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Good day, Alyssa,

Thank you very much for submitting comments related to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update.

These will be added to the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record. I am forwarding to Rebecca Messinger from the Council's Office for awareness and to share with the Council.

Best,

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Pro ag land; pro climate action; anti UGA expansion

**Comments**
Dear Councilors,

I am a rural resident of Battle Ground and a former small farmer who sold produce at the Battle Ground and Salmon Creek farmers markets. I depended on a strong local food culture to support my family, and I am writing to urge you to make three commitments in the Comprehensive Plan Update: no Urban Growth Area expansions, no de-designation of agricultural land, and meaningful climate action.

First, the county's own analysis shows expansion isn't needed. The Final Environmental Impact Statement acknowledges that the Preferred Alternative exceeds the land capacity required for the housing and job growth projected over the next 20 years. The Washington Department of Commerce reached a similar conclusion, noting that current urban growth area boundaries appear sufficient and that the county has not shown how it would provide urban services to expanded areas. Commerce also found no clear demonstration that lands proposed for de-designation no longer meet the criteria for agricultural designation, and warned that de-designating farmland based mainly on its proximity to urban growth has historically not held up

before the Growth Management Hearings Board.

Second, the land at stake is irreplaceable, and my neighbors and I are already watching it disappear. Agricultural land around Battle Ground is being rezoned and developed at a rapid pace as suburban growth accelerates. The new warehouse on 50th near WSUV demonstrates what poor planning looks like: damaged roads, disrupted neighborhoods, and public comment that was disregarded. The expansions requested by Ridgefield, La Center, and Camas would cover hundreds of acres of prime agricultural soils and farmlands of statewide importance, and Battle Ground's proposal would do the same to ag-quality rural land identified in the county's own Agricultural Lands Study. Using nearby development as a reason to de-designate farmland only invites more development, a cycle your own county counsel has described as "the absolute definition of urban sprawl." The Agricultural Advisory Commission voted to keep all existing agricultural designations, and I hope you will honor their recommendation.

Third, this plan must include meaningful climate action. Farmland supports local food security and climate resilience, and the recommendations of the Climate Community Advisory Group will have little effect without an explicit greenhouse gas reduction goal. I urge the county to match the City of Vancouver's emissions goals.

Our residents need housing and jobs, but they also need food, clean water, and natural spaces. Please weigh the needs of the whole county rather than reward cities for proposing growth that relies on developing farmland. Please, keep our urban growth boundaries where they are, keep agricultural designations intact, and adopt real climate goals.

Thank you for your time and service.

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