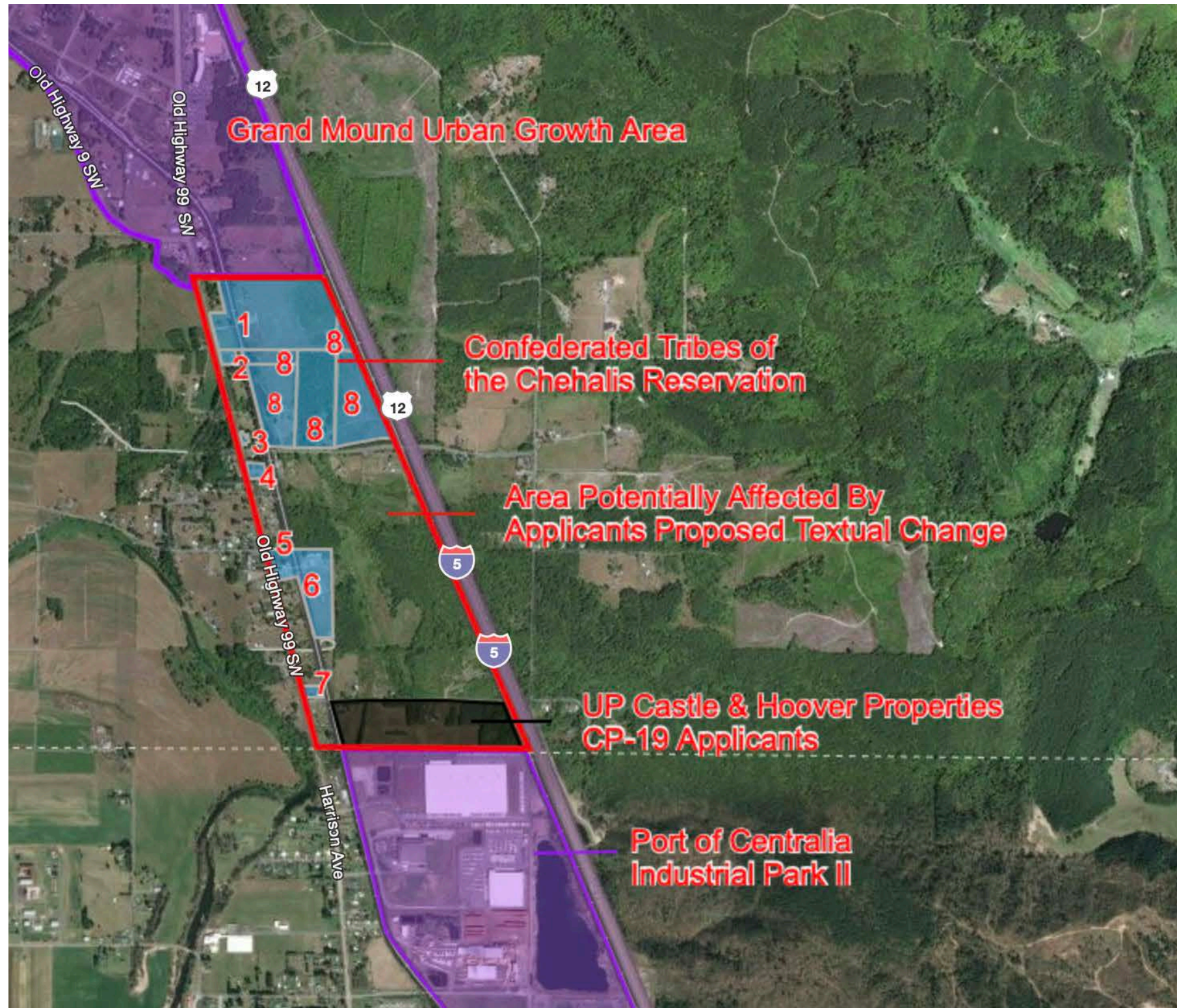
Respectfully submitted.

