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**David Madore**

February 18 at 6:01pm · Edited ·

**Rural Landowners – property rights:**

Today's work session included each small city and a representative for rural citizens, Jim Malinowski. We shared the alternative 4 proposal designed to restore more flexible options for rural lots that were downzoned in 1994.

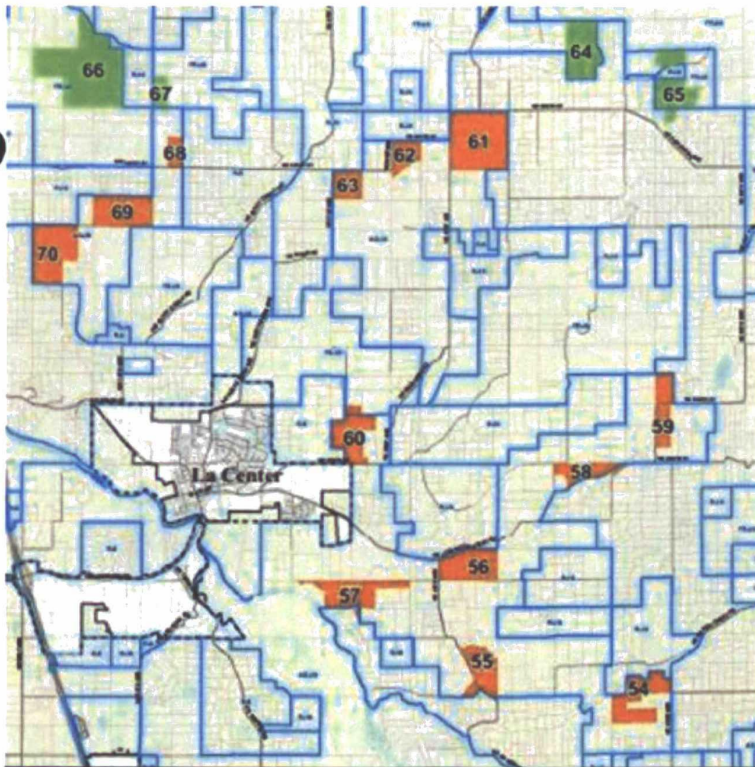
The proposal corrects the problem of the county designating over 1500 parcels smaller than 9.5 acres, as legally nonconforming, affecting 6,537 acres. It also proposes to allow smaller rural parcel sizes in areas bounded by adjacent smaller parcel sizes.

<http://clark.wa.gov/thegrid/documents/WS021815CompPlan.pdf>

The proposal should be polished by March 3 and ready for our next work session. We then hope to schedule a rural community meeting at Hockinson High School where citizens can weigh in on this rural land proposal.

Because Clark County must comply with state law that limits our options, we are diligently choosing those options that maximize private property rights for citizens while ensuring that our proposals are legally defensible.

Thank God! Yea Clark County!



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**Jeff Geisler** Shared! Clark County Open for Business

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**Jack Buckmeir** LET THE PEOPLE HAVE THEIR PROPERTY BACK - GOOD IDEA, DAVID!!

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**Kevin VanGelder** Here's an idea, get the government out of telling people what they can or can't do with their own property. Zoning laws are nothing more than people using the force of government to force or prevent their neighbors from what they want with their own land.

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**David Madore** Kevin VanGelder, please understand that as county commissioners, we have two choices: rebel against the state that holds the authority over our county to guarantee certain failure for us all.-or- do all that we can to go to bat for citizens within the boundaries of state law to restore as many private property rights as are legally defensible. Pick one.

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**Jack Buckmeir** I say we have a Revolution and hang all tyrants.

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**Kevin VanGelder** **David Madore** The county should do what it can within existing law, but it should also be lobbying the state government for a restoration of the people's rights otherwise it is complicit in the violation of the people's rights.

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**David Madore** Kevin VanGelder, the best way to restore private property rights at the state level is to work to flip the state legislature house from Ds to Rs and elect a R as governor. That is possible by winning 4 seats in the house.

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**Kevin VanGelder** Property rights is not an R vs D issue. It's a freedom vs tyranny issue, and even with a D majority if enough people and counties demand a fix it could happen. Instead of resisting state tyranny it sounds like the county is just silently obeying the orders to violate it's resident's rights.

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**David Madore** Kevin VanGelder, generally speaking, Rs support private property rights and our Constitution more than Ds. If we are to hold a county commissioner office and serve in any useful capacity, we must obey state laws. Got a better way?

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**Kevin VanGelder** The county should do what it can within existing law, but the county can and should also be lobbying the state government for a restoration of the people's rights.

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**David Madore** Kevin VanGelder, the main business of the county is to provide county services for the citizens as smart, efficient, and unobtrusively as possible. We comply with all state and federal laws. Citizens elect their representatives that make those laws. Counties are not the appropriate organizations to elect state offices. That power belongs directly to the people. Lobbying officials whose allegiance is not to the people, is an exercise in futility.

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