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Hearing materials include consultant's report on buildable lots in rural area

Vancouver, WA – County planning staff and R.W Thorpe & Associates have completed reports to help the Board of County Councilors conduct a public hearing on the “preferred alternative” for the next growth management plan.

The hearing is set for 10 a.m. Feb 16 at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St, as previously announced. Related materials are available on the county website at https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/options-and-impacts-alternatives

By April 30, the county must submit a proposed growth plan update to the Washington Department of Commerce. The proposal must include a “preferred alternative,” environmental impact analysis and capital facilities plan to support growth through 2035, according to the staff report.
A draft supplemental environmental impact statement was prepared to cover four alternatives and released in August. "Alternative 4" was revised to incorporate new underlying assumptions in November.

The county then hired R W Thorpe & Associates, Inc. of Mercer Island to evaluate proposed assumptions for calculating the potential number of buildable lots under "Alternative 4".

This planning process began in 2013 to comply with state requirements. Details and documentation are on the county website: https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/planners-issue-staff-report-inform-growth-plan-hearing-feb-16

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