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Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to study the Clark County Comprehensive Plan colored agriculture map and the colored forest map and compare them extensively. These maps were created for the 1994 Comp Plan zoning in the rural and resource lands and have never been changed in any way. All of the zoning in the rural parts of the county are based on these maps. They don't match with what is prime agriculture and prime forest soils according to the *Soil Survey of Clark County*. But even more striking is the fact that they contradict each other. The maps have prime ag and prime forest soils in the same locations. In addition, these maps do not have prime ag and prime forest soils in places where the *Soil Survey* shows they are present. Once a survey is done, there need be only one official soil document and soils don't change. So where did Clark County get their information to indicate very different locations of prime soils on the county maps? Staff was asked that question, and they could not answer it. Staff has claimed that the Soil Survey was the resource they used for the Comp Plan maps, but that couldn't have happened, when the Soil Survey maps are so much different than the county maps. Prime agriculture soil is located at the Lagler Dairy Farm, yet Clark County maps do not indicate its presence. Weyerhaeuser Corporation timber plantations are located on prime forest soils, but Clark County's maps indicate poor forest soil in that area.

The reason this is of utmost importance, is because all rural zoning in Clark County was primarily based upon these maps. Agriculture was designated, forest was designated and what was left over was called rural. If these 1994 maps are incorrect, then most or all of the designations for agriculture, forest and rural land in the current Plan are incorrect, and have been ever since 1994, when the maps were first created. Clark County Citizens United, Inc. believes this to be true. All of the Comprehensive Plan changes and amendments in the rural lands from 1994 to today, as well as the Rural Lands Task force recommendations would also be incorrect, because they were based on incorrect maps.

CCCU, Inc.'s research will continue in this matter to find out where the county got the information for the county maps, in the mean time due diligence is needed from the Commissioners to examine these maps very closely.

Sincerely,

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http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/comp_plan/documents/Figure22-Soil-Agricultural.pdf

http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/comp_plan/documents/Figure21-Soil-Forest.pdf