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As of May 12, 2016, 8:30 AM



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Minutes of Public Comment: 6

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Arterial Atlas Amendments

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Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 10, 2016, 7:21 PM

I support the City of La Center request to eliminate the LaCenter Rd to Pacific Hwy bypass over the East Fork of the Lewis River and through Legacy lands. This road would be extremely expensive to construct and inconsistent with the natural area trail system that the county is planning there.

Bridget McLeman inside Clark County (on forum)

April 22, 2016, 12:20 PM

1. Plan eliminates a planned road running from La Center Road to Pacific Highway. I support this decision, It appears that the planned road runs right across Clark County Legacy lands property, includes significant wetland and habitat plus we need to make that land a regional park.

2. In the Salmon Creek area: Realignment of W 50th to WSU entrance because of erosion. Just a question - - didn't we just spend around \$600,000 to construct a sidewalk and instal HAWK traffic lights on this stretch of road. How come we didn't plan ahead. Note: If I am wrong about the location - I apologize!

1 Supporter

Capital Facilities Plan-Transportation costs

Clark County is projecting a \$158 million deficit in financing transportation improvements to implement the 2016 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. Which financing strategies should the county consider to address the shortfall?

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This topic started on April 21, 2016, 4:33 PM.

Average Priorities

- Reallocating or redirecting planned growth within the urban growth area to make better use of existing facilities
- Phasing growth or adopting other measures to adjust the timing of development
- Reducing travel demand through demand management strategies
- Increasing Revenue
- Reducing the cost of the needed facilities
- Revising county-wide population or employment forecasts
- Reducing level or service standards

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Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 5:33 PM

My Priorities

Reallocating or redirecting planned growth within the urban growth area to make better use of existing facilities

Chuck Green inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 12:38 PM

The current Job Creator Fee Waiver program has waived over \$11 million in developer fees that has now contributed to the \$158 million shortfall in the Transportation CFP. Continuing that program will increase the deficit on the backs of Clark County taxpayers. Additionally, annexation should not be seen as a strategy to reduce the shortfall. Instead, the Clark County Transportation CFP should be planned in concert with the cities, including considerations for joint agency funding of projects and transfer of responsibilities after annexation. Finally, I don't see a lot of mention about alternative transportation modes and methods being a viable component of the Transportation CFP - bikes, walkways, public transportation, demand management, and transportation system management (efficiencies) are all necessary to optimize our transportation system.

My Priorities

Increasing Revenue

Reducing travel demand through demand management strategies

Reducing the cost of the needed facilities

Phasing growth or adopting other measures to adjust the timing of development

Reallocating or redirecting planned growth within the urban growth area to make better use of existing facilities

Revising county-wide population or employment forecasts

Reducing level or service standards

1 Supporter

Bridget Schwarz inside Clark County (on forum)

April 28, 2016, 11:26 AM

To support development of the Discovery Corridor we are going to spend millions on I-5 interchange improvements at 179th Street. That increased traffic will exit onto narrow roads (2 lanes only if both vehicles are mini Coopers). None of these side streets are on the TIP 6 year plan or the 20 year CFP. This is a HUGE undocumented expense and a big gap in logic.

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Phasing growth or adopting other measures to adjust the timing of development

Reducing travel demand through demand management strategies

Increasing Revenue

Reducing the cost of the needed facilities

Revising county-wide population or employment forecasts

Reducing level or service standards

Val Alexander inside Clark County (on forum)

April 28, 2016, 8:17 AM

Trying to choose any of the alternatives other than alternative 1 will result in a failed capital facilities plan, with much more deficits than mentioned. Subdividing more rural lots will not just throw the infrastructure into chaos, what will the county do when many rural lots run out of water? Ground water is dangerously low in Clark County and adding more lots with more individual wells will run everyone out of water. Who will be responsible?

My Priorities

Reallocating or redirecting planned growth within the urban growth area to make better use of existing facilities

4 Supporters

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

April 28, 2016, 12:42 AM

I think the top two work together. Bring back impact fees and connect with phased growth. That way increased revenue and timing growth with paid for infrastructure allow for a planned approach in a way that manages the finances and projects.

My Priorities

Increasing Revenue

Phasing growth or adopting other measures to adjust the timing of development

Reallocating or redirecting planned growth within the urban growth area to make better use of existing facilities

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Increasing Revenue

Reducing level or service standards

Reducing the cost of the needed facilities

Reducing travel demand through demand management strategies

Revising county-wide population or employment forecasts

3 Supporters

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

April 25, 2016, 6:41 AM

My Priorities

Reallocating or redirecting planned growth within the urban growth area to make better use of existing facilities

Phasing growth or adopting other measures to adjust the timing of development

Reducing travel demand through demand management strategies

Increasing Revenue

Revising county-wide population or employment forecasts

Reducing the cost of the needed facilities

Reducing level or service standards

Name not available (unverified)

April 23, 2016, 8:17 PM

Construct a bridge between Camas and the other side of the Columbia river.

My Priorities

Reducing travel demand through demand management strategies

Reducing the cost of the needed facilities

Phasing growth or adopting other measures to adjust the timing of development

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

April 23, 2016, 10:35 AM

Capital Facilities Plan-Transportation costs

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Historically, voters in Clark County do not like to pay more taxes, so the County cannot "build/buy it's way out of the problem." Ultimately, the urbanized areas in unincorporated Clark County should be within city limits because the cities have more tools to provide transportation improvements and because it is easier to provide things like public transit in urban areas. These days, both young people (my children included) and also seniors (my contemporaries) are actually looking for housing that's convenient to work, public transportation and services. Many on both ends of the age spectrum don't want, can't afford and/or can't drive a car. The County needs to be realistic with voters about what it can or cannot afford to provide. Reallocating existing resources, reducing demand (i.e. helping people find ways to get where they need to go without doing it in rush-hour traffic), and phasing growth are for me the top tools for providing transportation services.

My Priorities

Reallocating or redirecting planned growth within the urban growth area to make better use of existing facilities

Reducing travel demand through demand management strategies

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Increasing Revenue

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Revising county-wide population or employment forecasts

5 Supporters

Name not available (unclaimed)

April 23, 2016, 8:22 AM

I would not support the remaining options.

My Priorities

Phasing growth or adopting other measures to adjust the timing of development

Reallocating or redirecting planned growth within the urban growth area to make better use of existing facilities

Community Design Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Community Design Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

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As of May 12, 2016, 8:32 AM



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Community Design Element

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As of May 12, 2016, 8:32 AM, this forum had:

Attendees: 33

All Annotations and Comments: 11

Minutes of Public Comment: 33

This topic started on April 14, 2016, 10:47 AM.

Community Design Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Community Design Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'New policy 3'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 10, 2016, 7:30 PM

I agree with the policy that increases a sense of community and a main street feel. Increasing the connectedness of our neighborhoods or rural centers brings people to that area and promotes small business that support our economy. Plus, I believe it is in the best interest of county residents to have more pedestrian friendly streets that encourage walking, especially to local businesses, parks, neighbors or other venues.

Susan Rasmussen inside Clark County (on forum)

April 30, 2016, 12:53 PM

Where are opportunities addressed in this forum for property rights? Certainly, they are addressed somewhere in this forum since they still remain as one of the 14 GMA planning goals. Private property rights are one of GMA's 14 specifically stated core goals, all of which require equal emphasis in the comp. plan. Yet, property rights receive two sentences in Clark County while other goals are addressed with entire devoted chapters. That is not equal treatment. The county needs to apply equity to all goals or diminish the importance of the environmental goal. Where is the chapter concerning property rights?

New policy 3:

11 2.1 Facilitate development and create standards to achieve the following: (a) Increased street front use, visual interest, and integration with adjacent buildings; (b) Improved pedestrian connections and proximity of uses within developments; (c) Enhanced sense of identity in neighborhood and subareas; and (d) Publicly and/or privately owned gathering spaces facilitating interaction.

Community Design Element

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annotations attached to the annotation section 'New policy 4'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 10, 2016, 7:36 PM

Similarly to my comments on 11.2.1, I believe it is county residents interests to have local centers to gather and patronize. Having these be walkable helps residents feel more connected and also provides access to multi-modal transportation. This policy seeks to foster identity and gives residents more options.

Name not available (unclaimed)

April 25, 2016, 1:46 PM

This is the same bull shit that has destroyed Portland.

It is ample evidence that planners are too stupid to look at actual data:

Cars are faster, cheaper and less polluting than cars, yet you want to herd people into transit.

New policy 4:

11.2.3 Encourage the development of urban activity centers that foster community identity and reduce reliance on automobiles.

Community Design Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Community Design Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'New policy 1'

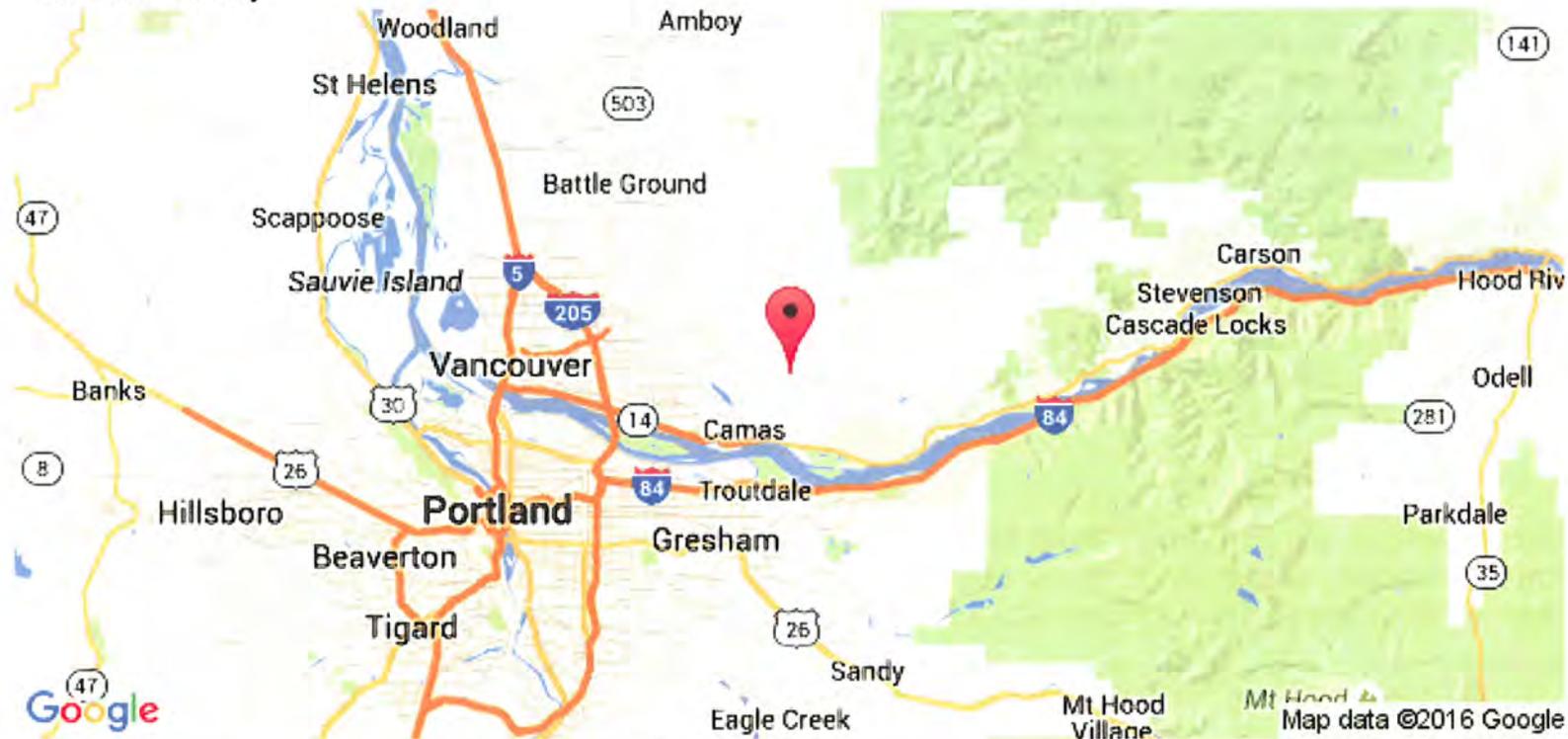
Lori Rhodig inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 4:25 PM

Excellent inclusion for Comp Growth Plan. In urban areas, sidewalks and bike lanes must be accessible and safe. This may be beyond the scope -- but the whole rural Clark County road system needs major upgrading more safe bicycling starting simply with shoulders on the roads and not just steep ditches. Many of my neighbors, my family, and I would love to bike to the store, work, the gym, and restaurants if the roads in our area (east clark county for us) were safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. I know we would be healthier.