Raymond C. Schuler, Manager

CC: Ryan & Katie Hoover

OCTOBER 25, 2021

COMMERCIAL & TRIBAL PROPERTIES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY CP-19 APPLICANT REVISED LANGUAGE



Commercial Properties

1. Sharp Brothers - 29.61 acres
2. Sunshine Shoe Repair - 1.65 acres
3. Spikes Automotive - .35 acres
4. Trucking Operation - 1.26 acres
5. Crescent Grocery - 1.04 acres
6. Americool Heating & AC - 12.22 acres
7. Appian Way Salon - 1.02 acres

USA in Trust for Confederated Tribes

8. USA in Trust - 78.32 acres
(Includes Sharp Brothers)

Total Commercial Acres - 47.15 acres
(Includes Sharp Brothers)

Total Tribal Acres - 78.32 acres
(Includes Sharp Brothers)

Total Applicant Acres - 33.11 acres

**Total Non-Tribal, Non-Commercial,
Non-Applicant acres - 153.05 acres**

Chapter 20.29 RURAL RESOURCE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (RRI)

20.29.010 Purpose.

The purpose and intent of the rural resource industrial district is to provide areas where industrial activities and uses that are dependent upon agriculture, forest practices and minerals may be located. The district also allows such uses that involve the processing, fabrication, wholesaling and storage of products associated with natural resource uses. The standards in this chapter are intended to protect the rural area from adverse industrial impacts. All industrial uses must be functionally and visually compatible with the character of the rural area.

Controls to provide freedom from nuisance-creating features such as noise, dirt, odor, vibration, air and water pollution, are established together with adequate traffic circulation, buffers and landscaping requirements, to establish compatibility with surrounding rural development and offer protection from industrial blight and impacts.

(Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)

20.29.020 Permitted uses.

Subject to the provisions of this title, the following uses are permitted in the rural resource industrial district:

1. The following service and retail uses which primarily serve uses within the rural resource industrial district:
 - a. Commercial service uses such as restaurants, cafes, bars, taverns and service stations;
 - b. Automobile, truck and heavy equipment service, repair, storage and sales.
2. The following uses related to agriculture:
 - a. Feed stores;
 - b. Farm management services;
 - c. Fertilizer sales, storage and manufacturing;
 - d. Irrigation systems sales, repair and storage;
 - e. Veterinary clinics and hospitals;
 - f. Wholesale distribution of animal feeds, fertilizers, pesticides and seed.
3. The following uses related to forestry:
 - a. Mills for producing wood products;
 - b. Manufacturing wood containers and products;
 - c. Prefabricated wood buildings and components.
4. The following uses related to minerals:
 - a. Stone, marble and granite monument works;
 - b. Manufacture of brick, tile or terra cotta;

- c. Manufacture of clay products;
 - d. Manufacture of concrete products.
5. For sites that meet all of the locational and performance criteria in subsection (5)(a) below, the uses listed in subsection (5)(b) below are also permitted:
- a. Locational and performance criteria:
 - i. Located within one-half mile of an Interstate 5 interchange, **or within a Federal Opportunity Zone, South of the Grand Mound UGA, west of I-5, and east of Highway 99;**
 - ii. Vehicular access is from a county arterial or collector road or state highway; or, if also situated within a Federal Opportunity Zone, access may be from any county road;
 - iii. Proposed use will not require urban services or facilities; and
 - iv. Rail access is available to the site.
 - b. Permitted industrial uses:
 - i. Assembly and fabrication of sheet metal products;
 - ii. Assembly, manufacturing, compounding or treatment of articles or merchandise from previously prepared materials such as but not limited to, electronic components, precision instruments, cable or transmission lines or boat building;
 - iii. Storage buildings, warehouses, wholesaling and distribution facilities;
 - iv. Storage for building materials, contractors' equipment, house moving, delivery vehicles and used equipment in operable condition.
6. Other:
- a. Dwelling unit for caretaker or watchman working on the property;
 - b. Administrative, educational and other related activities and facilities in conjunction with a permitted use;
 - c. Public facilities and utilities, except sanitary landfills which shall be a special use;
 - d. Research service establishments for resource uses:
 - i. Research and development laboratories,
 - ii. Commercial testing laboratories;
 - e. Unclassified uses (see Section 20.07.060);
 - f. Railroad rights-of-way.

(Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)

20.29.025 Special uses.

See Chapter 20.54 for special uses permitted in this district.

(Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)

20.29.040 Development standards.

Site development plans shall conform with the following standards:

1. Minimum lot dimensions:
 - a. Area: twenty thousand square feet,
 - b. Width: one hundred feet;
2. Minimum yards measured from property line:
 - a. Front: ten feet from right-of-way easement or property line, except 20 feet from right-of-way easement line or property line on arterials,
 - b. Side:
 - i. Interior: ten feet,
 - ii. Abutting residentially zoned property: thirty feet,
 - iii. Street (flanking): ten feet,
 - c. Rear:
 - i. Twenty-five feet,
 - ii. Abutting residentially zoned property: fifty feet;
3. Maximum lot coverage by hard surfaces: sixty percent (also see Chapter 20.07).
4. Maximum Building Height: forty feet;
5. Landscaping:
 - a. All areas shown on the site plan not devoted to development (i.e., building, driveways, parking, etc.) are to be appropriately landscaped, and may include retention of suitable natural growth. Total area landscaped is to be no less than ten percent of the total developed area.
 - b. A minimum ten-foot wide landscape strip shall be provided adjacent to all street frontages.
 - c. A minimum twenty-five-foot landscaped buffer shall be provided adjacent to all residential uses or residential zoned properties.

(Ord. 12761 § 25, 2002; Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)

(Ord. No. 15355, 1(Att. A, § II), 10-18-2016)

20.29.050 Performance standards.

No land or structures shall be used or occupied within this district unless the use and occupancy complies with the following minimum performance standards:

1. External Effects.
 - a. Noise. Maximum permissible noise levels shall be determined by WAC 173-60, as amended.
 - b. Vibration. Vibration which is discernible without instruments at the property line is prohibited.
 - c. Smoke and Particulate Matter. Air emissions must comply with the requirements of the Olympic Air Pollution Control Authority.

- d. Odors. The emission of gases or matter which are odorous at any point beyond the property line of the use emitting the odor is prohibited. All emissions must comply with the requirements of the Olympic Air Pollution Control Authority.
 - e. Heat and Glare. Except for exterior lighting, uses producing heat and glare shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building. Exterior lighting shall be designed to shield surrounding streets and land uses from excessive heat and glare.
2. On-Site Performance Standards.
- a. Landscaping Installation. All required landscaping shall be installed prior to occupancy. In lieu of such installation, security may be given assuring the installation of the landscaping in an amount and form approved by the planner and prosecuting attorney, provided that the security may not be for a period exceeding nine months from the issuance of an occupancy permit, at which time installation shall have occurred.
 - b. Maintenance. The owner, lessee or user shall be responsible for maintaining an orderly appearance of all properties and shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all installed landscaped areas and any natural growth retained on the site. All required yards, parking areas, storage areas, operation yards and other open uses on the site shall be maintained at all times in a neat and orderly manner, appropriate for the district.
 - c. Water. Federal, state and local standards pertaining to water quality and stormwater runoff control must be complied with.
 - d. Storage. Outside storage is permitted; however, sight obscuring screening shall be required. Stored materials shall not exceed the height of the screening.
 - e. Hazardous Materials and Bulk Petroleum Products. Plans for the handling, storage, disposal and spill control of hazardous wastes, and bulk petroleum products shall be approved prior to the issuance of any building permit. Off-site treatment and storage facilities are a special use and must meet the conditions specified in Section 20.54.070(25).

(Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)

20.29.060 Compliance monitoring.

As a condition of approval of any use authorized by this chapter, the county may require the owner to furnish from time to time information showing that the use complies with the standards contained in this chapter and with other terms and conditions of approval.

(Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)

20.29.070 Expansion of existing uses.

Whenever existing uses are expanded or their existing building footprint or use area is otherwise altered, all current development standards shall apply.

(Ord. 12463 § 14, 2001; Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)

20.29.080 Minimum district size for zoning map amendments.

Five acres.

(Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)

20.29.090 Additional regulations.

Refer to the following chapters for provisions which may qualify or supplement the regulations presented above:

1. Chapter 20.34, Accessory Uses and Structures;
2. Chapter 20.40, Signs and Lighting;
3. Chapter 20.44, Parking and Loading;
4. Chapter 20.45, Landscaping and Screening.

