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COMP Plan Update: Keep Clark County Natural

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Comment
I appreciate you taking time for my comment regarding the COMP Plan Update.

I am a father, homeowner, and civically active resident of Vancouver, Washington. I came here as a child in 1998 and was immediately inspired by the rich, natural lands that make Clark County so unique. That's also long enough to have seen the calm forests smattered around Vancouver shrink into a fragmented little parks, no longer able to support deer and most other wildlife. That is I care so deeply about the COMP Plan Update.

Urbanization has long been the goal here. And while that has unlocked some boons for the area, it's also chipped away at our natural charm. We have lost too much agricultural land that helps Clark County feed itself and guard against climate change, which both are critically important as food prices are rising and wildfire seasons are becoming more brutal all around the country. De-designating prime agricultural land might get us more high-priced homes, but it'll come at a cost of our food security and climate resiliency.

It's no secret we are in a housing crisis. A recent report cited that 80% of Clark County residents couldn't afford the average price home today. It wasn't so long ago that my family thought we would need to leave the county we love because of these prices, so I appreciate the motivation. But consider this — the county's own FEIS document clearly states that de-designating more agricultural land is unnecessary to meet the need. Housing is no justification for de-designating this land.

Clark County needs housing and jobs. It's true. But we also need affordable food, clean water, and smoke-free air. And given your own research says there's no need to sacrifice agricultural land to meet housing needs.

Please:
- Do not de-designate this land
- Match City of Vancouver's greenhouse gas emissions goals
- Ensure Clark County has the agricultural land needed to supply the county (as designated by law)



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