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FYI. Thanks.

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Clark County Council  
February 8, 2024  
P.O. Box 5000  
Vancouver, Washington 98666

FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

**Re: GIS Metadata shows illegal designations of resource land in Clark County**

Dear Councilor Yung,

Recently, Clark County Citizens United, Inc. resubmitted the metadata from GIS, that confirmed all designated resource lands, were simply determined by aerial photography and staff interpretation. CCCU had submitted the same information for the record of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, as well as attending a councilor hearing and giving testimony with the data, to the councilors. When CCCU appealed the adopted plan, this information was no where in the public record. In addition, CCCU found that over one hundred items of CCCU's public record data were also missing. When a "supplement the record" was requested it was approved by the Hearing Board, but Clark County's attorney would not allow most of the data, that was on an itemized list submitted by CCCU, to be considered. Only a few of those items were allowed, by the county. The other items contained very critical data, important to CCCU's appeal.

CCCU complained to the Washington Secretary of State, and the law was clarified that ALL DATA SUBMITTED TO THE RECORD, must be available. Councilor Stewart

thanked CCCU for pressing the state to protect the public record. CCCU will be tracking all testimony submitted by our organization and membership, to be sure the data is there, in the public record. Regarding the metadata for resource land, the GIS agent told us there was no data. When asked how he knew that, he explained that he was the one who created the resource maps, and there was no data. He said the map was very hard to do, by just using aerial photography.

But, CCCU was able to find one document in the GIS data inventory, that confirmed what he said, and what CCCU had suspected all along. The county did not use the GMA RCW criteria to determine resource land, and instead simply blocked out land with no trees and land with trees, and called them agriculture and forest. These actions by the county were clearly erroneous. in simple terms, illegal.

When CCCU recently submitted this information again, a copy of the metadata sheet was not attached, and only the text was written. But CCCU sees that you have questioned the county manager over the information. After thirty years of doing research and submitting testimony against what the staff and the county has done to the land owners, CCCU assures you that what we are sayng is true. The reason it wasn't attached to the last email, is because in order to get the information from an attachment, in case of an appeal, CCCU would have to have it transcribed, which costs money. Therefore, the information was written with quotations.

Attached, please find the actual metadata document. After CCCU had submitted it to the record for the 2016 Plan, it was removed, and CCCU could not find it again in GIS data. The man who drew the maps was then fired. Now we see that the man who fired him, is now retired. It is crystal clear that Clark County produced an illegal Comprehensive Plan in 1994, and it has never changed. As Councilor Mielke said, the "ball just keeps rolling down the hill". CCCU expects that in the 2025 Plan update, corrections will be made, the law will be followed and meaningful changes will be made to the rural and resource lands.

Sncereely,

Carol Levanen Exec. Secretary

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**Overview Summary**

**Title:** GMA Landuse

**Layer Name:** Landuse

**Status:** Active

**Library:** clark

**Schema:**

**Dataset:**

**Description:** Landuse polygons created for 1994 GMA Depicts land uses within Clark County as determined by the Planning Department. It is a combination of the Assessors Landuse (Primary Property Type) and the mapping departments Photo Interpretation.

**History:** Assessor's PT1 code was aggregated into approximately 25 land use categories. Parcels > 1 acre were classified using photo-interpretation. Vancouver and Clark County Planning also used limited field surveys to update the database.

**Other Links:**

**Data Type:** ShapeFiles

**Derived From:** Landuse - Arc/Info Coverages

**Intended Use:** Growth Management and Land Use Planning The Photo Interpretation coverage is from 1:24000 Aerial Photos, this is makes the product unsuitable for display with the parcels coverage.

**Intended Scale:** 24,000

**Metadata Restrictions:** No

**Data Restrictions:** None

**Maintenance:** Not Maintained

**Keywords:** landuse gma growth management

**Other Data Types:** [Arc/Info Coverages](#)

**Technical & Source Data**

**Documented:** 12-May-93

**Image Reference:** No

**Source Title:**

**Source Projection:**

**Source Description:** Assessor's database on the HP3000 as corrected from limited area field surveys by the City of Vancouver, Clark County Planning and photo- interpretation.

**Source Date:** 12-May-93

**Source Organization:**

**Completion Date:** 12-May-93

**Source Scale:** 4,800

**Source Contact:**