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RE: County Allows Wilson Recycling to Stay Open

The Mason County Commissioners want to emphasize that Mason County did not close down Wilson Recycling. Mason County has received numerous comments about the unfortunate closure of Wilson Recycling located on Brockdale Road. It must be noted that in order to go back to being a recycling center, WA State Department of Ecology has permitting requirements that must be met.

Wilson Recycling was issued a Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Permit from the Mason County Health Department. However, it is not the only item needed in order to take solid waste (garbage). Still outstanding were land use compliance issues, Wilson Recycling applied for a special use permit which was denied by the Hearing Examiner. Again, Mason County did not close down Wilson Recycling.

The disposal of solid waste is an important topic and the Commissioners invite public comment as to whether Mason County should consider amending the land use zoning to expand where solid waste and/or recycling facilities could be located. These comments will be considered as Mason County moves through the Comprehensive Plan update in 2016.

A public comment time has been scheduled on the Mason County Commissioner July 28 meeting agenda at 6:30 p.m. for the public to weigh in on this topic. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit written comment to the Mason County Commissioners, 411 North 5th Street, Shelton, WA 98584 or email to the Clerk of the Board, juliea@co.mason.wa.us

For current solid waste disposal and/or recycling options please go to http://www.co.mason.wa.us/health/environmental/solid waste/recycling.php

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