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To: [SW Permit Comments](#)
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Hello,

My name is Michael Seliga and I am owner of a landscape construction company that does business on both sides of Lake Washington primarily, though we do travel for the right job too.

During my years doing this, I have seen some of the stuff permitted (formally or via the fact that there was no process) in the 1900s that is really atrocious. A little planning can go a long, for all parties. Personally, I would be fine with extra permitting process if that meant keeping our streams, rivers, lake, and salish sea clean.

Personally I am for a positive form of development that feeds the land around it (100% green design, super platinum ratings inside and out). But until we get there, strong "Low impact" development standards need to show us the way through the new era which is the 21st century. You have the power to make that happen, and I ask you to keep the standards high: distance from streams, reduce/remove impervious surfaces, require proper plants, (maybe make permits required for most/all pesticides?), etc, etc.

As a small construction company, bureaucratic burdens usally hit me harder than the big guys. But for our water--70% of what makes us--I am willing to take some extra steps. Don't let the big guys bully you around either. Let them know that you have 1000s of small biz owners behind you.

well, I hope this was enough encouragement to do what is the ethically right thing to do.

sincerely,

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