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Seems odd that Kitsap County is cleaning up its old landfill but Skamania County refuses to even get started or take the first step.

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I'm frustrated with Skamania County's apparent disregard for the environmental issues stemming from the 2 old county landfills I have been asking for over 6 years now to start to monitor these sites. These landfills continue to leach into our groundwater and release methane gas, which impacts our air quality. When do you think the county will begin acknowledging and addressing this significant problem? We have two unmonitored landfills that must be addressed soon. I wonder if prosecutor Adam Kick is still claiming that these landfills were shut down before certain WACs or RCWs that mandate required monitoring. I can go back and find the article in the local paper quoting Kick that the county has no responsibility to clear these sites up. It's clear that Kitsap County's landfill is from the same era as our old landfills, so why is Ecology requiring them to clean up their sites? Or Is Kitsap County doing what is right for our environment on its own? See the below link.

Please add to public comment at the next city council meeting and Skamania County BOCC meeting

[Olalla Landfill - \(2220\) \(wa.gov\)](#)

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"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, from "Oldtown Folks"