Location(s)

East Clark County



Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 12:40 PM

I was very surprised to find that, according to the Growing Healthier Report, I live in an "Absolute Food Desert". It's true that I have only 2 1/2 rows of my garden planted so far (after tilling in compost), but we are still enjoying the food that preserved from last year (along with locally grown eggs that are dropped off by a friend when she drives by). When I drive through rural areas, I see a lot of organic gardening, fruit trees, etc. Hardly a food desert - rather possibly the most healthy offerings that are right at home. County policies should support and encourage small acreage home sites that make these gardens possible. And we certainly should not label them "Food Deserts"!

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 10, 2016, 7:47 PM

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This policy, 11.2.8, is under a goal for urban areas and rural centers. I have seen the impact of mid-20th century suburban developments in Oregon where sidewalks were not incorporated. As these areas become surrounded, the lack of sidewalks impact the ability for many to feel comfortable walking in their neighborhoods to adjacent shopping. School children cannot even walk to schools less than 1/2 mile away. I support policies that can support development that looks toward walk-able, bike-able communities, and especially to provide access to fresh foods.

Susan Rasmussen inside Clark County (on forum)

April 30, 2016, 11:42 AM

The policy statement here is a misinterpretation and incorrectly elevates the status of this report. The Growing Healthier Report was NOT ADOPTED by the BOCC 6/2012, or any subsequent BOCC work session or public hearing. During the BOCC work session 7/15/2015, Councilor Stewart said to staff, "Yes, we have a consensus. No reason to amend policies." Staff responds, "Not interested in proceeding with this." Language in the Planning Commission (4/2012) hearing describes how this report is controversial and there are concerns expressed about unintended consequences. The same concerns are brought forth in the 6/2012 BOCC hearing where the report was, "Approved to move forward, not adopting," (Commissioner Boldt). The implication expressed in New Policy 1 is that staff had discretion. How is that possible after being directed by the BOCC 7/15/2015, "They won't be discussing this item at all, is that correct?" (Councilor Stewart to staff). Do the directives of the of BOCC 6/2012 override the directives of the 7/15/2015 BOCC? New Policy 1 is implying staff had discretion. They are taking much under assumption and venturing outside their scope of responsibilities. I don't see discretion granted.

1 comment

Susan Rasmussen (on forum) April 30, 2016, 12:39 PM

Are there opportunities in this forum for open discussions, questions and answers with staff so opportunities exist for clarification? That would be nice especially if this forum replaces traditional open houses.

New policy 1:

11.2.8 Promote improved public health by encouraging integrated land use and street patterns with sidewalk and recreational facilities that support walking or biking and provide easy access to healthy food.

Community Design Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Community Design Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'New policy 2'

Lori Rhodig inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 4:10 PM

These strategies are excellent. I have been following the Commission on Aging's work over the last 2 years. Focusing on housing is critical and one of the highest priorities of the 5. I and my "aging in place" company is worried that 91 strategies are far too many to get any traction or focus. Somehow this work must be prioritized and organized into real strategies and supporting tactics. Today and going into the future, seniors are struggling to find adequate, safe, and comfortable homes to age in. More focus on building codes for Universal Design are needed. They must be moved into law not just suggested. Builders need this guidance. Clark Co is a destination for retirees.

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 10, 2016, 7:56 PM

Is it not wonderful to include a plan that looks to support aging in our community. I read this plan and see it as noncontroversial. Policy 11.2.9 seeks to operationalize efforts to support a growing senior population and offer senior residents a quality of life that encourages them to stay. There is value in encouraging older residents to retire and stay in Clark County.

New policy 2 :

11.2.9 Encourage the development of age-friendly communities that have affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community features and services, and adequate mobility options, to facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life.

Environmental Element

What do you think about the proposed new goal, policy and strategies related to sustainability in the Environmental Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

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Minutes of Public Comment:	9

This topic started on April 14, 2016, 10:45 AM.

Environmental Element

What do you think about the proposed new goal, policy and strategies related to sustainability in the Environmental Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'How to annotate'

Susan Rasmussen inside Clark County

April 18, 2016, 7:12 PM

There are 14 planning goals under GMA law & all have equity. There is an entire chapter on the environment. Private property rights barely gets mentioned. Efforts to promulgate those constitutional rights have dominated 22 years. We need to ask whether the concerns of the greater good (environmental) outweigh their unintended consequences of over burdening rural landowners, and stifling rural economies.

1 comment

Susan Rasmussen April 18, 2016, 7:50 PM

1. A well-reasoned discussion and an audit concerning the relationship of the constitutionally protected private property rights in relation to the other 13 GMA planning goals should be required.
 2. An audit should be mandatory for assessing property rights issues and any damage (societal, economic, cultural) resulting from proposed comp plan policies and land use regulations.
 3. Audit the current planning policies to determine if they are actually working and functioning to improve the health, safety, welfare, economies, culture, and overall quality of life issues equally enjoyed by all residents.
 4. If policies are showing to be deficient and resulting impacts are over burdening segments of Clark County citizens, then those policies need to be addressed and policy changes need to be made.
 5. Recognize cultural differences, demonstrate respectfulness for all, and employ an inclusionary process.
 5. The planning regimen in Clark County needs to be challenged and reformed.
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Environmental Element

What do you think about the proposed new goal, policy and strategies related to sustainability in the Environmental Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'Policy on sustainability'

Thomas Rasmussen inside Clark County

April 15, 2016, 8:33 AM

If you are so concerned with clean water, sustainability and sanitation, why aren't you doing all you can to make sure the new casino in LaCenter is hooked up to the LaCenter sewer system instead of using the injection method.

Location(s)

LaCenter Casino.

Policy on sustainability

4.11 1 Clark County is committed to fostering a safe, secure future that conserves natural resources while meeting basic human needs, including clean water, air and food, along with shelter, education, and employment. This commitment to a sustainable future will be a key consideration in making public policy, developing public programs, operating public facilities, and delivering public services.

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)

What comments do you have on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

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All Statements:	4
Minutes of Public Comment:	12

This topic started on April 27, 2016, 10:05 AM.

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)

What comments do you have on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

Heidi Owens inside Clark County

May 11, 2016, 9:40 PM

Where is the protection on the availability of water for agriculture and rural owners? The FSEIS discusses the aquifer recharge areas and points to the potential impacts on water resources. Why has the "availability of water" been removed from Chapter 4, the Environmental Element. This is still a goal of GMA, see WAC 365-196-485(1)(a). The availability of water, as a GMA goal, should be included in the Clark County Plan and there needs to be policies around that related to upzoning in the rural areas.

Name not shown inside Clark County

May 10, 2016, 7:40 PM

Comment on the proposed Growth Management Plan

For the record

This site invites comment on specific components of Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management plan. My comments do not fit into any specific category for comment. However, I believe the comments do apply to every category of the document under consideration. There has been a distortion of the process that there is no appearance of fairness in the whole process. One Councilor's biased intervention, I believe, has distorted the public participation process and improperly over-ruled Planning department expertise.

I believe this has happened to the degree that the end result is not an appropriate plan to mesh the need for growth with the concurrent goal of adequately preserving resource lands. I urge that the adopted plan be rejected, the current plan be extended, and the process of consideration and evaluation of begin again.

"Appearance of fairness"

It is not clear where where it is appropriate to place my comments on the public record on the development of Clark County's Growth Management plan. It seems clear on the review of the record, the public testimony, and the content of Clark County Public Record Requests for emails etc. through the lengthy GMA process that one Councilor has not taken an objective stance in listening and addressing the information presented to Council. Instead, there is a pattern of undue influence of one particular group and the ignoring of all other citizen opinion, data, and comment.

While the doctrine of "Appearance of Fairness" (<http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Legal/General-Government/The-Appearance-of-Fairness-Doctrine.aspx>) establishes rules for avoidance of bias in decisions connected to land management issues, it does not, typically, relate to Council member's process of policy adoption connected to the Growth Management Plan. However, in the case of the development of various alternatives in the case of Clark County's comprehensive plan, certain council members have strayed from policy into policy implementation by both developing an alternative and identifying the ways in which a new GMP would be implemented.

Without going into the practical and technical steps one Councilor took in developing the plan, what follows are some specific examples of the bias, the evidence of one lobby group driving the process, and

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one councilor advocating his particular view of policy implementation.

Mr. Madore has also moved beyond the status of policy maker as is clear to multiple references to working on data himself, developing algorithms for use by GIS staff, and giving specific implementation criteria with directions to Community Planning staff not to comment, change or introduce any other material. This aspect of Mr. Madore's intervention is documented elsewhere but is accessible in a number of Public Records Requests at <https://www.clark.wa.gov/councilors/public-records-request>

The other aspect of Mr. Madore's violation of the 'appearance of fairness' criteria relates to the closeness of his working relationship with one group representing one element of rural citizens to the exclusion of listening to any other perspectives. He has eliminated any perception that he could objectively listen to citizen comment and to choose among policy alternatives and implementation practices. He has clearly established too close a connection with the officers of the Clark County Citizens United lobby group to be objective. The two spokespersons have a total right to testify, as they have, weekly on their particular position however both have worked many hours and days in the Councilor's office to the extent that they made themselves at home using staff facilities such as refrigerator, lunch room etc.

What follows are random examples of the influence of CCCU over the development of Alternate 4 for the next Growth Management Plan, its components and its process.

1. Planning Process: Significant influence of legal adviser for Clark County Citizens United (CCCU) in direct contact with Councilor Madore in 'giving instructions' to Planning staff.

Note: Mr. Madore met public record requirements by forwarding certain emails from his private email address to his county email address. (No attempt made to verify all emails forwarded).

Exchange of e-mails David Madore collaboration with Donald McIsaac, lawyer for CCCU, driving the development of the process for adoption of Alternative 4, an alternative presented by Mr. Madore but clearly developed in collaboration with Mr. Silliman and Mr. McIsaac.

From: DONALD MCISAAC [mailto:donaldmcisaac@msn.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2015 9:11 AM

To: Orjiako, Oliver

Cc: McCauley, Mark; Silliman, Peter; Mielke, Tom; Stewart, Jeanne; Madore, David

Subject: Alternative 4 Process and Schedule

Oliver,

Thank you for the prompt response.

If Thursday, February 5 from 10-11 is still open on your calendar please pencil me in to meet at that time.

