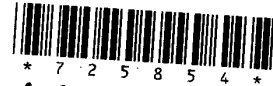


O'Donnell, Mary Beth



From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Cook, Christine; Horne, Chris
Cc: Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose; O'Donnell, Mary Beth
Subject: FW: Agricultural designation

Just FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Silliman, Peter
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 8:12 AM
To: 'Nwankwo, Ike (COM)'
Cc: susan rasmussen (sprazz@outlook.com); Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: RE: Agricultural designation

Ike,

I am in contact and coordinating with each of them on a regular basis.

I am trying to help the Council assess whether additional alternatives can still be added and what they may look like.

Thank you,

Peter Silliman
Peter.Silliman@clark.wa.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Nwankwo, Ike (COM) [<mailto:ike.nwankwo@commerce.wa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 5:07 PM
To: Silliman, Peter
Cc: susan rasmussen (sprazz@outlook.com); Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: RE: Agricultural designation

Peter, thanks for your mail and the compliments.

We are very busy at this time as the 64th Legislature is in session. We are tracking, reviewing and analyzing several bills at this time as well as providing information to the Legislature and stakeholders.

I am not able to respond to the issues you raised in your email at this time. However, as you mentioned, I have been in contact with Carol and Susan as well as the Clark County Community Planning Director (cc'ed here) regarding their update work. I am hoping you are coordinating with them.

Is the county planning to add more alternatives to the three already proposed?

I will respond to your Ag. Lands designation question when I return to the office.

Thanks for contacting me.
Ike

-----Original Message-----

From: Silliman, Peter [<mailto:Peter.Silliman@clark.wa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 1:19 PM
To: Nwankwo, Ike (COM)
Subject: Agricultural designation

Ike,

I am new to a supporting role in the Clark County Council office. I talk regularly with Carol Levanen and Susan Rasmussen who say they have also talked to you. They speak highly of you.

Clark County is planning for their 2016 Comp plan update. I want to make sure they consider some alternatives that they have not at this point.

I would appreciate if you would provide feedback on a specific suggestion.

That suggestion is for Clark County to de-designate existing parcels under 10 acres that are currently in the AG-20 designation. There are a few reasons for this that relate mostly to public perception. This would affect 1,773 parcels and 7,157 acres.

I believe that this may fall under recognizing the existing land use settlement and parcelization talked about in WAC-365-190-050.

Some other counties have a minimum parcel size criteria for resource designations.

Agricultural uses would still be encouraged thru current use taxation and other programs.

The AG designation currently does not appear to preserve the land for AG use any more than they would receive in an R-5 designation.

Changing them to an R-5 designation would not lead to any additional parcelization so I am anticipating a negligible environmental impact.

I'm looking for validation of my analysis and also a confirmation that this would be allowed under the GMA.

Again, this is just a concept that I have developed based on public input and I may suggest it be evaluated further by our planning department.

I am just looking for encouragement or a good answer why it may not be allowed from an expert in the field.

I hope you can assist me,

Thank you,

Peter Silliman

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