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Please see the below public comments re: the Comp Plan update.

Thank you,
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Comment

Thank you for taking the time to read these comments and for all those on both sides looking forward to the best solution for both growth and sustainability.

I have lived in and around the greater portland vancouver area for many years. I remember when anything east of 192 was still mostly farmland and single family homes. Battleground was still mostly one stoplight. That is a far cry from the urban sprawl we have now where even battleground is bridged to vancouver by an increasing amount of apartments, commercial or industrial complexes.

The thing that most people enjoy about this area is urban access with Portland metro proximity and a suburban feel. But part of that is availability of close agriculture for farmers markets, and feeling connected to the land. We pride ourselves on being minutes away from so many natural treasures (Columbia River, Mt Hood, Oregon and Washington coastlines)

..But what happens when even that is encroached upon. You can see the writing on the wall even in Amboy. Prime agricultural land is being sold either by passing or by pricing out of the current owners by taxes or increasing economic pressures. These are then subdivided and sold off to developments because the average homebuyer can not afford the increased value. So that land is lost to progress.

Even with the investment in downtown waterfront spaces, with buildings still not completed, Vancouver has very little high density housing or commercial spaces. And obviously there are roadblocks to that as well. But density can be encouraged and should be planned for now, not when we have run out of options.

If you are going to release land to development at a constant rate, without reintroducing those greenspaces back into the immediate populations' vicinity (park spaces, community gardens, u-pick orchards, urban agriculture, co-ops etc) you will end up with a disconnect from all that Vancouver and subsequently the Pacific Northwest represent. We should not cave to progress for progress sake. Sustainable growth and a strong value driven plan that lays the foundation for subsequent generations should be the key to any future planning. We should lead the country in our vision because we are unique and so our planning should be as well.

I hope that this is helpful to the conversation and can lead to preserving the heart and soul of a city that so many people, including myself, love living in.