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Departments of Ecology, Health and Community Development,

Environmentally, we have moved well beyond the luxury of ignoring long-term impact considerations for the planning of all development in Thurston County and Washington State.

I am a resident of 93rd Ave., just outside Yelm City limits, and have been for the past 20 years. And for these past 2 decades, I have participated in efforts to stop short-sighted plans:

- 1) The dumping of hospital waste on forested lands along the Nisqually River
- 2) The building of a prison in the Yelm vicinity - in which the state's employees readily admit that how prisoners receive their drugs is through prison employees and visitors - inviting drug traffic into our community
- 3) The building of a NASCAR racetrack in the Yelm City Limits.

In all cases, these poorly conceived, short-sighted, environmentally irresponsible high-impact projects were defeated - not because of any clear-thinking action on the part of the state, county or city employees, but because groups of citizens stood up and said NO!

Once again, the sanctity of Yelm and its surrounding community is faced with the short-sighted, environmentally irresponsible decision making by the very people to which this community pays large salaries to protect the future viability of this community and follow the guidelines of public input. The continuing behavior of seeking mitigation without public input clearly indicates that the city of Yelm employees really don't care about public input and will do whatever they want, however they want, whenever they want irregardless of public concern for long term environmental responsibility.

It is now time for both the Department of Ecology and the Department of Health to hold the city of Yelm Department of Community Develop to the highest standard of environmental responsibility by requiring a full-on Environmental Impact Study for the purposes of protecting existing water table and well levels in the surrounding county.

The city of Yelm community developer claims that their mitigated determination is "non-significant", yet, how can allowing proposed water withdrawal increase by five-fold produce anything except a SIGNIFICANT DROP in Yelm's State and County protected aquifer? The question MUST be answered responsibly and the only way to do so is with a full-on Environmental Impact Study.

Again, our county and state environmental oversight managers no longer have the luxury of ignoring long-term environmental impacts for the benefit of assisting a small city to push through a business mandate by a few greed-based developers and should demand immediate override of Yelm's intent to mitigate without public notice, and, demand a full-on Environmental Impact Study of the proposed well in the new developments in Yelm.

To ignore the long-term considerations of an Environmental Impact Study is irresponsible, now and for the future.

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