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Good day, Rowen,

Thank you for your comments regarding the Council Hearing to select the Preferred Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

I am forwarding to additional members of Staff, including the Council's office ahead of the Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> Hearing. This will also be added to the Index of Record.

Best regards,



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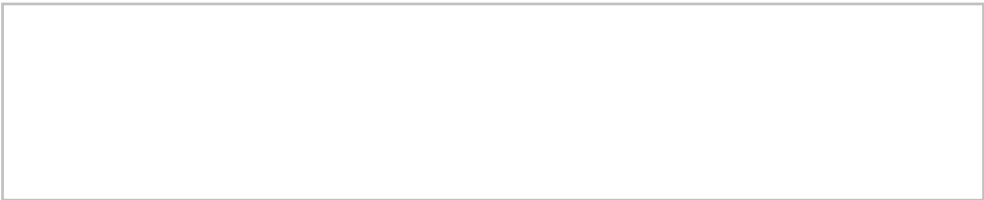


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Preferred Alternative for the comp plan

**Comments**

Hello,

I am a constitute of Clark county and am commenting on the Clark County's Preferred Alternative for the Comp Plan should reflect the county's prior decisions that all forecasted growth for housing, population, and employment can be accommodated within current UGAs, meaning there is no legal reason to expand UGAs. Alternative 1 is the only alternative that does not expand UGAs. The hundreds of acres that Ridgefield, La Center, and Camas are requesting to pave over forever are designated prime agricultural lands and farmlands of statewide importance. Additionally, Battle Ground's proposed expansion would pave over hundreds of acres of ag-quality rural lands identified in the Agricultural Lands Study. These lands represent an invaluable community resource as we consider the need to feed our growing population, local food security and climate change resiliency, and the future of the farming industry and jobs in the agricultural sector as a whole. Clark County must match the City of Vancouver's greenhouse gas Emissions Goals, as the recommendations made by the Clark County Climate Community Advisory Group (CAG) will be rendered toothless without an explicit greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goal. Clark County, as well as the world, are far behind in acting meaningfully to address the climate

emergency at the urgency and scale articulated by global scientific consensus. Urbanization begets urbanization. To use encroaching development as a justification to de-designate land, will continue to chip away at agricultural land, which goes against the conservation purpose of the agricultural land designations. This de-designation risk has been articulated in Washington state law, and was recently noted by Clark County's own lawyer as "the absolute definition of urban sprawl".

The amount of agricultural land in Clark County has been eroded by the county's actions over the decades since the passage of the original Comprehensive Plan. The de-designation of any agricultural land for unnecessary UGA expansions would continue to undermine the capability of our agricultural sector to rise to its highest levels of productivity, which would also undermine our communities' access to food and our successful adaptation to the climate emergency. Just as our residents need housing and jobs, they also need food.

The County is required by law to have a sufficient supply of agricultural lands to sustain a local agricultural economy. I support Friends of Clark County's vision for agriculture in Clark County to maintain and sustain a climate resilient local agricultural economy.

The Council should honor the recommendations of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, which voted to maintain all existing agricultural designations and requested a moratorium on upzoning of lands that meet the legal criteria for agricultural designation.

The Council should consider the needs of the entire county and our collective future, not reward cities for failing to propose alternatives for their cities that do not include paving over prime farmland.