

Proposed HUGE Industrial Center Neighboring Millersylvania State Park in South Thurston County

Friends of Rocky Prairie (Defending Our County)

The Port of Tacoma is contracted to sell 745 acres neighboring Millersylvania State Park to an out-of-state company, NorthPoint, who's planning an enormous industrial center. Tell our County Commissioners to say no to a rezone that would destroy the rural character and tourist appeal of South County, cause traffic and rail congestion, and change the very character of our entire county.

Email the Thurston County Commissioners - Say No to the NorthPoint Rezone - Addresses on Reverse.

Probable Impacts:

- **Semi Truck & Car Traffic** - Up to **4,000 trucks** and employee vehicles per day. Additional lanes and expensive road repairs would be needed since the capacity of **Tilley Rd., Maytown Rd., Exit 95, and Tenino Grand Mound Rd./507** would be exceeded; **emergency response times** would **slow dramatically**; **taxes** for infrastructure could **increase**.
- **24x7 Operation** - The facility would operate at all hours with **non-stop semi truck and train traffic, light & noise**.
- **Decreased Property Values** - Nearby properties would be much less desirable and **resale values** in the area and along the train tracks could **plummet**.
- **Noise & Air Pollution** - The noise and diesel pollution from **thousands of semi trucks and constant train traffic** will destroy the peace, tranquility, and air quality in Millersylvania State Park and for community members throughout South Thurston County.
- **Millersylvania State Park & Tourism** - Millersylvania State Park is one of the largest tourism draws in Thurston County, with approximately 500,000 annual visitors. The park is an economic boon for the county, generating over 11 million dollars in local spending each year. The NorthPoint facility would drastically decrease visitation and result in the **loss of many jobs both in the park and in the surrounding community**.
- **Light Pollution** - The facility will **light the sky for miles around**, disturbing local homeowners, campers, and sensitive wildlife, including multiple endangered species.
- **Well & Water Effects** - Supporting their claimed workforce would require 140,000 gallons of water per day, lowering the water table and **affecting well depths**. County data describes this site as an "extremely sensitive aquifer." Vibrations from this many trains & trucks could collapse local wells because of the nature of the sandstone soils; surface runoff could **pollute** the aquifer, **area wells**, streams, wetlands, and Deep Lake, home of Millersylvania State Park.
- **Train** - Train traffic would be drastically increased in Thurston County (including the now seldom used Tacoma Mountain rail line) **blocking traffic**, greatly **lengthening emergency response time**, and increasing the likelihood of an accident with **hazardous material spills**.
- **Low job potential** - Huge warehouse sites yield very few jobs, despite their claims, relative to their size. The **low paying jobs** created by the facility will likely be replaced by automation in the future. Further, there are already many warehouse jobs going unfilled in the county, especially in the Hawks Prairie area.
- **Sensitive West Rocky Wildlife Area** - One of only 20 remaining sites in the world made up of extremely rare native outwash prairie. The site also contains rare oak woodlands, mima mounds, and wetlands which support at least **six threatened & endangered species**. WA Fish and Wildlife and others have attempted to purchase the site to protect it.

Keep South Thurston a Destination -- Not a Disaster

Read about what happened when another community allowed a facility like this. View online here: tinyurl.com/elwood-article

What you can do:

Visit: FriendsOfRockyPrairie.org to find out more detailed information, sign our online petition, make a donation, join our email list.

Volunteer: Contribute skills, help petition, distribute signs & flyers, outreach, and organizing. Please sign-up on our website to help.

Get in Touch: Email Info@FriendsOfRockyPrairie.org, or call 360-866-7596.

Take Action: turn over the info sheet for steps you can take.



Protect the Rural Character of our County from a HUGE Truck / Train Intermodal Industrial Center

Take Action:

Write to editors; write, call, or email Thurston county commissioners, city and state representatives, and the Port of Tacoma. Share on Social Media.

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"Protect Rocky Prairie from Development"

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The maps below indicate the location of the property. As you can see, it's in the heart of our county and **surrounded by pristine natural areas, wildlife areas, and parks**. The anticipated 4000+ vehicles & trucks per day would travel up and down I-5 clogging traffic.

