



Madore working on new land-use plan

Details unknown; staff worry new alternative might delay process



David Madore, Clark County Commissioner

By **Katie Gillespie**, Columbian County Government Reporter
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Clark County Councilor David Madore is, once again, taking the county's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update into his own hands.



Madore, who earlier this year developed his own zoning recommendations to cater to the requests of rural residents, is working on what he is calling a "locally preferred alternative," Acting County Manager Mark McCauley confirmed Friday.

The contents of that plan, however, are unclear.

"He has not shared with anybody what is going into this," McCauley said. "He's in his office. He's working on it by himself."

Madore did not return a request for comment Friday afternoon.

The Clark County Planning Commission did not recommend any of the proposals, including Madore's alternative, that would reduce the minimum lot size of resource lands and rural property in unincorporated Clark County at a meeting last month.

The Clark County council will consider the planning commission's recommendations at a hearing on Oct. 20, but it is not bound to adopt them. The council can change or reject the commission's recommendations as it chooses.

But McCauley and Community Planning Director Oliver Orjiako describe a councilmember developing his own plan as out of the norm.

"I haven't experienced that," Orjiako said.

Planning staff have not been involved in Madore's new alternative.

What also remains unclear is whether Madore's plan incorporates components from the already existing four alternatives or whether it is a new plan entirely. If it's the latter, a new environmental study will have to be conducted on the new proposal, which could slow an already-delayed process.

Following the final adoption of a land-use plan, the county will, with the help of consultants Environmental Science Associates, develop a final environmental impact statement. That final report will include the capital facilities plan, which outlines how the county will pay for its planned growth.

How long that takes will depend on what's in the preferred alternative, Orjiako said.

"It depends on the scope," Orjiako said. "It could be done in three months, but all that will depend on the scope, and what else is thrown in there."

The final plan must be submitted and approved by the state Department of Commerce by June 30. County staff have expressed concern that the plan might not be complete in time.

Neither Jeanne Stewart nor Councilor Tom Mielke could be reached for comment Friday.

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**Don Joling**

Counciler Madore: you proclaim yourself a proud Republican. You have the opportunity here and now to emulate the work of one of the greatest Republicans in our history, Teddy Roosevelt, and save some of our beautiful, rural county lands for our children and our grandchildren. Gifford Pinchot is rolling over in his grave.

Reply · 3 · Oct 3, 2015 9:17am

**David Clark**

Don Joling,

Is there any land you are willing to let people live on?

If so please tell us how much land each person should be allowed to have to live on- 1000 sq ft, 2000? maybe 5000 sq ft? 1/4 acre? 1 acre?

And where is that land is located?

Or should people even be allowed a house in your perfect world?

Reply · 17 hrs · Edited

**Don Joling**

David Clark You're right. I've totally changed my mind about having a transplant from the middle of Orange County CA work out a land use policy, behind closed doors, with no input from planners that actually went to college for this kind of thing. Let's pave and subdivide all the way to Woodland. There's just not enough Wal-Mart's in this county yet. I'm sure we won't have any more problems like no water that happened to Battleground during the boom in the '90s.

Reply · 12 hrs

**Lynn Carman**

Felida, Washington

Alright Columbian, where is my comments??

Reply · Oct 3, 2015 7:43am

**Ben Grobe-Heintz**

California Polytechnic State University

Well he's gotta dig up the plates, translate from reformed Egyptian, then give them back to the angel Moroni. It's gonna take a few days folks please be patient.

Reply · 9 · Oct 2, 2015 11:21pm · Edited

**Lora Caine**

Clark College -- Vancouver, Washington

He's no Mormon and no prophet, thank you very much.

Reply · 1 · Oct 3, 2015 1:19am

**Ben Grobe-Heintz**

California Polytechnic State University

Yet he is preparing to part the mighty Columbia near 192nd Ave so that he can lead his people across into Oregon. This despite challenges biblical in scope.

