

From: [John Hill](#)
To: [City of Vancouver, BC](#), [John Johnson](#)
Subject: [Re: Letter of Clark County](#)
Date: [Monday, November 23, 2021 12:48:06 PM](#)

For the record

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From: Kennedy, Rebecca <Rebecca.Kennedy@cityofvancouver.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2021 11:12:00 AM
To: John.Hill@vancouver.ca
Cc: John.Johnson@cityofvancouver.ca; Donna.Abraham@cityofvancouver.ca
Subject: RE: Future of Clark county

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Hi John,

As a follow up to your message below, I wanted to provide some clarification about annexation as it relates to the City of Vancouver.

The only areas of unincorporated Clark County (i.e., areas that are not part of one of the cities) that Vancouver can annex are inside what is called the Vancouver Urban Growth Area (VUGA). The majority of the land in the VUGA has already been developed/urbanized by the County, and does not include large portions of forest areas. I've attached a map that shows the City of Vancouver and VUGA boundaries.

Under the Washington State Growth Management Act, urbanization and development are intended to occur in cities and urban growth areas that will eventually become part of cities in order to preserve farm and forest lands outside of them. The City of Vancouver fully supports the suggestions you made related to redeveloping existing urban areas in order to preserve resources lands, and we do not support any expansion of our UGA.

Most Clark County cities have urban growth areas, and you can find more info and learn more specific areas here: <https://gpc22.usdoh.wa.gov/UrbanGrowthAreas>

Annexation of cities and their urban growth areas are generally intended for preservation in resources lands for agriculture and environmental functions. Clark County does have the ability to expand urban growth areas beyond their current limits, but it requires an analysis of whether these lands are needed to accommodate future population growth and associated housing and jobs needs. My understanding is that the County is currently undertaking such a study as part of the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update process. More info available at: <https://gpc22.usdoh.wa.gov/UrbanGrowthAreas>

I've copied Clark County staff Anna Kay and Jonna Abraham here, so they can tell you more about this process and provide information on specific areas you may have questions about that are outside the City of Vancouver.

Let me know if you want to discuss further. Best,

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-----Original Message-----
From: John.Hill@vancouver.ca

Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 4:17 AM
To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofvancouver.ca>

Subject: Future of Clark County

[You don't often get email from John.Hill@vancouver.ca. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/whygetthisemail>]

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Good morning,

I'm reaching out to you as a concern. It is my understanding that you and the mayor want to annex all of Clark County. What makes Clark County so special are all of our small communities/villages. It would be a horrific mistake to annex all of Clark County not only would we lose our individual identities, but that would only but meet climate change global warming when you are paving over prairie (ignoring all of rural land and replacing it with concrete and asphalt). If you want to make a difference in Clark County, you might want to look at changing your approach, thinking about how to revitalize existing urban resources that could bring more high density housing some developing prairie and forest. You might also want to consider ways to make development more climate friendly, such as more cutting down of existing forests trees, all the more require green roofs or solar, alternatives to asphalt, asphalt, and concrete, which are major contributors to climate change. I appreciate your time and hope you will reconsider what you think is best for Clark County.

Best from my iPhone

A map of Vancouver, British Columbia, showing the Urban Growth Area (UGA) and the City of Vancouver. The UGA is shaded in light green and outlined in dark green, covering a large area north and east of the city. The City of Vancouver is shaded in light pink and outlined in dark pink, covering the central and southern parts of the city. The map includes major roads, the Fraser River, and surrounding areas. The text "Vancouver Urban Growth Area" is centered in the green area, and "City of Vancouver" is centered in the pink area.

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Urban Growth
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