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June 17, 2016
For the Public Record

Clark County Citizens United, Inc concerns over the 2016 Comprehensive Plan - Report # 8

Dear Councilors,

Chapter 11 - Community Design Element - is a chapter that discusses how all of additional documents will be spread throughout the Plan. Staff comments, on audio, tell the Planning Commission that nothing has changed in the Plan, it was all just rearranged. The PC was told that even if they tried to find the information, they would not likely find it as it was all over the Plan. Such conversation is not likely to result in a Plan that can pass legal scrutiny. The Plan has certainly changed from the 2007 Plan and what was brought forth to the public and in the DSEIS. This chapter describes how it was all done.

Chapter 7, Parks Recreation and Open Space Element, page 3, states, "The Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan adopted in 2003, assesses landscape and natural resource protection needs and opportunities within Clark County and identifies priority acquisitions for the expenditure of conservation area funds.

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/sites/all/files/environmental-services/legacylands/CONSERVATIONAREASACQUISITIONPLAN03052014.pdf>

Staff indicates the program started in 2003, but research indicates it began in 2004. This program is part of an extensive web of various environmental organizations whose purpose is to collect and use funds, all in the name of environmental protection and preservation. It is a multi-million dollar enterprise, funded by a 45 million dollar Real Estate Excise Tax Fund and approximately 100 additional federal, state and local grant programs. In addition, funding comes from the Conservation Futures Levy, the Conservation Areas Real Estate Excise Tax, and the Trust Land Transfer Program. Stakeholders include the Columbia Land Trust, Metro Portland Regional Government, Intertwine Alliance, (an Oregon environmental group), American Farmland Trust, and others. The Farmland Conservation Objective was completed by Clark County in 2009. It consisted of a 20 member committee who determined the creation of the Agriculture Preservation District, with a goal of blocking up land into 100 to 150 acre parcels.

Clark County needs to get out of the real estate business. It is almost shocking how much money is available to the county for this activity. It leads to the question as to where all this money is going and begs for further research.

Chapter 8, Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Preservation Element. This element is not a requirement of the GMA, nor is it mentioned as one of the possible options to consider. Page 5, 8.1.5, 8.1.6 states, Review of land use actions should be sensitive and give consideration to protection of cultural resources. Promote preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and reuse of historically or architecturally significant older buildings. Clark County is not required, under the GMA, to legally mandate historical preservation. The policies in this element are too extensive and too restrictive.

Sincerely,

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