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Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Comments

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Good morning Al: Thank you for your comments related to the wetlands and riparian critical areas of The Growth Management Act (GMA). Your comments have been forwarded to staff and will be added to the 2025 Comp Plan Index of Record. Your name and email will also be added to our database to receive future communications related to the 2025 Comp Plan. Thanks again.

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Dear Community Planning:

I am writing this letter to provide my comments on the wetlands and riparian critical areas related to The Growth Management Act (GMA). Below is a list of concerns.

**Concern 1: Related changes to Clark County Codes 40.440 and 40.450.** The proposed action will violate federal and state laws, regulations and policy. Federal and state entities are tasked to preserve, protect and enhance (where possible) wetlands and riparian habitat. Therefore, it is unlawful for Clark County to take actions to supersede federal and state positions on wetland and riparian habitat for development purposes only.

**Concern 2: Eliminating Best Available Science (BAS).** BAS is required in evaluating impacts to wetlands and riparian habitat for development. To disregard BAS as an unprecedented action for development is unacceptable. The impacts to wildlife, especially fish and waterfowl, and the environment will continue to grow at a faster rate.

These actions will also increase global warming and provide a windfall for a small select segment of the population, development. Clark County needs to be **Going Green** and implement codes that will reduce global warming. It is imperative the County codes conserve and preserve ground and surface waters, especially clean and save water. Your thorough review of the letter would be appreciated.

Regards,

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