Reply · 1 · Oct 3, 2015 9:22am

**Lorretta Thomas**

Is this like some weird stalker-type need where even negative reaction is seen as a plus by the one doing the stalking? Curious that Mark McCauley was comfortable enough to speak with the press and talk about his boss 'not sharing' and 'alone in his office'. Enough already with this sort of 'announcement' boloney.

Reply · 7 · Oct 2, 2015 10:52pm · Edited

**Bob Burda**

Brush Prairie, Washington

Alternative growth plan version 4.50, if you agree with the terms and conditions just select " raise my taxes".

Desperately seeking approval,,,,,,,,,

Reply · 3 · Oct 2, 2015 10:00pm

**Nick Ruark**

Vancouver, Washington

Only 15 more months till Councilor Madore's 'services' will be terminated....

Reply · 12 · Oct 2, 2015 9:26pm

**Jackie Lane**

Parsons School of Design, NYC

Vote the ballot, not the proxy for the loser of the primary. geeesh

Reply · 5 · Oct 2, 2015 8:21pm

**Pamela Gaylord**

Fort Vancouver High School

Well, he is the Mad(ore) Hatter!!

Reply · 11 · Oct 2, 2015 8:19pm

**Terry Whipps Conner**

Owner at Owner of Fishers Landing Hypnotherapy

The hateful disposition and disrespect in which he addressed Mr Orjiako on Wednesday was shocking. Mr Orjiako handled himself like a true gentleman and professional by actually saying he would not respond right then. That poor guy. The obvious controlled frustration he must feel is a torturous part of his workday thanks to Madore, but simply a folly for Madore.

Hang in there Oliver! Sanity will soon be restored. I know for certain Chuck Green will be the best help to those like Oliver, to reason with professional wisdom rather than ego.

Reply · 16 · Oct 2, 2015 7:59pm

**Thom Rasmussen**

Salmon Creek, Washington

I'm telling you, WE REALLY NEED TO SPEND MORE MONEY ON MENTAL HEALTH!!!!!!

Reply · 15 · Oct 2, 2015 7:53pm

**Ed Elder**

Eagle Creek, Oregon

Thank you Councilor David Madore for working for the people of Clark Co.

Reply · Oct 2, 2015 7:50pm



Fran Hammond ·
Vancouver, Washington

Are you going to personally foot the bill for all necessary infrastructure improvements that would be required to support his last hair-brained Alt 4? Or, do you not care that your neighbor no longer has adequate water and no public hook-up available? And, when the septic mounds fail and the remainder of the water is polluted, do you want to foot that bill, too? Would you like to pay everyone's "Stormwater" annual fee that we are sucked into due to developers running rampant years ago?

Reply · 👍 14 · Oct 2, 2015 8:18pm



John Laird ·
Works at Retired Journalist

You're kidding, right? David Madore is "working for the" forces that oppose his expert advisers.

Reply · 👍 14 · Oct 2, 2015 8:20pm



Joe McGill ·
WSU Vancouver

I truly hope that is sarcasm. Anyone with more than 1 IQ point knows he is not for the people of Clark County.

Reply · 👍 5 · Oct 3, 2015 1:34am



Ed Elder ·
Eagle Creek, Oregon

Joe McGill The people of Clark Co. didn't want light rail. They want lower taxes.

Reply · Oct 3, 2015 2:18am



Douglas Green ·
Publisher at Telecom Reseller Inc

Ed Elder - light rail was defeated when the Washington Senate terminated the project: Ann Rivers of La Center, Washington suggesting alternative measures such as eliminating lane changes and lowering the speed limit on the bridge.[21] One common objection from opponents was the inclusion of light rail.

Reply · Oct 3, 2015 3:44am



Douglas Green ·
Publisher at Telecom Reseller Inc

...now Mr Madore is a contestant in the Public Official with Head Up His (rhymes with grass) Award for leading his followers to believe viable alternatives were available

Reply · 👍 3 · Oct 3, 2015 3:48am



Ed Elder ·
Eagle Creek, Oregon

Douglas Green So no vote was ever taken?

