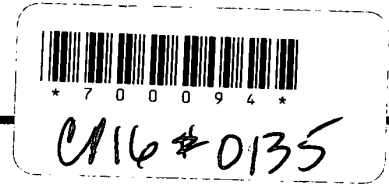


O'Donnell, Mary Beth



From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 12:49 PM
To: Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose
Cc: Cook, Christine; O'Donnell, Mary Beth
Subject: FW: Alan

FYI

From: Madore, David
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: FW: Alan

FYI

From: Carol Levanen [<mailto:cnldental@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, June 15, 2014 11:12 PM
To: Madore, David; Barnes, Ed; Mielke, Tom
Subject: Fw: Alan

CCCU discussed ag soils with Alan Schumacher, who worked full time on approximately 200 acres in the Heisson area, and is one of the best farmers in Clark County. He inherited the land from his father. He is on our board of directors and we all say that only Alan could have farmed the land he is on. He said there are miles of drain tile under his fields, so that he can farm it, otherwise it would not be possible. He can grow only certain crops and there are many limitations in doing so. He is a very intelligent man, graduated valedictorian of his class, and just wanted to be a farmer. But he farmed with a scientific passion. His daughter is a professor and research scientist at OHSU and was given the highest award offered in her field, in an awards ceremony in Norway. She worked in the fields when she was going to college. CCCU will be submitting other testimony that Alan has composed on his behalf, with his approval, at a later date. He is unable to come to our Board meetings as he has been disabled with back damage from lifting 80 pound bales for so many years. He sold his hay to the racetrack in Portland and seed to seed suppliers. His children no longer want to keep up the farm, and there is no one else who would have the ability to do what Alan has done. He has CPU water in front of his property and he was formerly zoned 2.5 and 5 acres, But, he just wanted to farm, and didn't chose to sell his land. Now what is he supposed to do, after all of the hard work he put into the farm and now can't do a thing? He is very discouraged and looks forward to a return of the options he had before the GMA.

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From: "sprazz@tds.net" <sprazz@tds.net>
To: Carol Levanen <cnldental@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 15, 2014 10:48 AM
Subject: Re: Alan

Hi Carol,

I'm glad to hear Alan's comprehensive view. He is right on the money stating that one has to view the entire landscape of the property. The county can't rely on merely the soils data. Virginia's property is a good case for this. You may have the

best soils to cultivate, but crops can't grow in standing water. Besides, you'll wreck your implements pulling them out of the muck. So, along with the soils data we have to consider other important issues:

1. soils
2. drainage
 - wetland designations
3. stream clearance buffers (250' ?)
 - the new rules remain unclear how EPA intends to define streams and wetlands to be covered under the Clean

Water

Act

- this is going to effect a farmer's ability to farm...(applications for fertilizers, pest controls, herbicides and other essential farming activities)

4. habitat issues
5. degrees of severe slopes (this issue could be profound as it affects runoff as well as equipment safety)
6. rock

Carol, have you left town yet? Let me know if I can pick you up at the airport. It would be really good to have many ears at this work session.

Do you think Alan would attend if I drove him?

Safe travels for you and Denny,

Susan

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

From: Carol Levanen

To: Carol Levanen ; Susan Rasmussen ; Leah Higgins ; Rick Dunning ; Rita Dietrich ; Jerry Olson ; Fred Pickering ; Jim Malinowski ; Frank White ; Benjamin Moss ; Lonnie Moss ; Melinda Zamora ; Nick Redinger ; Curt Massie ; Marcus Becker ; Clark County Citizens United Inc.

Sent: Sunday, June 15, 2014 12:00 AM

Subject: Alan

I talked with Alan to confirm the ag soils and he agreed. He said the biggest problem with all soils in the county is that they don't drain well. He said even Lagler's property with Hi prime soil has areas of water standing. So, I think we have confirmed what we are saying about ag soil. I will also be submitting some of his information regarding farming into the public record. The additional Ho did not change our parcel designations of correct zoning. The commissioners will be having a work session at 9:30 AM on Wednesday where Oliver said he would present the question to the commissioners over our recommendations and what they want him to do. Susan would like to be there, but I will be out of town. My flight might get in early enough, but it takes time to leave the airport. Perhaps other members of the board would like to attend the meeting, also. I'm sure it would be interesting.

Best Regards, Carol