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Kathy:

There's an article on the Clark County comp plan update in this newsletter on page 2, meaning it should be added to the index. Thanks.

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opportunities, farm resources, education opportunities, calendar items and much more.

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Washington State Ag News and Views (August - September 8)

Washington State Ag News and Views is a round up of agriculture and land use stories from around Washington state.

Drought

[Snoqualmie Valley farmers fight drought with innovation \(Crosscut\)](#)

[Earlier drought planning needed, ag director says \(Capital](#)

Press)

State releases funds for 3 drought-relief projects (AP/The Everett Herald)

Agricultural Viability

Celebrating the family farm (Editorial: Herald of Everett)

Grain harvest in high gear in the valley (Daily Record)

Hop growers expect bigger '15 harvest due to added acres (Yakima Herald Republic)

Washington cranberry growers anxious for fall rain at harvest (Capital Press/The Everett Herald)

Livestock owners, range rider talk about wolf predation in the Teanaway (Daily Record)

2015 apple crop looking less fruitful (Yakima Herald Republic)

Heat beats wheat this year as yields down (Walla Walla Union-Bulletin)

'A quiet crisis': The rise of acidic soil in Washington (Crosscut)

Washington can't stop crushing those grapes (Puget Sound Business Journal)

Grape crop could set another record (Yakima Herald Republic)

Early wheat harvest produces lower yield because of weather (The Spokesman-Review)

Hop harvest in full swing (Daily Sun News)

Washington Woman Inspired to Grow Out on Her Own (USDA Blog)

Opinion/Editorial

OPINION: Worker safety at dairies needs the Legislature's attention (Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO/The Everett Herald)

OPINION: County should look at why farms are struggling (Snohomish County Growers Alliance/The Everett Herald)

EDITORIAL: The hits keep coming with drought (Daily Record)

EDITORIAL: Don't count on drought going away this year (Yakima Herald Republic)

EDITORIAL: Washington's weather changes require adaptability (The Spokesman-Review)

EDITORIAL: Governor must retain control of setting water quality rules (Walla Walla Union-Bulletin)

EDITORIAL: Cooperation needed to solve Odessa water woes (Columbia Basin Herald)

OPINION: Why we all must work to conserve our water (Washington state Department of Ecology/Yakima Herald-Republic)

OPINION: Watersheds have moisture in store for agriculture.

other uses (Tri-State Steelheaders/Walla Walla Union-Bulletin)

OPINION: Immigrants have grown Washington's farm economy (The Seattle Times)

Land Use

King County's wine-country crackdown targets tasting rooms (Seattle Times)

Forum to examine possible effects of county land-use plan (The Columbian)

Public weighs in at county land-use forum (The Columbian)

Regulations

Beekeepers now designated as farmers under Washington law (The Spokesman-Review)

More regulations for dairies proposed (Yakima Herald Republic)

Fruit growers to be surveyed about chemical use (Yakima Herald-Republic)

Food Safety

E. coli cases linked to food sold at farmers markets (KIRO)

E. coli cases tied to food truck jump to 9 (Seattle Times)

Water

Yakima-basin water plan heads for Senate panel (The Seattle Times)

Why water issues come up dry in Olympia (Yakima Herald Republic)

Clock ticking for those in the red zone (Daily Record)

County working on water bank (Daily Record)

GWMA reports progress on clean water initiatives, but concerns remain for some (Yakima Herald- Republic)

Apple growers expect more exports in coming year (Yakima Herald-Republic)

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Forum to examine possible effects of county land-use plan

By **Katie Gillespie (/author/katiegillespie)**, Columbian County Government Reporter

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Local farm, water and land-use advocates will hold a forum Monday to discuss the potential environmental impacts of Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update.



The forum, hosted by the Clark County Food System Council, will address food safety, water resources, jobs and potential litigation the county may face after passing the land-use plan. Starting at 6 p.m. at the Vancouver Community Library at 901 C St., four local and state officials will speak and answer questions from the audience. At 7:15 p.m., there will be an open house where attendees can visit several booths on the topic.

There will also be a reception at nearby Niche Wine & Art at 7:30 p.m. Food featuring local ingredients will be served.

Garrett Hoyt, chair of the Food System Council and local farmer, said the forum is designed to appeal to all Clark County residents, not just those whose property will be affected by one of the four alternatives.

"We're trying to target the population at large," Hoyt said. "It's an issue for more than just the landowners, as we are directing what we want our county to look like later."

Local land-use advocacy groups and politicians have scrutinized this year's comprehensive plan update and its four alternatives, particularly Councilor David Madore's proposed Alternative 4. The Republican county councilor unveiled the alternative earlier this year.

If approved, the alternative will lead to sweeping changes among Clark County's rural, agriculture and forest lands, allowing property owners to subdivide their property into smaller lots further than allowed under current law. According to the environmental report, Alternative 4 could create 12,401 new lots. Current zoning allows for the creation of 7,073 lots.

According to the environmental report prepared by Seattle-based consultant Environmental Science Associates, Alternative 4 could create the most significant environmental impacts of any of the four alternatives. The alternative could put pressure on prime soil and forest areas, and additional development in rural areas could lead to additional pollutants entering surface and groundwater over time.

To read the full environmental statement and submit comments, visit clark.wa.gov/planning (<http://clark.wa.gov/planning>). Comments can also be emailed to comp.plan@clark.wa.gov or mailed to Clark County Community Planning, Attn: 2016 Comp Plan Record, P.O. Box 9810, Vancouver, WA 98666-9810.

Comments must be submitted by 4 p.m. Sept. 17. The Clark County Planning Commission will recommend a preferred alternative at its 6:30 p.m. meeting on Sept. 17.

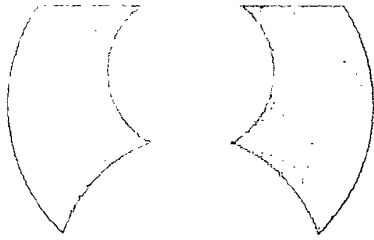
The county council will likely approve a preferred alternative at 10 a.m. Oct. 20.

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