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1. Please describe what you think are the most important WAC criteria to support agriculture that is sustainable and commercially viable for the long-term in Clark County. For reference, here is a summary of the criteria:

- The availability of public facilities, including roads used in transporting agricultural products;
- Tax status, including whether lands are enrolled under the current use tax assessment under chapter 84.34 RCW;
- The availability of public services;
- Relationship or proximity to urban growth areas;
- Land use settlement patterns and their compatibility with agricultural practices;
- Predominant parcel size, which may include smaller parcels if contiguous with other agricultural resource lands;
- Intensity of nearby land uses;
- History of land development permits issued nearby;
- Land values under alternative uses; and
- Proximity to markets.

I am concerned about losing a lot of land to development. The County needs to prioritize farm land, including smaller parcels, emphasizing sustainable farming practices so they don't negatively impact water quality - the urban watersheds are changed in non-point pollution sources.

*a lot of food can be grown on smaller parcels
tax breaks or conservation easements can help support farmers*

2. Do the maps shown at the open house this evening align with on-the-ground conditions, and are there additional indicators of agricultural production capability or agricultural commercial significance that should be included?

I can't speak to this.

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3. How should food security be evaluated in our analysis?

we need to start by defining "Food!"

expanding the Clark Co. Food Bank. Gardens at heritage farms can help. - we need more lands to be like Heritage Farm. What a great model to show the counties' commitment to growing food for people in need, getting volunteers to help and show up for their community with the opportunity to help in a meaningful way.

where people need to learn how to grow food - this is key to a resilient community.

4. Is there anything missing that we should consider?

How do water rights factor into this? if the state owns a water right - are they having to balance irrigation with groundwater levels, recharge of base flow in stream systems?

Climate change will be challenging when we see dry springs and 6 months of dry weather and need to irrigate our crops.

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