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**Subject:** Re: BERK study2012

Thanks for the information. I did research the Berk organization and do understand who and what they are. But, what is the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Committee and who are the members. I don't remember that name in anything I have received throughout the years of public involvement. I look forward to your response. Thanks!  
Best Regards, Carol Levanen Ex. Secretary CCCU, Inc.

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Carol:

Commissioner Madore forwarded this e-mail and asked that we respond to it.

As a continuation of the Rural Lands Review (which began in 2009), the Board in 2011 approved a contract with BERK & Associates of Seattle, a private consulting firm. The contract was to 1) prepare a 'Situation Assessment' that looked at trends in agriculture and forest activities in the county, and 2) provide background for a transfer of development rights program (TDR) program, a recommendation that came both from the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Committee (2009) and the Rural Lands Task Force (2010). The Situation Assessment was the subject of three Board work sessions (February 9, and December 7, 2011, and January 27, 2012) and was discussed at a joint meeting of the Board and the Planning Commission on October 16, 2012 at Hockinson High School. The document has been on the Clark County Community Planning website at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/RuralLands/index.html> since mid-2012. Attachments A-D under the Phase 1 project summary comprise the document.

The document was prepared prior to having the data from the 2012 Farm Census, data that were just available a couple of weeks ago. We have been awaiting the 2012 data to get some idea of what is happening with farming and agriculture in the county.

The Farm Census data between 2002 and 2007 could be interpreted that there are more people doing some kind of agriculture by the USDA's definition on smaller parcels. The 2012 data indicate a small decline in the number of farms and the amount of acreage farmed from 2007, but still indicates a substantial amount of farming activity in the county. It is for this reason that we've had some discussions about changing the minimum parcel size for agriculture lands from 20 acres to 10 acres, and the minimum parcel size for Tier II forest lands from 40 acres to 20 acres. The rural preference census that was done late last year confirms there is interest in seeing this happen, and it may happen as part of the 2016 comprehensive plan update.

Let me know if you still have questions.

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Clark County Community Planning

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**From:** Madore, David

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Oliver, Carol has asked a specific question here. Please feel free to respond to her.

Thank you!

Anna Miller for  
Commissioner David Madore

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Dear Commissioners,

We found this information in the current use section in the Assessor's Department on-line. We would not have found it if Susan had not come across it by accident. We could not find it on the Clark County site when we later searched for it. We had to google current use taxation /assessor. Who are these people who did this study? Why is it not consistent with the federal agriculture census 2012 information that was forwarded to CCCU? It appears that this company was a private consulting firm. Please explain.

[http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/land\\_use/documents/12-0515\\_AttB\\_AssessmentAg-Forestry-ClarkCounty.pdf](http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/land_use/documents/12-0515_AttB_AssessmentAg-Forestry-ClarkCounty.pdf)