Thank you also for provided the written description detail on Alternative 2; this gives an idea of the detail threshold needed for Alternative 4 descriptions. Regarding the descriptions of the rural components of Alternative 2, there are references to changing the millennium lot size in "some" R areas; elsewhere there are references to A, F, and R changes "as appropriate". Is there anything in writing, as opposed to a map display, on how the "some" or "as appropriate" are described?

I committed to sending you my thoughts on further process and schedule beyond the current pause in the process to consider an alternative 4 for rural areas. Please see attached for further discussion when we meet.

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Please advise on the acceptability of the Thursday meeting time,
Don

From: Oliver.Orjiako@clark.wa.gov
To: donaldrmcsaac@msn.com
CC: Mark.McCauley@clark.wa.gov; Peter.Silliman@clark.wa.gov; Tom.Mielke@clark.wa.gov;
Jeanne.Stewart@clark.wa.gov; David.Madore@clark.wa.gov; Gordon.Euler@clark.wa.gov
Subject: RE: Alternative 4 Process and Schedule
Date: Tue, 3 Feb 2015 01:03:07 +0000

Hello Don:

Staff proposal is reduce the minimum parcel size from Rural- 20 to R-10 to maintain buffering of resource land as required by GMA. We have identified areas that the proposal will apply and it is better to see that on a map. It appears that it will be a two-step process. We do not have a written document on the proposal. It is just that. The idea is that if as proposed, the current AG-20 will become AG-10. A minimum parcel size of 10 acres. It will not require a Rural -20 to buffer AG-10.

Yes, I will put you down at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. At some point we need to engage the public on the development of Alternative 4. Please, let me know if you have questions. Thank you.

Best Regards,
Oliver

From: DONALD MCISAAC [mailto:donaldrmcsaac@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 8:07 AM
To: Orjiako, Oliver
Cc: McCauley, Mark; Silliman, Peter; Mielke, Tom; Stewart, Jeanne; Madore, David; Euler, Gordon
Subject: RE: Alternative 4 Process and Schedule

Oliver,

Thanks for the response. I presume a written description of how the particular parcels were selected for Alternative 2, and how others were not, can be forthcoming at some point-- perhaps in the draft SEIS if not prior.

I agree with you on the need to engage the public at some point on the development of Alternative 4. In the Process and Schedule document sent in the earlier email, it would start with a briefing of the Councilors at a work session next Wednesday, February 11. While that would not be a decision-making meeting of the BOCC, it is a public meeting where the public would get first exposure to Alternative 4 ideas. After receiving guidance from the Councilors as to what should be put out for public comment on a draft Alternative 4, the proposed schedule calls for release of the draft Alternative 4 ideas by February 17 followed by a public hearing or town hall meeting on February 26.

I look forward to talking with you Thursday at 10 about the process and schedule. Please let me know if you have different thoughts on formal engagement of the public.

I meet with Peter on Thursday mid-day, where we hope to agree on Alternative 4 features and elements that could be analyzed in the SEIS, as per the January 21 work session direction.

If there are advance arrangements that need to be done to set the February 11 work session meeting agenda, please make room for to allow this.

Thanks,
Don

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To: "DONALD MCISAAC"
Cc: McCauley, Mark; Silliman, Peter; Mielke, Tom; Stewart, Jeanne; Madore, David; Euler, Gordon; Cook, Christine;
O'Donnell, Mary Beth
Subject: RE: Alternative 4 Process and Schedule
Date: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:38:19 AM
Good morning Don:

Thanks for your email. We have a schedule and a public participation process which we have been following. Staff will adjust our schedule and timeline for completion of the 2016 plan update as soon as there is a decision/direction from the BOCC on a proposed 4th Alternative. There is a pause in the process per the BOCC directive at the January 21, 2015 work session until a new alternative 4 is developed.

I am reviewing your proposed schedule and process expectation and will share my thoughts when we meet on Thursday. We have a good working relationship with the Board's Office and BOCC on scheduling work session related to the plan update. I am not aware of a February 11 work session. I am seeking PA's council on the level of public involvement in the development of alternative 4 since it is outside of the SEIS Scoping process to date. I need more information regarding your question on how a particular parcel were selected for Alternative 2 and not others. We will discuss this further on Thursday and also clarify your assertion that the public had not seen the staff recommended range of alternatives nor the content of alternative 2 prior to October 22. If you have questions, please call me.

Best Regards,
Oliver

2. Undue Influence: Clark County Citizens' United involvement in policy development, directing development, influencing outcomes.

Example: Multiple emails (sample below) from Susan Rasmussen and Carol Levanen – primary leaders of Clark County Citizen's United to council member Madore requesting inclusion of information in the Comprehensive Plan:

From: susan rasmussen
To: Madore, David
Subject: Reader
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 2:32:35 PM
Please be so kind as to include this as a resource document for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update
http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/comp_plan/documents/final_ag_analysis_prelim_report.pdf
Sent from Windows Mail

Example: Multiple emails insisting on removal of Healthy communities report and resource references on first,

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the CC Public Health web site and, then, in the Comprehensive Plan and attachments.

From: Carol Levanen [cnldental@yahoo.com]
To: David Madore [David.Madore@usdigital.com]
Subject: Growing Healthy Report - Comm. Planning - Health Department - continued agenda
Sent: 1 Sep 2015 21:08:44 +0000

The videos are gone, but the report is still there.

2016 Comprehensive Growth management Plan update - Community Planning - Clark County, Washington
<<http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/2016update/documents.html>>

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http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/about/documents/fsc/fsc_framework.pdf
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/food/documents/FSCApplicationform2013.pdf>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEGHT4F3gcY&feature=youtu.be>

From: Carol Levanen
To: McCauley, Mark; Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: Fw: Documents - Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Community Planning
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:53:13 AM
----- Forwarded Message -----
From: susan rasmussen <sprazz@outlook.com>
To: Carol Levanen <cnldental@yahoo.com>; "jeanne.stewart@clark.wa.gov"
<jeanne.stewart@clark.wa.gov>; "david.madore@clark.wa.gov" <david.madore@clark.wa.gov>;
"tom.mielke@clark.wa.gov" <tom.mielke@clark.wa.gov>; Jim Malinowski <j.malinowski@ieee.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2015 11:08 AM
Subject: Documents - Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Community Planning

Dear Councilors,
Listed as one of the Elements of the Comprehensive Plan is the "Growing Healthier Report." This report is also one of three, along with the "Aging Readiness" report, that is listed as resources for the comprehensive plan. I recall that the Board did not authorize this; but the reports are there.

Sincerely, Susan Rasmussen
http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/comp_plan/docs.html
Sent from Windows Mail

From: Carol Levanen
To: Stewart, Jeanne; Madore, David; Mielke, Tom; Orjiako, Oliver; McCauley, Mark
Subject: Fw: Clark County Food Systems Council - A special interest political group - For the Record
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:57:02 AM

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: susan rasmussen <sprazz@outlook.com>

To: Carol Levanen <cnldental@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2015 10:54 AM

Subject: Reader

Strategies for change, Food Systems Council

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/about/documents/RoadmapWorkPlan2012.pdf>

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Carol Levanen

To: Stewart, Jeanne; Madore, David; tpm.mielke@clark.wa.gov; cnldental@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: 2012 Clark County Food Systems Council on clark.wa.gov website

Date: Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:02:37 PM

What did it cost the public to produce this glitzy advertisement for this political environmental group? Did staff compose it? Who authorized it?

From: Madore, David

To: Carol Levanen

Subject: Fwd: Food Systems Council - Clark County - For the Public Record

Date: Friday, September 04, 2015 7:16:57 AM

Carol,

The removal of the file that you mention in you other latest email, may have been removed in response to this email yesterday.

David Madore

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Madore, David" <David.Madore@clark.wa.gov>

Date: September 3, 2015 at 4:25:01 PM PDT

To: "Melnick, Alan" <Alan.Melnick@clark.wa.gov>, "Madore, David" <David.Madore@clark.wa.gov>

Subject: FW: Food Systems Council - Clark County - For the Public Record

Dr. Alan Melnick,

There is yet one more case where Clark County public resources are being used to advocate for a one-sided political agenda. The Clark County Food System Council, formed using public grant funds in 2007, has morphed into an organization that has linked up with entities that have litigated against Clark County, such a Futurewise (<http://futurewise.org/>), while excluding organizations that hold a different view such as Clark County Citizens United (CCCU).

The latest example is the Land use Forum, held at the Vancouver Library on

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August 31, 2015 that advocated against Alternative 4. An audio recording of that meeting is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeYiwbl77fU&feature=youtu.be>

The primary purpose of their current activity is to advocate against alternatives 2 and 4. An example of their advocacy starts at the 44:00 marker of the video. The invited presenters, partners, and speakers universally oppose our proposed comp plan update alternatives.

Because this organization is sponsored by Clark County Public Health, our staff has also been joined in the advocacy and spends funds on travel and lodging to advocate at events in other areas. Here is an example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEGHT4F3gcY&feature=youtu.be>

Many of the projects and influence of this organization and others are healthy and good.

We certainly welcome the community and various organizations to advocate for political agendas. However, these political advocacy activities must not use taxpayer funds, nor use Clark County Public health resources.

Please let me know what we need to do to disconnect this organization from Clark County Public Health.

Thank you,

David Madore

From: Melnick, Alan

To: Madore, David

Cc: McCauley, Mark

Subject: RE: Food Systems Council - Clark County - For the Public Record

Date: Friday, September 04, 2015 2:02:42 PM

Dear Councilor Madore,

Clark County Public Health did not participate in the Land Use Forum on August 31. As we discussed a couple of days ago, we provide information for the Food System Council and other community groups regarding research evidence about the association between environmental factors, natural and manmade, and public health. We do so, because, as you note, many of the FSC projects, as well as projects other community organizations engage in, are healthy and good.

The video has been removed from You Tube.

Best regards,

Alan

Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH | Public Health Director/Health Officer

Clark County Public Health

1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Bldg. 17, 3rd Floor

P.O. Box 9825, Vancouver, WA 98666-8825

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From: Madore, David
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Melnick, Alan
Subject: old website docs

Dr. Alan Melnick,

There is another cluster of documents remaining our Public health website that continue to advocate against growing local healthy food and rural property owners. It pushes hyper density in inner cities and wars against rural lifestyles with false assumptions.

Here's an excerpt from page 13 of the "Health Element Clark County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Growing Healthier" document:

"People in rural areas have unequal access to healthy foods. Emerging research in the US has revealed a disparity in food price and quality by geography. Populations living in rural areas often must travel longer distances to access full-service grocery stores. Controlling for population density, one study found that rural areas have fewer food retailers of any kind compared to urban areas. A US Department of Agriculture report also found higher food prices in rural areas which typically have smaller food retail establishments."

http://www.clark.wa.gov/publichealth/community/growing_healthy/documents/FoodLitReviewCurrentConditions.pdf

It appears that virtually all of the documents and links on this page push the same agenda. Some citizens refer to such activism as social engineering and Agenda 21.

http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/community/growing_healthy/documents.html

As the BOCC has communicated in our Comp Plan Update work sessions, such documents do not belong in the comp plan.

Thank you for helping us to clean up our county website.

David

From: Madore, David
To: Melnick, Alan
Cc: McCauley, Mark; Horne, Chris
Subject: Re: old website docs
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2015 9:12:43 AM
Dr Alan Melnick,

Thank you for the very informative response. I fully embrace the necessity to follow a public process to amend or repeal any policy that was formally adopted previously.

