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I am writing to bring attention to the important need to protect our high-quality agricultural land, especially in the Sara area, which is known for its rich soils and has a deep historical connection to farming.

Good quality agricultural land is irreplaceable—not just for growing food but also for the jobs it creates. These jobs are important to our local economy, which can be understood as the management of our home—reflecting the Greek roots of the term "economy" (Oikos). It represents the organization and balance of our relationships to place, encompassing how we interact with our environment and each other.

Without ecological literacy—a deep understanding of relationships within natural ecosystems—we remain unaware of the consequences of our behaviors, both economically and culturally. Our current ecological, economic, and climate crises are direct results of the mismanagement of our home.

Regenerative holistic permaculture, along with pesticide-free farming, is essential for maintaining healthy soils. This approach combines ecological principles with agricultural practices to create sustainable ecosystems.

Ecological principles focus on understanding natural systems and relationships. They emphasize biodiversity, soil health, water cycles, and the interdependence of living organisms. By applying these principles, regenerative holistic permaculture seeks to mimic nature, fostering balance and resilience within ecosystems.

Agricultural practices in this context include techniques that enhance soil vitality and promote diverse plant and animal life. Methods such as companion planting, smart water management, and nurturing harmonious relationships between plants, animals, and humans are key components.

Together, regenerative holistic permaculture and regenerative agriculture form a comprehensive strategy that supports sustainability and local economies.

By embracing indigenous peoples and practices that support a sacred balance with the land and maintaining the AG20 zoning for these areas, we can focus on both sustainable agriculture and responsible environmental stewardship. We can and will heal our soils.

It's also important to recognize that once land is designated for commercial development and houses are built on, often not as actual affordable homes, we lose the opportunity for stable meaningful jobs for present and future generations.

As you consider the future of our agricultural lands, please remember that protecting and preserving these resources is important for our community's well-being.

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The future is not planned, it's seeded.

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The videos below enriched my life. I see the world from a wider lens. I really hope you choose to watch them.

1.
Doughnut Economics 7 Ways to Think Like a 21st Century Economist by Kate Raworth, 29 minute video

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The Supercapacitor Explained in 7 Minutes The Great Simplification

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