



CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP – AGRICULTURAL LANDS STUDY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
OPEN HOUSE – PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Battle Ground Community Center
912 E Main Street
Battle Ground, Washington

5:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY

THALBERG: Steve T-h-a-l-b-e-r-g, 21312 N.W. 17th Court, Ridgefield, 98642. I am turning in written testimony with concerns Numbered 1 through 6 since they are typewritten out and I am putting on the record concerns numbered starting with 7.

There are many specialty farms in the R-5 zone category that should not be excluded from this study. They have a production of berries, vegetables, orchards, hay, et cetera. There are also many specialty farms in the R-5 zone category that are not recognized on the map as being agricultural because they raise animals like cows, sheep, chickens, et cetera.

Number 8, ensure there is no de-designation of R-5 or AG-20 properties without getting prior property owner consent. Number 9, create a PBRs, Public Benefit Rating System, for farms, forestry and wildlife preservation.

An addendum to Number 5 on my written list, if a property is in the urban growth boundary it is not eligible for USDA-NRCS Grants which takes a lot of options away from those property owners for agricultural purposes.