As our board shared in our last comp plan work session, our intent is to only include the GMA required documents in our comp plan. I will add this to a list of extracurricular documents that we can consider removing.

As always, your help is outstanding and very much appreciated.

David Madore

On Sep 18, 2015, at 11:09 AM, Melnick, Alan <Alan.Melnick@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Dear Councilor Madore,

In 2012, the Board of County Commissioners voted 3-0 to adopt the Growing Healthier Report and directed that it be folded into the County Comprehensive

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Plan. The Public Health Advisory Council championed the development of the Growing Healthier Report, which included a thorough scientific literature review and comprehensive community engagement, including public meetings, public presentations and extensive efforts to get community feedback. I believe there was broad community support, including, but not limited to, support from hospital and health system partners and local healthcare providers. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend that the Board of Commissioner adopt the Growing Healthier Report.

I understand and appreciate your concerns that the report pushes an agenda that supports high density while disparaging rural living. My understanding of the report is that it relies on the best available science to provide a flexible tool that the Board can use in prioritizing strategies based on consideration of potential health impacts. I consulted with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and understand that the Growing Healthier Report is an adopted document in the Comprehensive Plan until the Board modifies the Comprehensive Plan to remove it. As such, I have reservations about removing the Growing Healthier Report from our website. Since we are reviewing our on-line content in a comprehensive manner, I'm hopeful that rather than taking a piecemeal approach to removing information and documents from on our website that we can work with the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in a comprehensive review of what needs to remain and what can be removed from our site.

Best regards,

Alan

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From: "Orjiako, Oliver" <Oliver.Orjiako@clark.wa.gov>

To: "Carol Levanen (cnldental@yahoo.com)" (cnldental@yahoo.com)" <cnldental@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Euler, Gordon" <Gordon.Euler@clark.wa.gov>; "Alvarez, Jose" <Jose.Alvarez@clark.wa.gov>;

"Schroader, Kathy" <Kathy.Schroader@clark.wa.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 4:18 PM

Subject: RCW 36.70A.070

Hello Carol:

At the PC deliberation meeting we briefly talk about some language in the RCW 36.70A (GMA) and other new related changes. As you read RCW 36.70A.070 (1), you will find the following: "...Wherever possible, the land use element should consider utilizing urban planning approaches that promote physical activity".

Section RCW 36.70A.070 (6)(a)(vii) says "Pedestrian and bicycle component to

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include collaborative efforts to identify and designate planned improvements for pedestrian and bicycle facilities and corridors that address and encourage enhanced community access and promote healthy lifestyles”.

Feel free to review ESSB 5186 and 2SHB 1565. If you have questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,
Oliver

From: Carol Levanen
Sent: Monday , September 21 , 2015 8 : 55 PM
To: Orjiako, Oliver

Hello Oliver, Thanks for the info. What I was concerned about was the healthy food language that is proposed for the Comprehensive Plan. I don't believe it is a mandate of the GMA and I don't believe it should be used as a means to lock up rural and resource lands into large lot zoning. I did find a WAC that I think we did discuss, but it simply says may consider, and there is no directive to that passage. We are very alarmed that the Health Department has been incorporated into the comp plan in such a way as to attempt to accomplish an environmental and no growth agenda. This is not planning, it is social engineering. Please try not to do that in the 2016 update of the Plan. Thanks!

Best Regards, Carol Levanen, Ex. Secretary, CCCU, Inc.

From: susan rasmussen [mailto:sprazz@outlook.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 7:03 AM
To: Orjiako, Oliver; Carol Levanen
Cc: Stewart, Jeanne; Mielke, Tom; Madore, David; McCauley, Mark; DONALD MCISAAC
Subject: Re: Ignoring directives from the Councilors

Dear Oliver and Carol,

We are at odds over interpretation of the GMA here. Without doubt, the GMA is distinctly clear that local discretion should be advanced, and the policies set down by the policy makers, (the elected officials) need to be recognized, honored and implemented. In this case, staff has been disregarding what the policy makers have clearly stated.

Please be so kind as to recall the work session with the Clark County Board of Councilors and the planning staff held mid July. Oliver, you weren't in attendance but you still should access the recording of the minutes to listen to the tone of this particular work session. Gordy Euler presented the two reports. One was the Growing Healthier Report, and the other was the report on aging. His obvious intent was to include them in the 2016 comprehensive plan update.

However, the Board of County Councilors had a different opinion on these reports and unanimously agreed for them to be excluded from this comprehensive plan update.

Despite the clear directives from the policy makers, the Clark County Board of Councilors, the reports remain listed on the Community Development site as “Resource Documents” for the 2016 update. Most disturbing is the fact that planning staff have disregarded the directives of the Councilors. This is the prime issue of concern.

Thank you for your attention,

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Susan Rasmussen for
Clark County Citizens United, Inc.
Sent from Windows Mail

From: Orjiako, Oliver
To: "susan rasmussen"; Carol Levanen; Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose; Anderson, Colete
Cc: Stewart, Jeanne; Mielke, Tom; Madore, David; McCauley, Mark; DONALD MCISAAC
Subject: RE: Ignoring directives from the Councilors
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 8:36:23 AM

Good morning Susan:
Thank you for your email and concerns expressed. We are following directives from the Board of County Councilors. I will review the work sessions you mentioned. I will stress that it is staff responsibility to make sure that the councilors are made aware of the requirements of GMA. Our role include making sure that our update include recent amendments to the GMA. I provided the sections below to Carol following a brief discussion with her on September 17, 2015 at the PC deliberation. I am including it here in my reply to you. It is important to note that deference to local governments does not mean developing a growth management plan that is inconsistent with the Growth Management Act.

At the PC deliberation meeting we briefly talk about some language in the RCW 36.70A (GMA) and other new related changes. As you read RCW 36.70A.070 (1), you will find the following: "...Wherever possible, the land use element should consider utilizing urban planning approaches that promote physical activity". Section RCW 36.70A.070 (6)(a)(vii) says "Pedestrian and bicycle component to include collaborative efforts to identify and designate planned improvements for pedestrian and bicycle facilities and corridors that address and encourage enhanced community access and promote healthy lifestyles". Feel free to review ESSB 5186 and 2SHB 1565. If you have questions, please let me know.
Best Regards,
Oliver

From: susan rasmussen
To: Orjiako, Oliver; Carol Levanen; Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose; Anderson, Colete
Cc: Stewart, Jeanne; Mielke, Tom; Madore, David; McCauley, Mark; DONALD MCISAAC; Jim Malinowski; Jerry Olson;
Clark County Citizens United Inc.; Rick Dunning; Fred Pickering; lorettajsteele@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Who is responsible for ensuring oversight?
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:11:40 AM
Good morning Oliver,
I've reread the particular section of the RCW, and it is not a mandatory element of the GMA. What is inconsistent with the GMA is not lending recognition to the policies set down by the elected officials. This diminishes and stifles the ability to advance local discretion, which is

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clearly recognized in the GMA and upheld in the Courts time and again. There is no oversight to ensure that the policies set forth by the County Councilors, is indeed upheld and implemented by the planning staff, county attorneys, and the planning commission.

Who is responsible for ensuring the oversight and the integrity of the process?

Thank you,
Susan Rasmussen for CCCU,Inc

From: Madore, David
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 12:52 PM
To: 'susan rasmussen'; Orjiako, Oliver; Madore, David
Cc: McCauley, Mark
Subject: RE: very different views of interpretation

Oliver,

If I remember correctly, our last Comp Plan Work Session covered the topic of extracurricular documents and nonessential policies and information being included in the Comp Plan. The consensus of the BOCC was to avoid all ingredients that are not essential in the Comp Plan. Instead,our direction is to only include what is necessary.

We can make more timely updates and improvements to policies if they are outside of the Comp Plan.

This Comp Plan update is our opportunity to remove extras from the Comp Plan. I believe that is the direction already communicated. If this matter needs a formal vote of the BOCC to clearly establish that direction, please let us know. Otherwise, I will assume that staff is fully onboard and working toward that end.

Please let me know if the path forward needs better clarification.

Thank you,

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 1:03 PM
To: Madore, David
Cc: McCauley, Mark; Cook, Christine
Subject: FW: very different views of interpretation

Hello Councilor:

In response to your email dated September 25, 2015, Staff does not see the comp plan as an opportunity to remove extras as you stated. The comp plan update is an opportunity to review and include recent changes to the state statue, recent changes to the plan text and any pending policy direction from the past Board and the present Councilors. What is necessary I believe is the need for further public discussion and deliberation on several levels. I have no idea what 'extracurricular documents and non-essential policies' are being referred to here. First of all, everything that is in the comp plan now is county policy. The comp plan is compilation of work adopted by previous Boards, which means it is hardly non-essential. The comp plan is missing some key provisions of county policy also adopted, albeit more recently, by previous Boards.

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The GMA requires eight elements, listed in RCW 36.70A.070:

- 1) A Land Use element. Comp Plan Chapter 1.
- 2) A Housing element. Comp Plan Chapter 2.
- 3) A capital facilities plan element. Comp Plan Chapter 6.
- 4) A utilities element. Comp Plan Chapter 6.
- 5) A rural element. Comp Plan Chapter 3; also includes natural resources.
- 6) A transportation element. Comp Plan Chapter 5
- 7) An economic development element (Comp Plan Chapter 9), and
- 8) A parks and recreation element (cue the recently adopted/acknowledged/talked about Parks plan). Comp Plan Chapter 7.

The Environmental Element (Comp Plan Chapter 4) covers the required critical areas ordinances and stormwater program. The Shoreline Master Program policies (also required) are in Comp Plan Chapter 13. What do we do with the Historic, Archaeological and Cultural Resource element (Comp Plan Chapter 8)? Do we tell the schools that they are not important (Comp Plan Chapter 10)? The GMA Land Use element includes a statement that says 'wherever possible, the land use element should consider utilizing planning approaches to promote physical activity'. Should we not integrate the Growing Healthier Report prepared jointly by Public Health and Community Planning and the Aging Readiness Report which has its own Board-appointed commission into the comp plan, both of which were adopted by previous boards? The county has a sustainability policy which we intend to include. Do we leave that out because it's county policy but somehow not worthy of being in the comp plan?

Perhaps we need a formal hearing for the Councilors to identify what those elements in the existing plan and previous Board directives should be removed or not included. Thank you.

Best,
Oliver

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 1:40 PM
To: Orjiako, Oliver; Madore, David
Subject: RE: very different views of interpretation
Oliver,

The policies published here may have been those of previous boards. But I believe that they are not in agreement with the current board.

http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/community/growing_healthy/documents.html

They include such social engineering agendas as forcing citizens out of their cars into high capacity transit, purposely increasing traffic congestion, adding tolls to our freeways, trumping sound local best practices with an agenda to stop global warming, fragmenting the families of rural citizens, and more unhealthy practices that stagnate and oppress the citizens of our community. We will follow and appropriate process to eliminate these unhealthy choices from our adopted policies and from the Comp Plan. These are policy decision that we as a Board are responsible to determine. Please support our endeavor as a Board to make these corrections. I welcome your feedback.

Thank you,
David

From: Orjiako, Oliver

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To: Madore, David
Cc: McCauley, Mark
Subject: RE: very different views of interpretation
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 2:44:37 PM
Hello Councilor:

As I stated in my previous email reply, when staff presents the plan text with policies to the Councilors in a formal hearing the Councilors will identify what those elements in the existing plan and previous Board directives should be removed or not included. Thank you.

