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Comprehensive Growth Plan

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Comment

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your work representing our county. I know it is hard work, and stepping up to the plate like you all have is definitely admirable!

I live in Chair Marshall's district on the northern edge of the Urban Growth Area.. My background is in landscape architecture which focuses on design development of properties, so naturally I notice how growth is being handled as I drive around the county.

I am a big fan of Mixed Use development which can concentrate residential and commercial/retail in the same area.. Not only are the old, iconic cities like New York, London, and Paris are built this way, but also new urbanist communities are creating these dynamic, desirable areas where neighborhoods come alive. Small yards and dense housing are situated near shops, cafes, cottage industry, and pocket parks. The answer to needing to accommodate more growth is not to allow more sprawl but to grow smarter.

I also sit on the Clean Water Commission. As I'm sure you know, our watersheds are heavily impacted by how we grow.

It is probably tempting to just put as much land as possible into the Urban Growth Area, but we are impacting natural systems for generations when we do this. More spreading growth = more roads, more impervious surfaces, and more car miles driven. This pollutes our waterways through not only air pollution but even tire wear for EVs. We must limit impervious surfaces to allow our aquifer to recharge so we have drinking water for generations to come.

When we spread housing out so far into the country, we do it at the expense of biodiversity including tree canopy which helps cool our environment. And more dark roads and expansive,

asphalt-shingled roofs also act as a heat sink, further heating up our environment.
I ask you to adopt Alternative 1 for the Comprehensive Plan Update for all of these reasons.
We have plenty of existing room within our UGA if we develop in the right way!

Thank you again,
Tracy Ceravolo



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