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Comment
My name is Misty, and I live in Amboy, where I own a homestead with goats, sheep, chickens, a food forest and a vegetable garden. I also work in food manufacturing, overseeing regulatory compliance and food safety, so I see both ends of how food gets to our tables. I'm asking the council not to expand urban growth boundaries into designated agricultural land. Local farms are a food safety asset: short supply chains mean food is handled less, traced more easily, and recovered faster when something goes wrong, and they keep us from depending entirely on distant suppliers when disruptions hit. Farmland is also an economic engine. Small farms buy feed, equipment and services from local businesses, supply our restaurants, markets and food producers, and keep agricultural dollars circulating here instead of leaving the county. The state Department of Commerce found that the current boundaries appear sufficient for projected growth, and the county's own data shows growth through 2045 can be accommodated without building on farmland. Once farmland is paved, it doesn't come back. If the council does rezone any agricultural land, please adopt the planning commission's minority proposals: hold those parcels in urban holding until a transfer-of-development-rights program exists, and require no net loss by conserving an acre of farmland for every acre rezoned. Thank you.

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