Note : Multiple emails go to David Madore's US Digital email. David Madore meets the public records requirements by emailing county business emails to his county email. There is no way to check whether all correspondence has been forwarded.

David Madore
Begin forwarded message:
From: DONALD MCISAAC <donalddmcisaac@msn.com>
Date: November 23, 2015 at 7:15:54 AM PST
To: David Madore <david.madore@usdigital.com>
Subject: Process

David-
The State review process is a bit different than what I spoke of earlier: there may not be a mandatory State review process prior to the final adoption, but rather a 60 day notification of the Department of Commerce that final adoption is imminent, with the possibility of a State Hearings Board review only if someone appeals. See below. No changes on my perspective of the draft to final SEIS process.
See screenshot of Oliver's "Remaining Process" slide as it was presented Sept 3 and 10. On Nov 9, he changed the final EIS from December 15 to Feb 16.
See also the short State published primer on the update process, including sections 3 and 4: "legislative action" (action by elected County officials) and submittal to the State.

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/Documents/GMS-Periodic-Update-Keeping-Plan-Current-Sept-2012.pdf#page=8&zoom=auto,-99,377>

Notice also in this primer that after the 60 day notice is given to Commerce that a final adoption is imminent, a 60 day window for "any person or organization" to appeal begins (bottom of page 13). It would be after an appeal that the State Board reviews the County action, not before, as any appeal goes to them before court, according to this document.

I will try to call this morning.

In the end, I still see the process on Tuesday to be
1. Properly adopt a Preferred Alternative that is a mix of the Alternatives, with Alternative 1 only being the remaining parts of status quo not changed by

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revised A-4, A-3, and any relevant parts of A-2.

2. Instruct the staff to complete a final FEIS using the proper policy choices for planning assumptions and the best available information.

3. Instruct the staff to modify and update the CMP document in accordance with the Preferred Alternative and any relevant policy decision since the last document update.

Thanks,
Don

Example: Citizen forums – differential response

Complaint from CCCU

From: Carol Levanen

To: Stewart, Jeanne; Mielke, Tom; Rita Dietrich; Madore, David; Orjiako, Oliver; Silliman, Peter

Subject: Supporters of CCCU tax dollars being used against them by the county - For the Public Record

Date: Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:36:51 PM

Dear Councilors,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. is adamantly opposed to our tax dollars being used to promote the head of a neighborhood association's political agenda against us. We are keenly aware of the costs involved in mass mailings and believe it is not the county's position to take sides and allow this sort of thing to occur. Alternative 4 is the only document that will set things right for all rural landowners. To see this newsletter being used to oppose this option and misrepresent the intent and purpose of this alternative, using county tax dollars, is clearly biased.

The county taxes have no business funding such activity and CCCU, Inc. considers it an outrage for doing so. We urge the Councilors to stop this policy as soon as possible, before it does any more damage. If this person wants to spread her political agenda to the neighborhood, she needs to do it on her own dime.

Sincerely,

Carol Levanen, Ex. Secretary

Clark County Citizens United, Inc.

P.O. Box 2188

Battle Ground, Washington 98604

http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/documents/Fairgrounds_07-2015.pdf

Response from David Madore

From: Madore, David

To: Carol Levanen

Subject: Re: Supporters of CCCU tax dollars being used against them by the county - For the Public Record

Date: Thursday, July 09, 2015 1:25:05 PM

Carol,

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Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I had not realized that using public funds to publish such content amounts to inappropriately fund advocacy.

Freedom of speech is best exercised when the advocates fund their own.

Thanks

David Madore

Contrast: Clark County Citizens United Community Forum – February 12, 2016

David Madore

January 27 ·

Shenanigans happen. The competition has been fierce:

“Trust the staff. They are the experts.” - Trust, but verify.

“That fact checking process has been an eye opening experience that revealed that the numbers reported by planning staff were, in fact, agenda driven. GIS staff has been a fabulous help and a reliable source of uncompromised truth. That truth revealed planning assumptions used by the planning staff, significantly changed the tallies reported to the councilors to achieve a political agenda.”

I urge you to read the Op-ed in this week’s Reflector:

http://www.thereflector.com/.../page_3e7a8335-88f1-5c5b-a496-...

Citizens have one last opportunity to turn the tide or forever hold their peace. Will you make a difference?

David Madore

February 15 ·

Thanks to videographer Jim Karlock, the video of Friday’s Town Hall meeting is now available online. Dr. Don McIsaac’s presentation is queued up here:

<https://vimeo.com/155251268#t=831s...>

I hope to clip individual sections and post them soon for easy navigation.

Knowledge is power, both for citizens and citizen representatives. Thanks again to the rural citizens, Clark County Citizens United, and the other 15 organizations that sponsored this event.

It was intended to be an opportunity for citizens to engage with their county councilors. Even though Jeanne Stewart, Julie Olson, nor Marc Boldt showed up, citizens can still help their county councilors to better understand on Tuesday morning at 10 am on the 6th floor at 1300 Franklin.

Bring quarters for the parking garage on the north side of the Public Service Center.

David Madore

February 13 ·

Town Hall Meeting packed the house at Hockinson High School:

This snapshot was only able to capture a portion of the room filled with rural citizens with hands raised in

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support of our adopted Comp Plan Preferred Alternative.

Of the 200 or so citizens, 4 hands were then raised to repeal the plan in favor of Alternative 1, the status quo plan that's been in place since 1994.

Tom Mielke and I were there to listen and answer questions. Julie Olson, who said she would be there, did not show up. Neither did Marc Boldt or Jeanne Stewart.

15 other organizations took part in the Town Hall meeting hosted by Clark County Citizens United.

Dr. Don McIsaac presented an excellent report and knocked it out of the ballpark with such clarity and professionalism. Thanks to Jim Karlock, who videotaped the meeting, we should be able to post that presentation shortly.

Jim Katzinski of Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF), was a panelist along with other professionals to answer questions and provide support for the citizens. PLF has successfully defended citizens' private property rights across the nation winning multiple cases before the US Supreme Court. They are standing by to defend our rural citizens if necessary.

The most important meeting for citizens to appeal to their citizen representatives will be Tuesday at 10am on the 6th floor of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin, Vancouver. Bring quarters for the parking garage on the north side.

If the county council votes to repeal the Preferred Alternative and readopt the old 1994 Alternative-1 Plan, the citizens are ready to defend their rights in court. I hope that the county will instead, choose to be on the citizens' side to defend their private property rights and the plan that fully complies with the GMA.

David Madore shared Clark County Republican Party's event.

February 15 ·

Last call. It's now or never.

Since Jeanne Stewart, Julie Olson, and Marc Boldt did not attend the Town Hall meeting created for them, you can still be sure they hear your plea Tuesday before making the most important county decision in decades.

The Public Hearing following this meeting was posted as an Event on Facebook:

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Interested

Protect Your Property Rights - Alternative 4 Hearing

Tue 10 AM · Public Service Center, sixth-floor hearing room, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver (map)

17 people interested · 14 people going

Protect your private property rights! The Clark County Council's next apparent target for repeal is their scheduled "reconsideration" of Alternative 4. This is the same issue where so many concerned citizens came to

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)

What comments do you have on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

a townhall meeting last Friday to ask questions and express their views -- and yet all three of the most recently elected councilors failed to attend and listen to them.

You can make SURE they listen by attending the upcoming council meeting on this Tuesday, Feb 16 at 10:00 am.

RSVP to this event page, then please SHARE this event on your timeline, and be sure to click the link to "Invite Your Friends". See you there!

Following Board vote in February 2016 FB Post:

David Madore

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Why can't we just get along to fight as a team against the citizens?

Four words: It's not about you.

When we get hired under false pretenses to do the job of representing the citizens that trusted us with their vote to be their voice and their advocate, we are not the victim. We are the offender.

When we make promises to protect and defend citizens' private property rights and then do everything in our power to take them away, we are not the victim. We are the offender.

http://julieolsonforclark.com/Julie_Olson/Issues.html

<http://www.marcboldt.com/what-i-believe.php#navbar>

When we campaign for limited government, lower taxes, less regulations, for more freedom and unity, and then do the opposite after taking office, we are not the victim. We are the offender.

When we run on a platform to represent ALL the citizen and then rescind the citizen passed ballot measures including the one passed by a record breaking landslide vote (our voter approved Light Rail policy), we are not the victim. We are the offender. <http://gis.clark.wa.gov/Election/2013/>

When we fail to even show up at the citizen organized Town Hall meeting put on for us to better understand, and then we vote to kill Alternative 4 and every available rural citizen option, we are not the victim. We are the offender.

When we are called on the carpet to answer for our actions that hurt others, we are not the victim. We are the offender.

When we wonder why others don't join with us to war against the citizens we are sworn to defend, we are not the victim. Rather, we make our friends and our neighbors who trusted us, the victims of our actions.

Today was another sad disastrous day for Clark County citizens.
But do not settle for the injustice. Do not accept being a victim.

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I encourage each citizen to defend your human rights stripped away today. The county fought against the citizens in 1994 and citizens won on every count. But the citizens trusted the county to make the corrections identified by the judge. The county ran out the clock instead.

We will win again if we work together. And this time, we will require the court order to be obeyed.

I encourage you to support and work with:

Clark County Citizens United

PO Box 2188

Battle ground, WA 98604

cccuinc@yahoo.com

360-667-0516

1 Attachment

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1 Supporter

Val Alexander inside Clark County

May 10, 2016, 8:42 AM

Valerie Alexander

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Clark County Councilors, Clark County Planning Commission, Clark County Planning Staff.

1300 Franklin St.

Vancouver, WA 98666

May 10, 2016

Dear Councilors and Planning Commission,

As a long time rural Clark County resident, and a founding board member of Friends of Clark County, I want to address the potential problems with adopting any part of Alternative 2 as the final preferred alternative. Here is the basic description of Alternative 2:

“Alternative 2 – Countywide Modifications. This alternative incorporates changes in policy direction, land use, zoning, the County Council’s principles and values, acknowledges existing development trends, and resolves map inconsistencies.”

This description alone would make the inclusion of Alternative 2 ineligible to be included in an SEIS. There needs to be a full exploration of the impacts of countywide zone changes that will affect every rural resident in the county.

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As I have stated many times previously, to not address the availability of ground water in rural areas is ignoring the elephant in the living room. To allow additional lots in rural areas without addressing the availability of ground water, endangers the property rights of every present rural land owner without addressing the availability of water.

Who is to blame when extra lots are allowed? A purchaser buys an expensive piece of land, only to find that they can't build a home there because there is not enough available well water. His well dewateres a neighbor's well. Last summer was a prime example of the problems that will increase when homeowners run out of water. There is not a solution to that problem in the near future without huge expenses on the part of the landowner and the tax payers throughout the county. In addition, farmers cannot afford to pay for CPU water and make a profit, so the problem is exaggerated when it comes to protecting our local food supply.

I ask you all to take the water issue seriously and answer our questions regarding how one would resolve the problems before considering a choice on the preferred alternative.

Valerie Alexander

1 Supporter

Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Preservation Element

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All Annotations sorted chronologically

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annotations attached to the annotation section 'How to annotate'

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 4, 2016, 10:39 PM

Overall, this revised element reads better and seems more direct and specific than the previous element from 2007.