(Ord. 11867 § 11 (part), 1998)



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November 3, 2021

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Re: UP Castle Rezone Request and Code Amendment

Dear Andrew Boughan and Maya Teeple:

Please include this letter in the comments for UP Castle Rezone Request and Code Amendment. We understand from Charlotte Persons' phone conversation with Andrew Bougham yesterday that written public comments are still being accepted for the UP Castle proposal. We ask that the Planning Commissioners (PC) consider these comments because of the new code language proposed by UP Castle in their public comments letter dated October 23.

Black Hills Audubon Society (BHAS) is concerned about one of the options for Motion 1 that staff provided to the Planning Commission in their CPA 19 memo dated November 3, 2021, for the meeting agenda materials for the PC meeting of November 3.

We are concerned about the portion of Motion 1 that refers to the option of accepting the new code language proposed by UP Castle:

"5. For sites that meet all of the locational and performance criteria in subsection (5)(a) below, the uses listed in subsection (5)(b) below are also permitted:

a. Locational and performance criteria:

- i. Located within one-half mile of an Interstate 5 interchange, or within a Federal Opportunity Zone, South of the Grand Mound UGA, west of I-5, and east of Highway 99;
- ii. Vehicular access is from a county arterial or collector road or state highway; or, if situated within a Federal Opportunity Zone, access may be provided by any county road.
- iii. Proposed use will not require urban services or facilities; and
- iv. Rail access is available to the site."

This code change is a totally new concept – it has a different rationale and different lands are impacted than the code amendment previously submitted by UP Castle. To be considered fully it requires public notice and a public hearing, an environmental impact evaluation, staff information on impact on county road expenditures, and informing adjacent property owners and those within the boundaries of the above referenced “a Federal Opportunity Zone, South of the Grand Mound UGA, west of I-5, and east of Highway 99”. (In this letter BHAS will refer to this area as “the RRI intensive area described in UP Castle’s proposed new code language”.)

1. Public notice and public hearing:

- According to the public record matrix on the County’s webpage for the UP Castle proposal, UP Castle submitted their public comments letter dated October 23 with their proposed new code language. However, the public could not read these comments until they were published on October 28 or 29 as part of meeting agenda materials for the November 3 meeting. This was only 6 or 7 days before the November 3 meeting is to take place.

Including these UP Castle comments, and the staff memo of Nov. 3 that (a little incorrectly) described them, in the agenda materials for the Nov. 3 Planning Commission meeting was not public notice of the substantial code language changes.

The new code language was not publicized in a newspaper of record, and it was not even posted on the County webpage dedicated to the UP Castle proposal.

Public notice was insufficient.

- Changing the proposal after the hearing abrogates the public’s right, including ours, to provide comment at a public hearing. The public hearing is an opportunity for the public and the applicant to provide comments to the decision makers on a proposal and that is not being offered in this case. While the Planning Commission can make some changes to a proposal, when the proponent suggests such substantial changes, the law requires that the public have a chance to comment in a public hearing.

Because this is part of the comprehensive plan process, it must have an enhanced public process under GMA. RCW 36.70A.035.130. The Growth Boards have held that decision makers can amend a proposal after the public process, but only if the proposal was within the range of alternatives of the original proposal:

RCW 36.70A.035(2) requires that if legislative changes or amendments are proposed after the public comment period has closed, the process must be reopened for public consideration and comment. However, “an additional opportunity for public review and comment is not required” if “the proposed change is within the scope of the alternatives available for public comment.”

2. Revised SEPA Checklist or Environmental Impact Statement

With so little notice, BHAS has not yet had the chance to evaluate the environmental impacts of the opportunity for RRI intensive uses on the RRI intensive area described in UP Castle’s proposed new code language. By UP Castle’s own calculations, the entire area is about 353

acres, and at least 153 acres are undeveloped land. From Google maps, the undeveloped land apparently includes some farmland and some wooded lots, including a large pond and some small streams.

Has the staff evaluated the environmental impacts? This should result in a revised SEPA checklist and site plan, or perhaps, since the area is so large, an Environmental Impact Statement. The environmental impacts that should be evaluated include, at the least, impacts on water tables, critical areas (if any), soil impacts, listed and non-listed species, potential flooding, traffic impacts on Old Highway 99 Road and other county roads, effects of noise and traffic on neighboring properties, and loss of farmland and good farming soils.

