

### Landclearing Landfill

A landclearing landfill has been proposed by CBS as a way to permit development of much needed residential and commercial space elsewhere in Sitka. The unsuitable overburden soils and vegetation that occur on otherwise developable property must be removed before foundations can be installed and construction can begin. The current landclearing landfill near Granite Creek is rapidly filling up, and when it is full, development of most types of residential and commercial property may come to a halt unless a suitable site can be found for overburden disposal.



This landclearing landfill will be designated as a disposal site of organic topsoil and inorganic unsuitable soils only. No other debris or solid waste of any type will be permitted to be disposed of at this site. The primary proponents of the landfill development project are CBS and Tisher Construction, the operator of the adjacent rock quarry. The land is currently leased by Tisher Construction from SJC, and the project presumably won't move forward without support from SJC. The estimated project area is approximately 18.5 acres. If the landclearing landfill proposed development moves forward, it is likely that the current road access through the quarry will require a significant upgrade. Both the nature of the upgrades and the location of the access road should be carefully evaluated to minimize adverse impacts to the watershed that can occur from road development.