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annotations attached to the annotation section 'New historic goal'

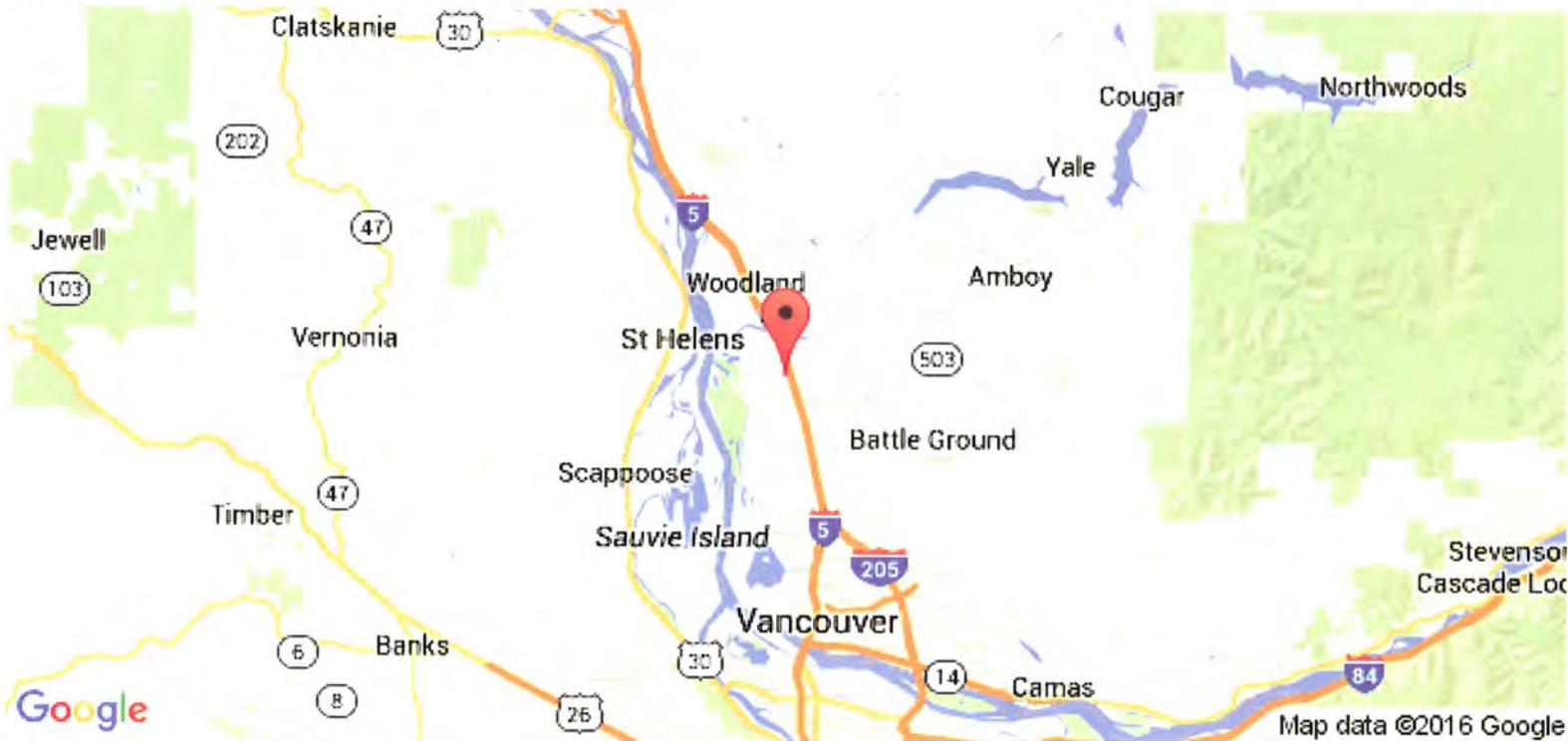
Thomas Wooldridge inside Clark County (on forum)

April 19, 2016, 7:34 AM

The old La Center Hospital, now the La Center Museum needs to be recognized for its role in serving the people of North Clark County.

Location(s)

La Center



New historic goal:

Identify, maintain, update and protect archaeological and historic sites to guide decision-making in resource planning, environmental review and resource management.

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annotations attached to the annotation section 'New historic policy 7'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 4, 2016, 10:37 PM

I think this is important to really implement the policies and goals. Plus, it is consistent with best practices for historical preservation.

New historic policy 7

§ 2.1 Provide education to county employees about cultural heritage preservation issues, including state and federal penalties for disturbance, destruction or removal of archaeological resources.

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Attendees: 46

All Annotations and Comments: 6

Minutes of Public Comment: 18

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Housing Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies and strategies in the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'New housing policy'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 4, 2016, 8:50 PM

This plan serves as a guide for our community and policies to help senior and older residents stay here and age here. I think the concepts for strategy are good and important to include in the comp plan; however, the map on Page 9 is out of date. It shows that residents in the Vancouver City Center have access to fresh food within 1/2 mile when they do NOT. The store on Main Street has been closed for some time. I believe access to fresh food is critical for the community and residents of all ages. The strategy should be about access. The maps for such a plan should be kept up to date.

This topic was about energy efficiency and indoor air quality. I see a connection, although not a direct connection with the aging readiness plan. Hope to read find and read that policy; however, in theory, it would be important for our region and for health.

New housing policy:

2.4.7 Encourage the creation of housing that is energy efficient, resource efficient and has high indoor air quality.

Housing Element

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annotations attached to the annotation section 'New strategies - age-friendly communities'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 4, 2016, 10:14 PM

Please add "access to fresh food" on number 8. Many senior communities do not have easy access to a grocery store or market with fresh food. If they can't drive or don't have easy transportation it is very difficult for them. I have met with residents at one facility in this situation, and the residents only have access every other week to fresh food with a C-Tran shuttle. It is very stressful to some of the residents to not have this access. It could be solved by better transportation options for seniors.

Location(s)

in general food areas around the county that do not have fresh food access.

New Strategies-age-friendly communities

- 1) Preserve and expand rental housing for seniors with incomes below 60 percent (established federal guidelines) of the area's median income.
- 2) Weatherize homes to reduce energy costs. Provide information, education and assistance to moderate income households who do not qualify for the federal weatherization program but cannot afford the initial weatherization investment.
- 3) Encourage a not-for-profit organization or community land trust to purchase homes, remodel using universal design principles, then resell the homes at affordable costs. To ensure that homes remain affordable, the organization or trust could employ resale-restricted principles of shared equity ownership.
- 4) Develop a Clark County Universal Design Guide to assist homeowners in increasing the ease and flexibility of their home.
- 5) Incorporate universal design principles in Clark County's building code review process.
- 6) Facilitate the development of Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) - by exempting them from site plan review. Consider exempting ADUs from TIFs and PITs, if age-restricted to 62 plus.
- 7) Allow more flexibility in the creation of duplexes by allowing them in all ^{single family} zones.
- 8) Encourage new developments of senior housing to be within 1/2 mile of transit, services & retail amenities.
- 9) Allow cohousing to be developed in single family residential zones.
- 10) Allow assisted living facilities in single family residential zones as a conditional use.
- 11) Develop a shared housing program.

Housing Element

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annotations attached to the annotation section 'New strategy - Diverse housing types'

Hector Hinojosa inside Clark County (on forum)

May 10, 2016, 8:53 PM

Please add small square foot homes, even down to 200 sq. ft to allow for those folks that do not need wasted space to live. Mobile homes are currently allowed, homes do not need to be "Mobile" or expensive for folks to live comfortably.

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 4, 2016, 10:24 PM

I think zoning that supports diverse housing types is very important inside the UGA where services are available. The impact on the roads, schools, facilities outside the UGA needs to be considered before downzoning parcels. Already, some of the roads in the north county are dangerous to drive on, let alone walk or ride a bike or ride a horse. When I was young, visiting my grandparents ranch/farm, we could ride the horses off the property and follow the roads to other areas where we had access to open land. It would be crazy to try to do that today.

Driving some of the roads in North County can be very scary with speeds and the narrowness. And, just trying to cross some of the east-west routes to get to a neighbors is like taking my life in my hands.

I could see allowing accessory dwelling units under certain conditions, like for a farm hand or employee, i.e., someone who is frequently at the property, not for someone who is commuting out of the rural area to the city to work.

But overall, I think affordable housing can be achieved by supporting diverse housing and allowing for denser zoning within the UGAs.

Name not available (unverified)

April 29, 2016, 10:03 PM

We absolutely need to open up possibilities of other types of housing. Rooming houses were zoned out of existence. They were the housing of choice in their era for people starting out in the working world as well as for many in the final years of their lives. The concept that every person should be able to have an entry level job and afford their own apartment is unrealistic. We need to encourage micro units, ADU's and small rooming houses.

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

April 14, 2016, 7:27 PM

Need more parcels available for housing in the rural and resource areas. Need to acknowledge the citizens that desire a rural lifestyle. This also supports the county trend towards smaller, intensely managed farms on 5 acres, and small-lot family owned tree farms on 5 & 10 acres. (per the USDA 2012 Census of Agriculture, Clark County profile, & 5 acres of trees in the Dept. of Revenue Current Use Taxation Program).

Rural/resource/residential parcels of 2.5 & 5 acres provide opportunities for avid gardeners, home-grown

Housing Element

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orchards, and recognizes the needs of the county's robust equestrian and 4-H communities. These elements aren't included in the Growing Healthier Report, yet are long-established elements in the county's rural character. This report leaves much to be desired.

New Strategy - Diverse housing types

- 1) Change zoning to allow more areas to support diverse housing types, including small-lot single-family, multi-family, duplexes, Accessory dwelling units, cottages and co-housing.

Proposed Clustering Requirements for Resource Lands (AG-10 and FR-20)

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Minutes of Public Comment: 45

This topic started on April 29, 2016, 4:15 PM.

Proposed Clustering Requirements for Resource Lands (AG-10 and FR-20)

What do you think about the proposed clustering requirement for Resource Lands for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update?

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 12:04 PM

I urge you to allow FR-40 parcels to be divided into 2 FR-20 parcels without requiring a cluster development process. Clusters are a great option for the correct situation, but should not be applied to a simple FR-40 to FR-20 conversion. The FR-20 designation is great opportunity to increase the number of small tree farms which can be a great place to raise a family. The cluster requirement would drive up the cost without reducing the number of lots and make it more difficult for people of modest means to enjoy the rural lifestyle.

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 10:18 AM

How does the current 2007 Comp Plan compare to the county zoning, established by the first comp plan in 1979? The complaints regarding the county's plan seem to have less to do with what the county has "DONE to land owners" and more about GMA in general. Perhaps those complaints are best taken up with the legislature in Olympia.

The county is required to followed the rules and laws of GMA, which require encouraging, supporting, conserving, enhancing, protecting resource land. In 1994, when the AG-FOR designation was reclassified to RURAL (mostly Rural 10 and Rural 20), the county lost A LOT of valuable resource land, much of it suitable for resource use, as can be seen on soil maps. A stakeholder group now complains that rural owners lost rights in 1994, when so much of the rural area was already designated farm and forest in 1979 as compared to the 2007 plan. Large areas were zoned Rural Farm for 10-20 acres. From 1982 - 1992, the county lost 52,000 acres of farm land. Since 1992, the county has lost another 30,000 acres. How much is too much?

There is a permanent, mainstream trend toward support of local agriculture and local food systems and the county has no agricultural strategy to support that trend or to promote agriculture in the county. What is the justification for these cluster provisions and how does it align with GMA to promote, encourage, conserve resource land?

Yes, WAC 365-196-815 (3)(b)(ii) allows for Cluster zoning; however, these innovative techniques are intended to "assure the conservation of agricultural lands." Since 1994, a TDR/PDR strategy has been listed in the comp plan and it has never been done; yet, now this council wants to allow for clusters (or even straight splits to 10 acres on AG), how does that conserve and promote agriculture? Please show county residents the vision/strategy that supports this move.

