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Good day, Isaiah,

Thank you for your comments regarding the 2025 Comprehensive Growth Plan. I have forwarded to staff, and will add these to the Index of Record.

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### **Message Subject**

What about Agriculture?

### **Comments**

excessive sprawling growth will be the downfall of the county. In the housing growth plan nearly 28,000 single unit homes are projected to be needed. With this plan, there is no way the county could achieve the goals Washington State put forward as part of the road to net zero. The largest contributors to greenhouse gases are building heat, electricity, and transportation. The construction of these sprawling single family home buildings exacerbates all three of these categories. Homes twice the size that they need to be being heated and cooled in our continually more extreme weather, and no efficient transport system linking these large developments. With the expectation that only families making well above the medium income can afford these single-family homes puts all the burden of climate goals on lower income families in multiplexes and apartments. If there are to be 28,000 single-family homes built the county needs to institute strict energy, efficient building requirements and tax these homes proportionate to the amount of greenhouse gases being produced by these residences to discourage these houses being built that are beyond our needs and are only designed for our wants. When these large developments are being built habitat needs to be preserved. Wildlife needs continuous green zones to be able to move about our community and when whole sites are bulldozed and all green zones are removed, the wildlife that has always existed here has no way to safely travel. New construction should be prioritized on area that is already developed and paved. Continually reaching out to the wilderness and farmland for land to develop into housing will result in a county that is covered in pavement and can't feed itself. With the results of microplastics in the county water, I already have no confidence in the future water quality of the county. This is the foundation of life and should be prioritized for the future of the county. The soil filters and purifies our water and when less and less of it is in green spaces, we are more heavily relying on our own systems for cleaning our contaminated water. Water is decreasingly being received into the soil and seeping into our groundwater but is being stopped by pavement and being rerouted through our sewers. Farms in the county need to be protected not only for the food and services that they provide. But for the ecological good they do. The plan claims to be comprehensive but there is no mention of how these 700,000 people are going to be able to eat. The lack of any information implies that these 2.1 million daily meals in the county in 20 years are going to be provided externally. Again, to the point of greenhouse gases, we are already signing up for the energy requirements of transporting this food from outside the county, the state, and the country. We need local food to be able to achieve our climate goals. Before we can go forward with the environmental impact statement Agricultural land in the county needs to be assessed. This is a huge part of our county and our future that is being ignored seemingly because there is no instant financial gratification from this sector. The document largely seems to be focused on where these people are going to live. I ask you how will they breathe, what will they drink, and who is growing their food?

