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Comment
From Jude Wait,
A wide array of tools are necessary to ensure the long term viability of agriculture, farming, and water resource protection, as mandated by the GMA and its intent. For example, TDR is only one tool.
Another of the many Climate Element policies regarding agriculture and food, is The Right to Food, which encompasses more than threats to food security and food access...
The Right to Food, should you believe in feeding the children now and into the future, has a corollary: Farming, food production, and land stewardship are community services.
Another universal principle – deriving from WSU Extension research on State and National policies to support long-term agriculture is this:
Farmland must be treated as critical infrastructure.
Do you have the requisite Political will? Given that Clark County has documented cumulative impacts of sprawling growth and an accumulated loss of natural resources needed to ensure resilience and adaptability – will you adopt a “do no harm” and care for future generations.
To paraphrase from one national organization: Ducks Unlimited (DU) partners with farmers, ranchers, and public agencies to manage water resources and land use in ways that benefit fish, waterfowl, and sustainable agriculture. Respectfully submitted, Jude Wait, Ph.D., participant in the Environmental Justice Coalition (Farm and Food Justice Network) and prolific public commentor.

Investing your decisions in Climate resilience policies includes honoring critical infrastructure or the mantra “No Farms No Food”



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