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**Subject:** 9-24-14 Commission Work Session

Dear Commissioners, (For the Public Record)

At a recent work session on 9-24-14, Clark County planning staff presented maps depicting resource lands. In comparing those maps to Clark County Citizens United, Inc. maps, staff stressed to the commissioners that there was a disclaimer on the CCCU maps. This disclaimer was placed on that map by GIS, stating that the soils depicted were the soils requested by CCCU members. That request asked for Class II agriculture soils as determined on page 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the **USDA Soil Survey of Clark County Under WAC 365-190-040 (4) (5)**, which states that **classification is the first step and designation is the second step**. In **WAC 365-190-050 (ii)** it states that counties are to use the **land capability classification system** and the **eight classes** incorporated by the USDA in published soil surveys, based on **growing capacity, productivity and soil composition**. This information can be found on the pages indicated in this email. CCCU took those recommendations, looked them up in the manual and asked GIS to depict them on a map. Whether Clark County agrees with them is not the issue. The issue is that these soils were determined by a scientific research based method that came to an appropriate conclusion, which was then placed within the directives and parameters of the WAC guidelines. CCCU had no idea what the map would look like, when the request was made, but it is profoundly different than the map that was presented to the commissioners at the work session. In addition, pages 54 and 56 of the same soils document, **Table 2, Estimated yields per acre of the principal crops under two levels of management**, demonstrates and confirms the soils depicted on CCCU's map were appropriate considerations under the WAC guidelines. Clark County Citizens United, Inc. believes staff must qualify their information with the names of the soils they are depicting on their map, just as CCCU has done. Doing so would give an accurate interpretation of the soil classifications they are proposing. Then they must make adjustments to the map by using the criteria according to the directives of the WAC.

Sincerely,

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