1 Supporter

Kevin Cornelsen inside Clark County (on forum)

May 10, 2016, 10:40 PM

I am disgusted with the way the way this new 5 Commissioners are acting. Are you looking after rural land owners? Obviously not! Your actions have restricted us to be wise stewards of our property and eventually be able to sell it to help us in our retirement years. We have paid taxes and kept up the place for what? To allow the county to steal our land and do what ever you want with it and we do not have a voice. To be very frank your current proposed plan stinks. The proposed plan that Commissioner Madore and Mielke proposed was fair and

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equitable for the rural landowner but the proposed plan now is just wrong. It makes me want to sell and get out of this county.

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 10, 2016, 2:19 PM

Alternative 4 has been proven to be unacceptable by professionals both within and outside of Clark County. CCCU continues to drive Alt. 4, not as a matter of "property rights" but as a matter of profit driven greed. Infrastructure, schools and natural resources cannot and will not withstand the effects implemented by by Alt. 4.

Ralph Warren inside Clark County (on forum)

May 9, 2016, 7:47 PM

I am opposed to clustering in the resource lands.

I would suggest that *Alt 4* be brought back to the board for serious consideration and review.

Please consider the comments from CCCU. They have done very extensive research and presented testimony before the board that deserves your diligent consideration.

Name not available (unclaimed)

May 8, 2016, 9:07 PM

Regarding the fifth comment on this subject that begins "Considering that no more ag or forest land is being "created," the person who wrote this and the two that currently support it are exceptionally uninformed.

According to the current Major Uses of Land report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, slightly less than three percent of the total land mass of the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii, is taken up by where people live, including those people who live in rural areas. This is the only organization that does such a land use report, and it is easy to find on the internet.

****We are not even close to running out of land for agriculture or forests or any other use.****

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And there is no reason for Washington state, or any state, to have urban growth boundaries arbitrarily drawn around areas where most people live that prohibit development outside of them. This is the primary cause of unaffordable housing.

Marilynn Christopher inside Clark County (on forum)

May 6, 2016, 5:32 PM

I am very much in favor of allowing cluster subdivisions. We did the Daybreak Demesne cluster subdivision 20 years ago, and that was the smartest thing Clark County did. A cluster subdivision allows manageable larger lots for the homeowners, (5 acres is often unmanageable) yet maintains open space; the subdivision in self policing (neighborhood watch), and the neighbors take great pride in keeping up their property!!

1 Supporter

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 6, 2016, 3:42 PM

My family and I do not support the proposed clustering and resource land management in the current comprehensive growth management plan. It does absolutely nothing for me...nor the rest of the rural citizens in Clark County. Please listen to CCCU as they have done plenty of research and have legally guided the councilors on the "Preferred Alternative 4", before it was shut down by the some "Socialist" Councilors. It's time to listen to what the rural citizens of Clark County want, not what the Councilor's think rural citizens should get!

Name not shown inside Clark County (unverified)

May 6, 2016, 3:05 PM

The cluster development requirement remainder parcel in this proposal for AG 10 is too large at 85% or greater. We have 20 acres, with one house on it currently.

This cluster requirement is a sham - it won't allow us to divide the property into two 10 acre parcels or or to sell

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even one lot, which we need to do in order to be financially stable in our retirement.

This ties our hands and strips away our property rights.

At a minimum, the cluster remainder needs to be 50% to be a viable solution.

In addition, clusters should be optional, not mandatory.

If mandatory, this would require us to draw a 1 acre plot around our existing house, and give the county the control over our 19 remainder acres.

This is not acceptable.

It appears to be a government land grab.

Tom Franzel outside Clark County (on forum)

May 6, 2016, 2:43 PM

Many people with so-called "Resource Land" have had this designation shoved down their throats via "downzoning," after they purchased their property, and without reasonable compensation, as should be the uniform process in a civilized country with rule of law and a sensible, equitable and just eminent domain policy (which almost any reasonable person cannot oppose, per se--i.e. it is only seizure w/o compensation, which should be opposed by all ethical persons, and which generally is not opposed by so-called conservation groups.). Those who oppose clustering for previously downzoned people are frequently either ignorant--historically--of how the current zoning--or down-zoning, came into being, or else they do not care that the property values of their neighbors have been confiscated or stolen for the "public benefit" or simply to make eye candy for themselves, so long as they do not have to pay any part of the real cost themselves. Such people seem to lack the normal ethical compass which might compensate for such historical ignorance, an ignorance which seems very widespread because disseminating this history never seems to be a part of public policy, and is rarely mentioned by planners.

Name not available (unclaimed)

May 6, 2016, 2:28 PM

Many people with so-called "Resource Land" had this designation shoved down their throats via "downzoning" with compensation, as should be the process in a civilized country with rule of law and a sensible eminent domain policy. Those who oppose clustering are frequently either ignorant of how the current zoning came into being or do not care that property values have been essential stolen to make eye candy for neighbors without any ethical compasses which might compensate for their ignorance.

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 4, 2016, 1:22 PM

we are opposed to the proposed policies contained in the rural and natural resource element and the transportation element. There is no new land being made and we who have been in the county for tens of years and taking care of our property we own and pay taxed on, we are not in favor of the outrageous policies that are being shoved down our throats. Please listen to the CCCU people.

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

April 30, 2016, 12:39 PM

Proposed Clustering Requirements for Resource Lands (AG-10 and FR-20)

What do you think about the proposed clustering requirement for Resource Lands for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update?

Considering that no more ag or forest land is being "created", Clark County needs to take proactive stands to insure that agricultural land - whether high or moderate or even poor quality - be carefully protected from development and its agricultural /forest status remain. Look to Europe. A land mass smaller than the USA, inhabited densely by humans for 1000's of years. They still have farmland and, even more surprisingly, woodlands, throughout each country. Americans are too used to the idea that there is always more open land and space - that it is inexhaustible - when used up, just move on. Sadly, this is not true. We continue to build buildings and cities over the finest agricultural lands and forests. This needs to stop. Protect as much ag land as possible in Clark County. Future generations require it. Please enact rules that keep ag and forest land as such - make changing their zoning and use be one of the hardest - next to impossible - changes to be made in our county and we'll have a wonderful place for future generations to live in, as well.

5 Supporters

Rural and Natural Resource Element

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Rural and Natural Resource Element

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annotations attached to the annotation section 'How to annotate'

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 5:51 PM

In a study featured in a recent article in The Columbian, researchers found that "people who had the most vegetation within 800 feet of their homes had a 12% lower rate of mortality from any non-accidental cause than people living in less green places." We need policies that make it easier and more affordable for people to live in rural areas on small acreage home sites. Living close to nature can be both mentally and physically healthy and should not be restricted to just wealthy people.

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 9, 2016, 2:16 PM

In general, the revisions in the Rural Element do a good job at separating the resource and rural classifications. However, there is a policy inconsistency. The Ag land section addresses promoting and encouraging Ag use and even mentions innovation ways to do this, such as TDRs or PDRs. These points should be linked back to the Rural lands as well. The Rural lands goal is to maintain rural character and serve as residential outside the UGA. I think it is and should be described as more than that. Many land owners in the rural areas are using their lands for resource purposes. Why not add "innovative resource use, and resource buffering" to the goals? The addition of such goals is also consistent with current use programs that should be encouraged throughout the rural area. The value of making this link is to recognize the interdependence of the soils and water in these areas. Good farm land does not stop at Ag 20 or 10. Noting the innovative resource use can open up possibilities for more options to rural land owners.

In the AG section, land trades are mentioned as a means for consolidation of resource land ownership. Such trades might also be beneficial to link parcels for Ag use and release Ag land for other rural use. Therefore, and trades should be mentioned in the rural land section to allow for programs that support the better connection and availability of Ag land. The Ag section also mentions TDRs and PDRs. Because there is some very good soil in some of the rural areas that could be weaved into adjacent lands where some of the other soils are not so good, those are exactly the kind of innovative programs to support more options for landowners or managers to identify and develop incentives for resource use.

AG is getting a lot of attention and interest in the rural areas. This direction will continue with good planning and support of the county. Don't kill what could be the basic resource of a whole food system industry in Clark County!

Name not available (unclaimed)

May 8, 2016, 9:12 PM

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Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

April 30, 2016, 7:27 AM

Lots of sour grapes by a small number of people who didn't get their way. Alt 4 was opposed by every city in the

Rural and Natural Resource Element

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county. No sympathy for the handful of individuals who wanted short term benefits over the long term benefits to ALL of Clark County residents, cities, businesses. CCCU have had their tantrum because they didn't get their way. The county employees did their jobs well and should not be criticized. Part of the problem was how brutally the previous board handled the GMA. The CCCU volunteered THEIR time on Alt 4. That's good but doesn't guarantee you get what you want. If the CCCU was promised they'd get the results they wanted that raises questions of ethics. Clark County has already paid \$250,000 recently over a question of ethics by a board member. The same board member is yet again named in a complaint. Alt 4 has directly and indirectly cost the county too much money.

John Ley inside Clark County (on forum)

April 25, 2016, 10:32 AM

Overall, I'm outraged that rural land owners needs and desires were ignored by the planning commission, by the county staff, and ultimately 3 of the 5 current Councilors.

Alternative 4 was not perfect, but it was the only choice that sought to reverse the harm created by the original GMA plan over 20 years ago.

Nobody in their right mind believes making minimum lot sizes BIGGER for Rural, for Ag, for Forest lots, will make rural life styles more "affordable" for young people, or those with lower incomes.

You're HURTING the rural families you're supposed to be helping.

All the cities got almost everything they wanted, in BOTH Alternative 3 and in Alternative 4. The difference, is that Alternative 3 did NOTHING for rural land owners. How sad that government is serving the cities, but ignoring rural land owners under the mistaken guise of "protecting" rural lifestyles and lands.

Susan Rasmussen inside Clark County (on forum)

April 18, 2016, 6:54 PM

The 2016 comprehensive plan update should acknowledge the latest updates as written in the Dept. of Revenue, Current Use Taxation program. That program now recognizes a minimum of 5 acres of trees, and a forestry management program to enable entitlement of the current use taxation benefits. The majority of Clark County forested land is privately owned. A forestry zone of 6 acres would be most beneficial to those landowners. The rural alternative 4 plan is the plan that best aligns with the intentions of the current use forestry taxation program.

Carolyn Crain inside Clark County (on forum)

April 17, 2016, 6:10 PM

I think the voted on alternative to the gma that the full 5 council board took with the new language for clustering and some smaller rural, ag and forest lots is so perfect I almost could not have done better myself. Thank you all for the hard work!

Rural and Natural Resource Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Rural and Natural Resource Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

5 comments

Name not available (on forum) April 28, 2016, 2:00 AM

That the new 5-council board could possibly educate themselves on the complicated aspects of this plan, determining our county's character for the next 20 years, in so little time is amazing--especially when considering the three years it took of work, study and planning of the former board. Carolyn, like most of those in the urban areas, has a perspective that considers that she and this present majority board, can and should determine what is best for those in the rural areas of our county. The animosity of many in the urban areas to those in the rural areas is creating grievous disturbances for all in this county. Respect for the desires of the hard-working rural land owners has about disappeared, if it was ever evident. This disrespect is shown here in the refusal of the present majority councilors to accept the requests of the rural residents to ameliorate this current Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. This is creating great dissension, division, and acrimony throughout the populace as evidenced in the treatment of the chair to other members of the council. This certainly is not tolerance and respect of others' opinions. The councilors need to start from the beginning, spend considerably more time in investigation and research if they desire to overthrow at least two or three years' work, and treat one another with deference and esteem. That would be very refreshing! Therefore, my suggestion: halt this move to reject and rescind Alternative 4 without deliberation and citizen input.

