

Schroader, Kathy

From: Tilton, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 3:42 PM
To: Boldt, Marc, Stewart, Jeanne, Olson, Julie (Councilor), Madore, David, Mielke, Tom
Cc: Schroader, Kathy
Subject: FW: Comment on GMA plan

Importance: High



Councilors,

Please see the below comments re the Comp Plan Update

Thanks,
Rebecca

From: Alice Linker [<mailto:twolinkers1960@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Tilton, Rebecca
Subject: Comment on GMA plan

To Council Chair Marc Boldt and the Clark County Council
The Clark County Planning Commission

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the preferred Clark County land use plan

My understanding is that as written, the plan will reduce agricultural acreage and increase urban development in locales zoned for farm and forestry. I am very concerned about the loss of resource land in Clark County, as well as the loss of wildlife habitat and habitat connectivity. Please do not expand urban growth areas into agricultural land.

Washington State's Right to Farm law must be protected as the rural area is developed, and senior water rights must be honored. Where there has been any loss of water, urban/cluster development should not be permitted.

People have become more aware and concerned about their food, and local, organic farming has grown in popularity, as consumers turn to locally grown vegetables and fruits. Small and large farms must be protected against perceived "nuisance" to suburban neighborhoods, and buffers of 200 feet or larger should be installed to protect the resource land.

I advocate for limiting cluster development to areas that are already suburban in nature, and where there is sufficient clean water to support urban growth without affecting agriculture. Cluster development should not be permitted on farm/forest land.

I ask that the county make every effort to preserve the rural resource land.

Sincerely,
Alice Perry Linker
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