Reply · Oct 3, 2015 4:33am



Troy Maxcy


Ed Elder So now we are going to see specious advisory votes as some sort of mandate. Why don't you tell us the percentage of CC voters that cast their ballot in that "vote".

Reply · Oct 3, 2015 8:27am



Bridget McLeman

Groan.


Reply ·  5 · Oct 2, 2015 7:44pm



Richard Bullington ·

Aspiring Genealogist at Retired


Gracias a Dios por el Departamento de Comercio!

Reply ·  1 · Oct 2, 2015 7:32pm



Hector Hinojosa

Bueno, eso es genial, pero sin duda la Junta de Concejales del Condado de Clark necesitan un poco de ayuda


Reply ·  2 · Oct 2, 2015 8:02pm



Douglas Green ·

Publisher at Telecom Reseller Inc


Nixon had a secret plan to end the war. We ended up in Cambodia. Maybe we'll invade Skamania

Reply ·  14 · Oct 2, 2015 7:27pm



Troy Maxcy

They are making some good beer out their. I'm in.


Reply ·  1 · Oct 3, 2015 8:28am



John Laird ·

Works at Retired Journalist

Are we ready yet for the five-councilor county board?

Reply ·  15 · Oct 2, 2015 7:11pm



Michele Wollert

Selective transparency. Selective sunshine. This man is dangerous to process and procedure.


Reply ·  15 · Oct 2, 2015 7:10pm



Fran Hammond ·

Vancouver, Washington

How many times have we heard him speak of honoring or respecting "process"???


Reply ·  6 · Oct 2, 2015 7:49pm



Fran Hammond ·

Vancouver, Washington

Oh, good grief! Stall until failure seems to be the objective! Where does Madore justify presenting a plan with no expertise in the field what-so-ever???. We need to call, write, whatever it takes and demand that the recommendations of the Planning Commission are adopted and move on!

Reply ·  5 · Oct 2, 2015 6:30pm



David Clark

Why?

The planning commission is just an advisory body. Usually filled with special interests and greenshirts.

Madore is working for ordinary people who need affordable housing.

Reply · Oct 2, 2015 6:42pm

**Fran Hammond**

Vancouver, Washington

David Clark - B.S. He is working for developers that want to pave Clark County, and his little cabal of Levanen and Rassmussen that he has heaping praise on him at just about every meeting! You know, the ones that get very special treatment such as speaking more than once and going over-time without interruption?

Reply · 14 · Oct 2, 2015 6:45pm · Edited

**Michele Wollert**

David Clark Then let him work within the process, collaborating with staff, his fellow councilors, and the Planning Commission. This behind-closed-doors, unilateral government is usually reserved for dictatorships.

Reply · 14 · Oct 2, 2015 7:13pm · Edited

**John Laird**

Works at Retired Journalist

Michele Wollert Coalition building is not a strength of David Madore, the inveterate CEO.

Reply · 8 · Oct 2, 2015 7:14pm

**Thom Rasmussen**

Salmon Creek, Washington

David Clark , in that case, you wouldn't mind having the guy from Jiffy Lube doing your next surgery, right?

Reply · 10 · Oct 2, 2015 7:55pm

**David Clark**

John Laird, that is a mistake frequently made by successful business people.

Reply · Oct 2, 2015 8:37pm

**David Clark**

Michele Wollert, reality check:

1. he is not allowed to collaborate with his fellow councilors except in publically noticed meetings. Do you want hours to public meeting time take up hashing out details of a proposal?
2. The planning commission is the one who came up with plans that totally disregarded peoples wishes and needs - like thy do in Portland. Even Portland voters rejected the planner's plans for more density by 3:1 at the ballot box. That tells how out of touch planners - Portland is the national poster child of perfect planning and they simply dictate against people's wishes. Same for Vancouver.
3. he IS NOT doing unilateral government. Don't you know it will be presented to the county council, not simply dictated?
4. What do you have against affordable housing, for that is what you are opposing when you oppose more buildable land.

