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Clark County Council
Clark County Community Development
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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Re: Fatally flawed resource land designations occurred in 1993

Dear Councilors and Community Development,

I have attached the infamous 1993 GIS Metadata document that clearly shows that all of the resource lands in Clark County were illegally created through a fatally flawed process. The document states:

"Land use polygons created for 1994 GMA Depicts land uses within Clark County as determined by the Planning Department. It is a combination of the Assessors Land use (Primary Property Type) and the mapping departments Photo Interpretation."

In other words, staff simply used an aerial photo to determine resources land. They didn't use soil, they didn't use proximity to urban areas, they didn't use the numbered mandates in the WACs, they didn't use any objective criteria, even though they claimed they did, when they were taken to court. All they did was note if the land was in current use tax status, regardless of the agriculture or forest activity. It is a well know fact that landowners file for current use taxation to avoid paying the excessively high taxes for bare land. If the land was clear, it was called agriculture and if it had trees, it was called forest. That's all there was to it. The county then gave false information to justify what they had done.

Clark County has to fix such outrageous illegal activity, and use the Growth Management Act mandates for resource land, that is required in the GMA. Staff is obligated to follow the law, even though that didn't happen in 1994.

Sincerely,

Carol Levanen, Exec. Secretary

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Attachment included with this testimony of one page - Clark County GIS Metadata

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Overview Summary

Title:	GMA Landuse
Layer Name:	Landuse
Status:	Active
Library:	clark
Schema:	
Dataset:	
Description:	Landuse polygons created for 1994 GMA Depicts land uses within Clark County as determined by the Planning Department. It is a combination of the Assessors Landuse (Primary Property Type) and the mapping departments Photo Interpretation.
History:	Assessor's PT1 code was aggregated into approximately 25 land use categories. Parcels > 1 acre were classified using photo-interpretation. Vancouver and Clark County Planning also used limited field surveys to update the database.
Other Links:	
Data Type:	ShapeFiles
Derived From:	Landuse - Arc/Info Coverages
Intended Use:	Growth Management and Land Use Planning The Photo Interpretation coverage is from 1:24000 Aerial Photos, this is makes the product unsuitable for display with the parcels coverage.
Intended Scale:	24,000
Metadata Restrictions:	No
Data Restrictions:	None
Maintenance:	Not Maintained
Keywords:	landuse gma growth management
Other Data Types:	Arc/Info Coverages

Technical & Source Data

Documented:	12-May-93
Image Reference:	No
Source Title:	
Source Projection:	
Source Description:	Assessor's database on the HP3000 as corrected from limited area field surveys by the City of Vancouver, Clark County Planning and photo- interpretation.
Source Date:	12-May-93
Source Organization:	
Completion Date:	12-May-93
Source Scale:	4,800
Source Contact:	