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Please see the public comment below.

Thank you!

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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Clark County's Metadata, dated May 12, 1993, shows how the county went about the task of designating resource lands for the 1994 Comprehensive Growth Plan. The 1993 Metadata states:

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

All resource lands in Clark County were simply designated using aerial photography and staff interpretations. Soil capability was not considered. This is according to the original Metadata and an interview with the cartographer that did the mapping.

Aerial photographs do not provide reliable testimony for the soil types. Therefore, should not be used when designating resource land. Very specific steps must be used to assure the designations of resource lands are correct and the land is worthy of resource designation. Soil, according to the NRCS Soils Manual, is the prime element in the GMA. Clark County used a faulty method back in 1993 when it took on the task of designating resource lands.

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. believes the county should be directed to use the proper, GMA authorized method. It should not rely on aerial photos and staff interpretations. Corrections are in order.

Susan Rasmussen  
For Clark County Citizens United, Inc.