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Good day, Joseph,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding this housing development as a potential alternative for Clark County.

I am forwarding to members of Community Planning Staff, and these will be entered into the Index of Record.

Best,



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Hello,

I spent some months in Northern Virginia last year and hiked regularly at a place that might be an innovative solution for planning in Clark County.

The place is called the Leopold Preserve. As I understand it, 700 acres - former farm land- were planned for a housing development. Instead of using 700 acres for housing, they used just 200 acres for the housing development. The other 500 acres were developed into a nature preserve - complete with well-marked trails and interpretive signs explaining the natural and cultural history of the site. Wetlands were kept as wetlands, obviating the need for mitigation and expensive habitat alterations. A full-time park ranger maintains the site and it is open to the general public- though signs direct visitors away from the housing development. There is a parking area for visitors complete with a restroom. I spoke with the ranger and the site is relatively trouble-free.

Here is the preserve website:

<https://www.leopoldspreserve.com/>

Here is information about the housing development:

<https://www.northernvirginiahomepro.com/villages-piedmont-leopolds-preserve-homes-sale/>

I hope you consider this as an alternative that some people might prefer instead of the standard cookie cutter development.

I have to say, if this type of development was available here, I'd move there. Imagine getting home from work and walking through your own nature preserve.

Thanks for considering this.

Joseph Patrick Barry,
Vancouver, Washington

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