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Good day, Natalie,

Thank you for your feedback related to the Agricultural Lands Study for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I have forwarded your comments to additional Staff and will enter these into the Index of Record.



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Good Morning,

I don't have time to read each page- sorry.

1) My main concern is that we maintain ability to grow our food locally thru farms and expanding CSA's. I see a lot of clearing and grubbing for development purposes. How can these agricultural lands and prime soil areas be protected?

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"Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a notable model of direct-to-consumer sales, where consumers subscribe to receive a share of produce directly from farms. Produce is packed directly from a single farm or a collective of local farms, ensuring sales support farmers rather than intermediaries.³⁴ According to the Eat Local First Collaborative, made up of regional partner organizations around the state, there are 299 CSAs in Washington, with 13 of them located in Clark County.³⁵ Although CSAs represent a small portion of total farm sales, **their community-based model contributes to regional food security**, agricultural education, and consumer awareness of local food systems. In the context of this study, CSA participation illustrates how land use decisions can influence not just where food is grown, but how communities connect to and benefit from it."

And

2) "Key Findings- This analysis of the agricultural land base (101,844 acres) and the lands currently in agricultural designations (32,589 acres)"

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"The analysis found that 98 percent of Clark County Agricultural Lands Study the 101,844-acre Agricultural Land Base (99,900 acres) is classified as having Prime or Statewide Importance soils."

How can this be? There is a disconnect between 32,589 acres and 99,900 acres. I fear that **only** 32,589 acres will be protected for future food production thru farms and CSA's.

Natalie Richards