3. Increased County Expenditures for County Roads

Has the County's Public Works Department been apprised that this potential code change would allow many large trucks to access small county roads? Have they evaluated the potential cost for the county of higher maintenance expenses, and possibly road and intersection alterations, for these small county roads to accommodate RRI development with intensive industrial uses (warehouses and manufacturing)?

The Planning Commission should consider those new potential public costs when considering the impact of the new proposed code language.

4. Notice to Other Property Owners:

Has Thurston County notified landowners of the proposed new code language, both property owners adjacent to and within the RRI intensive area described in UP Castle's proposed new code language? They should have the opportunity to consider the benefits and problems of their own lands and their neighbors' lands potentially being zoned RRI or RRI intensive use.

For example, there are residences on both sides of Old Highway 99 SW, especially near Prather Road, whose owners might want to know that warehousing and manufacturing will potentially be built so close to their homes. In addition, according to the County Wide Zoning Map at https://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/critical_areas/maps-2010/CountyZone_1Oct2010_parcel.pdf the RRI intensive area described in UP Castle's proposed new code language is within the Urban Growth Area of Grand Mound. The residents of Grand Mound should have the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed code amendments.

BHAS requests that the proposed new code language be afforded public notice and a public hearing; a revised environmental analysis (revised SEPA checklist or EIS) for the RRI intensive area described in UP Castle's proposed new code language; staff evaluation of county costs for increased county road maintenance for intensive RRI development within that area; and notification of landowners within and bordering that area.

Since so much more public and staff input is necessary to evaluate this proposal, BHAS asks that the Planning Commission in its November 3rd meeting direct staff to take the appropriate listed steps above and postpone making a decision on voting on the suggested motions 1, 2 or 3 in the staff's November 3 memo.

If the Planning Commission does decide to vote on these motions before getting more information from staff and comments from the public, BHAS asks that they vote "no" on Motion 1 and "yes" on Motion 2 and "yes" on Motion 3, i.e., deny the application and proceed with the general review.

The public has raised many questions about both the Beaver Creek Rezone Request and this UP Castle Rezone and Code Amendment, and there is no reason to believe that the other rezone proposals in the pipeline will be any easier to resolve. Besides it is not clear where the rural county needs industrial development, or if it needs more industrial lands at all in the rural parts of the county.

We urge the Planning Commission to vote "yes" on Motion 3, to recommend the County conduct a review of industrial lands, and to recommend holding review of ALL individual land use and rezoning requests until completion of the study.

Sincerely,



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RE: CP-19 UP Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Dear Thurston County Planning Commissioners:

On October 28, I received the Thurston County Planning Commission announcement for the November 3 meeting. It read:

Work Session & Recommendation: CP-19 UP.Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment

Planning Commission follow-up work session for citizen-initiated UP Castle Land Use & Rezone Amendment and may make a recommendation at this meeting or at any following meeting.

This confirmed my expectation that the UP Castle matter was proceeding as explained at the October 6 Public Hearing. The PC meeting announcement did not mention that there was a revision to the comp code language for which the October 6 Public Hearing was held. No notice of the new language was sent to notify the 238 Thurston County citizens who did pre-hearing comments, almost all opposed to the UP Castle Warehouse application and code change. There was no mention that post hearing comments were still welcomed. So, I was shocked on November 1 to learn that changes to the comp plan code language had been made by UP Castle. All those who made comment at the first Public Hearing should have been notified of this recent code revision and in the future should receive notification from County staff of any new Public Hearing related to UP Castle and /or any future land use change.

I learned about it through the November 3 Staff memo that is part of the meeting agenda. Motion #3 in the Staff memo, is actually entirely new including the options **all/only future/all outside of UGA**. It seems unreasonable for staff to expect the Planning Commission to choose one option over another without staff input and public reaction to staff research on these options. More studies need to be done on the possible ramifications of these important considerations. If necessary, a second Public Hearing on Motion #3 should occur.

I request that you deny CP-19 UP Castle Land Use and Rezone Amendment. I hope that any position you take would protect agricultural lands, rural land values and good wildlife habitat. At least 236 individuals advocated for such an outcome. Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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