Reply · Oct 2, 2015 8:46pm

**David Clark**

Thom Rasmussen, I'd trust just about anyone other than "professional" planner to do planning. Most people are smart enough to realize that when you make land scarce, the price goes up. Planner's aren't. Planners also think if you put more people in the same space, congestion will decrease. They think that high density lowers cost - it doesn't. They are generally deluded fools. (<http://www.debunkingportland.com/smart/smartgrowthlies.html>) And according to one reformed top Portland planner basically Fascists, see:http://www.debunkingportland.com/planners_are_fascists.html

Reply · Oct 2, 2015 8:53pm

**Thom Rasmussen**

Salmon Creek, Washington

David Clark , "3. he IS NOT doing unilateral government. Don't you know it will be presented to the county council, not simply dictated?"

Uh, yes he is. Meilke is in his back pocket and votes how he's told to vote.

Reply · 4 · Oct 2, 2015 10:00pm

**David Clark**

Thom Rasmussen ---"Uh, yes he is. Meilke is in his back pocket and votes how he's told to vote."

ME -- If that were true, it would like Bolt voting with Steve Stuart all of the time. Actually, Meilke is NOT in his backpocket provable by hte fact that he sometimes oposes David.

Reply · Oct 2, 2015 11:47pm

**Joe McGill**

WSU Vancouver

The growth management plan was put in place to control growth and as such sprawl and keep urbanization of agiculture and rural areas from being paved at the whim of someone for a quick dollar that hinks short term over long term. The people who don't like it are the ones chomping at the bit to pave their land, or developers wanting to buy it and pave it over. No offense David, but seriously, if you don't like the systems we put in place in this state to control growth and conserve land for rural uses during the large population influx to this area in the 1990's, go back where you came from.

Reply · 6 · Oct 3, 2015 1:46am

**Troy Maxcy**

David Clark Madore has no idea what ordinary people are. He surrounds himself with his donor class and sycophants. Why do you think that he reacts so poorly when someone disagrees with him. He is not used to it. He lives in a word of yes men and one sits right next to him on the County Council.

Reply · 3 · Oct 3, 2015 8:32am

**Troy Maxcy**

Thom Rasmussen Of course, no disrespect to the hard working people at Jiffy Lube

Reply · 3 · Oct 3, 2015 8:33am

**Troy Maxcy**

David Clark

#4 Drive around CC, there is plenty of fill in space to be had, within the urban growth boundary.

Reply · 1 · Oct 3, 2015 8:35am

**Troy Maxcy**

David Clark All, here is what needs to be noted about Mr. Clarks notations from Debunking Portland. This information comes from Randal O'Toole, who is linked to the CATO Institute (a right wing Libertarian group), which is linked to the Koch brothers. Anyone who has paid a minimal amount of attention to national, regional and local politics will know that these people, these groups, have no interest other than their bottom line. They would move to destory society as long as money keeps flowing like a torrent their way. This is not about the common man. This ilk simple sees the rest of us as a necessary evil in the capitalistic mechanism that they continue to refine to their benefit.

Reply · 3 · Oct 3, 2015 8:45am



Troy Maxcy

David Clark Theater

Reply · Oct 3, 2015 8:46am



David Clark

Troy Maxcy ,

Troy Maxcy — This information comes from Randal O'Toole, who is linked to the CATO Institute (a right wing Libertarian group), which is linked to the Koch brothers.

ME — I see you can't come up with any arguments against the facts, so you attack the funding.

Assuming you are referring to the only two DebunkingPortland links above, The first link relies on the: Sierra Club, Transportation Research Record, Portland's Metro, and American Community Survey.

Are you seriously claiming they are polluted by Koch brothers' money?

That's pretty funny.

The second link is to direct quotes from a former top level Portland and Metro planner. Are you seriously saying the Koch brothers financed Portland's top planner?

That's even funnier.

You would be much better informed if you actually looked at data instead of dismissing anything coming from the other side. You would find many of the things you believe are actually self serving lies that have been exposed by the other side. BTW, this applies to both sides of most arguments.

Reply · Oct 3, 2015 5:01pm