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Comments:

I am concerned that the Comprehensive Plan ensure the support needed for family farms to grow and thrive in our community. The Family Farm is the back bone of our food supply system, and our community. In order to meet the needs of our farmers, the minimum 20 acre lots must be maintained. When they are broken up into smaller lots, it becomes not only harder to grow enough to support the farm, the lots tend to become more expensive, and demand on water increases, again increasing the cost of farming to our neighbors.

The desire to break lots into 1-5 acre lots, appears to be in order to expand the urban growth boundary, with the focus on high end housing. To the best of my knowledge, there is no significant shortage of high end housing. What this community needs and demands is affordable low cost housing, of which there is none. We have a large homeless community, which is growing every day due to the unavailability of housing the average, and minimum wage earner can afford. This is the area that must be addressed before any consideration is given to increasing the inventory of overly expensive housing.

It was also pointed out that in order to expand work opportunities there needs to be an inventory of large acreage available for businesses to purchase. The division of 20 acre lots into smaller lots, will increase the cost, and reduce the availability of affordable lots, for new businesses to expand, or move into the area. I prefer option 1.

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