David Madore
February 24 at 10:16pm

Clark County is not the only county punishing rural citizens:

On Tuesday, the Thurston County Commissioners and their planning department decided to inflict more suffering and abuse on the rural county residents by passing a controversial code enforcement ordinance called Title 26.

The planning staff and commissioners ignored appeals by the citizens who packed the room to contest the new ordinance. Title 26 gives staff discretion to define, enforce, and inflict new daily penalties of $500 to $15,000 per incident plus criminal charges for code infractions and minor mistakes.

Examples of major violations include filling in a hole without a permit or damaging a "protected" tree. Title 26 may prevent the ability of properties to be sold "as is."

Thurston County's planning department is called "Resource Stewardship" as they ensure that privately owned rural properties are managed for the greater good of the county.

Glenn Morgan, who reported the story today, cautions rural citizens in other counties (like ours) to defend their rural private property rights as they are under attack across the state.

Morgan was the Grassroots Director and the Property Rights Director at the Freedom Foundation from 2011 until January 2015. He enjoys creating videos documenting Big Government's abuses of citizens — particularly on property rights issues. He is a frequent writer and speaker on property rights, the environmental movement, Big Government, and the importance of citizen activism.

You can read the whole story here: https://www.wethegoverned.com/

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Kevin VanGelder I am sick and tired of all this government overreach! One neighbor shouldn't have any say over what another neighbor does with their own land as long as it doesn't harm them. If they don't like what their neighbor is doing they can buy them out or move somewhere with better neighbors or no neighbors at all.

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David Madore All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights.

Article 1, Section 1: http://leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/Pages/constitution.aspx

...established to protect and maintain what kind of rights?
Hint - Individual rights.

Laws and Agency Rules Washington State Constitution

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Carolyn Collins Price A bill has been introduced to the Washington State Senate that would protect property rights from Agenda 21 and other similar measures.

Senate Bill 5191 (SB5191), introduced by State Senators Don Benton and Jan Angel, would prohibit the state, as well as cities and counties, from adopting and developing environmental and developmental policies that infringe or restrict private property rights without due process. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5191

SB 5191 - 2015-16

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David Clark We will never be safe until GOVERNMENT PLANNERS THAT WANT TO FORCE US INTO SMART GROWTH are fired.

Like · Reply · 4 · Yesterday at 3:25am

KJ Hinton Uh, no, I'm pretty sure that the legal and repeatedly recognized-by-the-court's action as a lawful zoning issue isn't what he means.

So, please... next time, step away from the bong before you post.

Since you asked.

But then, you, too can lose in court. Or, you can always put the issue to a vote. All you need to do is get 30,000 signatures or so and get the issue on the ballot here locally.

Nothing to it.

Like · Reply · Yesterday at 6:38am

Dennis Anderson Thank you Dave! We loose our liberty every day.

Like · Reply · 22 hrs

Lola Crawford So what is their plan as to how the roads and pot holes are to magically be taken care of? Is their solution to make all roads public owned? I can't imagine what that would cost us where we live. Would they then plow our roads in the winter?

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David Madore Lola Crawford, The Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) for Clark County’s Preferred Alternative with Alternative 4 is less than the plan that was adopted in 2004/2007. So if that was a valid appropriate plan that was already approved then, it would be fallacious to claim that a lesser amount would not be affordable now. Right?

Unlike the city of Vancouver that has failing roads with ample potholes, Clark County has the best roads in the state. We are continuing to expand their capacity to accommodate our growth as we go. Right?

(Click to enlarge the graph)
https://www.clark.wa.gov/.../RoadFundFinancials.pdf

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Lola Crawford Thanks for the input. But this is the issue I am unclear about: Examples of major violations include filling in a hole without a permit or damaging a “protected” tree. Is this concerning private roads, public roads, city roads?

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David Madore Lola Crawford, none of this has to do with public property. It all pertains to private property.

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Lola Crawford David Madore We are in Cowlitz county on a private road and we fill the potholes here with gravel on a regular basis. Could this eventually come to our county? It would be nuts out here. There are so many private roads.

Like · Reply · 15 hrs

David Madore Lola Crawford, anything can happen to citizens in any county. Bad government is the direct result of poor decision makers elected by the people. The people would end up serving the government.

Good government is the direct result of good decision makers elected by the people. The people would end up being well served by the government.

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Lola Crawford Less government is what I’m looking for. Look how crazy this has all gotten. Fines for filling pot holes on your own private road? I’d like to personally talk to the person who came up with that idea.

Like · Reply · 14 hrs