August 31, 2015

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"We are concerned that Clark County follow the processes of the GMA as well as the intent. We are monitoring and commenting on faults in the county GMA process ".
Land Use Forum: Food, water, jobs and litigation in the Comprehensive Plan Update Process

Want to provide comment on the Comprehensive Plan Update?

Join the joint hearing of the Planning Commission and Board of County Councilors:

Two Joint Hearings
Thursday, 6pm Sept. 3
Thursday, 6pm Sept. 10

Location: Public Service Center, 6th Floor
1300 Franklin St.

Submit written comment: due by 4 p.m. Sept. 17)

On-line: www.clark.wa.gov/planning/2016update/comments.html

E-mail: comp.plan@clark.wa.gov

In writing: P.O. Box 9810, Vancouver, WA 98666
OR leave them with at the
Clark County Food System Council welcome table!

Follow us: www.facebook.com/clarkfoodsystem
Land Use Forum: 
Food, water, jobs and litigation in the comprehensive plan update process

When: August 31, 2015; 6 to 8 p.m.  
Where: Downtown Vancouver Library, Columbia Room, 901 C St Vancouver, WA

Schedule:  
6-7:15 Presenters and questions  
7:15-8 Open House - Community and public sector entities will have tables and representatives to discuss their requests for the Comprehensive Plan update.

Hosted by Clark County Food System Council, the goal of the event is to review the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) as a community and provide opportunities for participation in the development of the Preferred Alternative for the Comprehensive Plan.

Presenter and topics:  
-Food security- 
Sue Marshall, Farmer, Baurs Corner Farm

-Water Resources- 
Mike Gallagher, Southwest Regional Manager, Department of Ecology

-Jobs and the economy- 
Mike Bomar, President, Columbia River Economic Development Council

-Litigation and the impact on the taxpayer- 
Tim Trohimovich, Director of Planning & Law Futurewise

Join us for an after-party at Niche Wine Bar, 1013 Main St, Vancouver, WA, hosted by Slow Food Southwest Washington. Small plates highlighting Clark County Grown ingredients will be prepared by Chefs from Niche Wine Bar and Fuel Bistro. Food will be served 7:30 - 9:30.
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The more unstable the world becomes, from any of several possible disruptions, the more we should have the wisdom at the community level to build in alternative food system scenarios as a resiliency factor...protection of food and water.