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Subject: RE: Comments on Clark County Comprehensive Plan
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Good day, Don,

Thank you for your comments regarding the 2025 EIS Update. I have forwarded to additional staff, and will add these to the Index of Record.

From: don rose <drose1103@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 1:25 PM
To: Cnty 2025 Comp Plan <comp.plan@clark.wa.gov>
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Please accept these comments on the plan. Thank you

Dear Clark County Councilmembers,

Comments on Clark County Comprehensive Management Plan

The foremost issue in today's world is how to avoid major climate change. Recent amendments to the GMA require you to consider climate impacts as part of your updates to the Growth Management Plan. Climate change is caused by human activities which have increased greenhouse gasses (GHGs) since the start of the industrial era. Therefore, *the primary scope of the EIS should be to determine what effect each part of the plan will have on GHG emissions*. To consider GHGs, you must first determine what the baseline – i.e., current emissions level -- is. The EIS should then determine how much any proposed action will reduce (or increase) GHG emissions.

The State has set goals for overall GHG reductions. Clark County should do its share to meet or exceed those goals in each area of the plan.

Focus growth within current Urban Growth Areas. Housing, affordable housing, and condos/apartments should be developed within urban boundaries only. Limiting housing construction to city centers will decrease fire risks in rural areas and costs of fire protection, limit increases in homeowners insurance, decrease miles driven in cars, and allow for more affordable public transportation.

Require bird-safe glass for developments and proper downward-facing lighting that does not disturb bird migrations.

Develop value-added agriculture, including vineyards, wineries, hops, distilleries and agritourism, as a principal industry for the county. Clark County has valuable soils that can be used for high quality agricultural products and should not be paved over for industry, retail or commercial purposes.

Require solar energy panels on the roofs of large box buildings and parking lots to increase energy efficiency, increase GHG-free energy production, reduce asphalt heating effect, and decrease development of large solar farms on rural farmland and wildland habitats.

Identify critical habitat corridors for wildlife and set those lands aside and protect from disturbance and development.

Increase availability of EV charging stations across the county.

Keep our Washington State goals for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions in mind as you make major decisions. By 2030 Washington State's goals are to reduce overall GHG emissions to 45% below 1990 levels; and

- By 2040, reduce overall emissions to 70% below 1990 levels; and,
- By 2050 reduce overall emission to 95% below 1990 levels

Additionally, the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) commits Washington to an electricity supply free of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

Thank you for your work on the Comprehensive Plan. Keep in mind your grandchildren's children as you consider the actions taken now and how they impact their future.

Sincerely,

Don Rose