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Please see the below public comments re: the comp plan update.

Thank you.



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Clark County Council Hearing 2025-2045 Comprehensive plan update

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Comment

Dear Council Members:

Over the past few years, about 15% of Clark County's agricultural land has been lost to development with urban sprawl (as well as the pollution, health problems, and high cost-of-living that comes with that), and over 2,500 acres of prime, carbon-sequestering forest land lost to environmentally devastating surface mining.

Urban growth must take place closer to existing cities which have the necessary infrastructure and amenities/services for any given population, without having to drive 25-30 minutes or more to reach them. I especially object to expansions that would bring any natural resource lands into existing UGA's, such as those near Yacolt. The 60+ acres trying to be developed by Windsor Engineers, could result in 150-200 new homes in Yacolt. This is simply environmentally irresponsible given the proximity to basic needs (or lack thereof).

I'd like to see ZERO loss of agricultural or forestlands in the Comprehensive Plan Update. Anything less would be a failure of Clark County to protect its residents by failing to address the climate emergency, especially as the county now has a legal obligation to do so under the Growth Management Act (GMA).

There is no credible report or study supporting the greenlighting of the many surface mining proposals by out-of-state corporate interests, and the county has no obligation under the GMA to do so.

Let's please keep our small towns small, and our lands from being raped by surface mining.

Regards, Charles "Chuck" Zellmer
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