Carolyn Crain (on forum) May 2, 2016, 10:40 AM

Your statement that urban residents are hostile (animosity) is not accurate with regards to me. I was in the hearings and there were many rural residents who did not want to see alt 4 passed. I made statements regarding the fact that the lands do not belong to "us" as in the county but rather to the people who own them. It is my opinion that the gma needs reviewed for its purposes at the state level in order to solve these issues. Until then the plan approved by the 5 person council is in my opinion a good one considering the law. An attack on me and my neighbors does not further endear you, nameless you, anonymous you, to the community at large frankly and is not the purpose of this county communication forum.

Heidi Owens (on forum) May 9, 2016, 12:20 PM

"name not available," I agree this comp plan process has been a difficult one; however, I disagree that urbanites have animosity and disrespect hard-working rural land owners. As an urban resident I have great appreciation for the efforts in the rural areas regarding agriculture and/or forestry practices. I can't think of anyone who does not. I too wish the councilor a had more time. What is important to note is the guidelines for a comp plan are not decided by planners, land owners or city dwellers. It is guided by the statutes of the Growth Management Act. This county has no real plan or policy to guide the resource lands or industries in the county; hence, it comes down to a feeling of intolerance when there are no options for rural owners. Perhaps it is time for residents to focus on common interests and how change can come within the flexibility of GMA.

And Carolyn Crain is right about addressing complaints with GMA in Olympia.

Name not available (unclaimed) April 29, 2016, 5:11 PM

Alternate 4 was added late, caused the county staff extra work to get it completed in time. There was no need to create a 4th option. A small, vocal number of people want alt 4 while every city and a majority of people don't. Alt 4 is not a viable option for the county as it was voted down by a majority of the board. No more county time or money should be wasted on this.

Name not available (on forum) May 10, 2016, 1:39 AM

Rural and Natural Resource Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Rural and Natural Resource Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

Okay, we all know that there have been two ladies studying this comp plan for years, doing research and finding court decisions that no one within the county talks about, and probably doesn't even want to know. Carol and Susan are the EXPERTS! Talking to them for even a short while proves this.

The county staff has been resistant to any of their suggestions for years despite the documentation. These two speak for the landowners in the rural areas and they have gotten nothing but resistance until Mr. Madore started listening to them and studying what they turned into the council. Those are the facts so far and I support them and their efforts to bring fairness to the rural landowners with Alternative 4. Growth Management means management of growth, not restrictions on growth or denial of growth as Kapinski, and some of his people, would like. That is required by the court. It will either take place as the rural land owners want, as individual property owners are allowed to subdivide for family members, or it will happen as it has with "clustering", a way to conform to GMA without considering the property owners. Remember these people have spent tons of their money fighting this county's interpretation of GMA, not the GMA itself, if you read the court documents. It is most definitely an ideological war between the liberal/progressive elements and the conservationist/conservatives working to keep Clark County beautiful and well-cared for. These property owners do us a great service and yet the urban liberals demand acquiesce, bow the knee!, and the current majority on the county board is their mouthpiece and determiner, no matter what the rural people cry out for! Alternative 4 should be seriously considered and not rejected out of hand as was done.

Rural and Natural Resource Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Rural and Natural Resource Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'Forest Lands - clustering'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 8:15 AM

GMA statutes require counties to conserve, encourage, support, promote, sustain resource use on resource and. Just because some parcels were of smaller size in 1994 when designation occurred does not mean they are not legal lots. There are totally legal, designated forest land. The council should follow GMA and seek to encourage the parcels' designated use, regardless of size. A case has not been made for additional housing needs in the rural area; therefore, I do not see the value of this cluster provision of Forest lands.

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

April 14, 2016, 1:18 PM

Encourage and provide incentives for cluster divisions in the new AG-10 and FR-20 zones

1 comment

Susan Rasmussen (on forum) April 19, 2016, 7:24 AM

Exactly how many new lots may have the potential for creation? The AG and FR zones are predominantly 5 acre lots already on the ground. If the cluster development ordinance is linked to density, will those folks have the opportunity to cluster? Why not create AG 5, FR 10 and FR 5 zones to more accurately acknowledge the historical patterns of lot development, and be more aligned with the state current use taxation programs for agriculture and forestry use? The intent of the current use taxation program is to keep those resources viable for the land owners. The resource lands haven't had a good analysis in over 22 years. Clark County farming is composed of small farms, avid home gardeners, and many horse ranches. For the most part, the forest lands are already 5 acre, family-owned wood lots.

Forest Lands - clustering

3.4.4. Clustering of parcels is allowed consistent with platting and zoning requirements and the Clark County Code.

Rural and Natural Resource Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Rural and Natural Resource Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'Agriculture Lands clustering'

Sue Marshall inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 10:06 PM

The preferred alternative disproportionately impacts agricultural lands with an additional 842 land divisions above the 2007 comp plan. This is not justified by the planning assumptions and undermines the long term economic viability of agriculture in Clark County by making farm land prohibitively expensive and creating economic dis-incentives to retain the land in farming. Clustering would create significant conflicts with agricultural activities. It is not wise to mix residential right next to farming activities. I thought the intention with rural buffer lands was to create a buffer to farming activities. Creating residential lots right next to agriculture contradicts this. Any proposed clustering needs to comply with the GMA with no clustering occurring on prime agricultural lands.

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 9, 2016, 2:31 PM

Question: Does the county need more potential homesites in the rural area to meet the OFM projections and planning assumptions? Second, why would resource land be the appropriate place to put them when GMA clearly states policies should minimize conflicts? Are there not already conflicts on cluster/remainder lot parcels in the county?

This cluster provision adds an additional 985 home sites when there are an additional 2,200 over and above the projected need WITHOUT this cluster provision. Using County averages, that means that the CURRENT availability in the rural area can accommodate 45% more residents than projected for the 20 year period ($2204 \text{ parcels} * 2.66 \text{ persons} / 12859 \text{ projected} = 45.6\%$).

What is the justification for these cluster provisions? Rather than further breaking up AG land, I would encourage the county to introduce AG production zones or AG protection overlays and follow GMA to encourage, promote and support resource use.

The county has had TDR/PDR strategy in their comprehensive plan since 1994, where is it? How can you go back to the growth board and the courts asking for further development on resource land, when there have the board has not directed any strategies to promote productive agriculture or allow for development rights to be transferred/purchased?

As long as there is a push to develop this land, prices will stay high. Plus, with the need for septic and potentially weeks, homes on these clusters will not be "affordable."

Susan Rasmussen inside Clark County (on forum)

April 30, 2016, 11:05 AM

If the cluster ordinance is going to be dependent on density and conformance to the zone size; then very few new lots will have opportunity to develop. Less than 7% of the FR-40 zones conform to their zone size. For the most part, they are already 5 acre small wood lots.

Nancy Schultz inside Clark County (on forum)

April 16, 2016, 8:30 AM

Rural and Natural Resource Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Rural and Natural Resource Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

Much more preferable to minimizing parcels to one and one and a half acres for dense housing development as under the defunct Alt 4. Nancy Schultz

Agriculture Lands - clustering

3.5.4 Clustering of parcels is allowed consistent with platting and zoning requirements and the Clark County Code.

Title 40 - Unified Development Code

What do you think about the changes proposed for Title 40 primarily related to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Preferred Alternative?

All Annotations sorted chronologically

As of May 12, 2016, 8:31 AM



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Title 40 - Unified Development Code

What do you think about the changes proposed for Title 40 primarily related to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Preferred Alternative?

As of May 12, 2016, 8:31 AM, this forum had:

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All Annotations and Comments: 4

Minutes of Public Comment: 12

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Title 40 - Unified Development Code

What do you think about the changes proposed for Title 40 primarily related to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Preferred Alternative?

annotations attached to the annotation section '40.210.010 Forest, Agriculture and Ag-Wildlife'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 9:52 PM

WAC 365-196-815(1)(b)(i) " Development regulations must prevent conversion to a use that removes land from resource production. Development regulations must not allow a primary use of agricultural resource lands that would convert those lands to nonresource purposes."

A straight AG-10 split will not ensure resource use. Cluster lots while allowed are in the context to "assure the conservation of agricultural land." See WAC 365-196-815(3)(a), which further states: "Any nonagricultural uses allowed should be limited to lands with poor soils or lands otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes." Therefore, if the county is going to allow clusters on resource land, it should be on the portion of land that is closest to a road and that is not suitable for resource use.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 3, 2016, 6:15 PM

I would like to offer a strong support for the change from FR-40 to FR-20. Small tree farms are very important to quality-of-life for many rural residents and this change will open up this option for more people. It will help keep more tree farms in families rather than gravitating toward fewer numbers of larger landowners. These small tree farms are typically managed for multiple uses by people who care about the land and the communities.

1 comment

Name not available (unclaimed) May 11, 2016, 9:48 PM

Upzoning resource land is not a strategy that protects natural resources - just the opposite. Ag land prices will be prohibitively expensive for anyone interested in farming, incnet development and land speculation and undermine long term economic viability of agriculture in Clark County. AG-20 zoning should be retained.

Title 40 - Unified Development Code

What do you think about the changes proposed for Title 40 primarily related to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Preferred Alternative?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'Title 40.260.157 Parks'

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 9:18 AM

The county needs to look at revenue streams for maintenance and support of parks. This part of the capital facilities plan is not available on Engage Clark County.

In fact so much of the capital facilities plan is not up for comment -

Can the community really afford the plan we have?

Transportation Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

All Annotations sorted chronologically

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Transportation Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

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All Annotations and Comments: 5

Minutes of Public Comment: 15

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Transportation Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'How to annotate'

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 6, 2016, 2:02 PM

Has the county adopted a Complete Streets Policy? If not, the county may be losing out on the opportunity to receive funding from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board in recognition of unique projects including ADA improvements in Clark County.

Transportation Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'New Transportation policy 1'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 8:54 PM

I think it is important to introduce alternative and multi-modal transportation options into the comp plan to ensure planning is being done now for the future. Certainly following the bicycle and pedestrian plan will be important, and I support this policy.

What I wonder and there is no place to comment is why policy 5.1.2 from the 2007 plan was completely removed. This was the policy to coordinate with high capacity transit plans. Just because a minority of voters voted down light rail in Clark County does not mean that will always be the case. This comp plan should still include coordination with other high capacity transit modes. It is about interface. Clark county does not reside in a bubble, and planning for the means to coordinate with other HCT now means that when the county residents want HCT they interface will be there.

Without it, I just have to wonder, what will residents say about the legislative decisions of the county council in 50 or 100 years that they ignored the future needs of residents?

What is the harm in coordinating?

New transportation policy 1:

5.2.6 The 2010 Clark County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and its policies are included by reference in the comprehensive plan.

Transportation Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'New Transportation policy 6'

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 8:58 PM

This system is helpful to commuters. However, the term coordination here is about linking operations. It is not the same as coordinating for different multi-modal transportation options to improve services at all levels throughout the region. Just wanted to make that clear for those councilors who might say we have coordination in the plan.

New transportation policy 6:

5.3.7 The county shall provide seamless arterial corridor operations between agencies and use common TSMO technology for signal coordination along multi-agency arterial corridors.

Transportation Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'New Transportation policy 8'

Name not shown inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 9:06 PM

After seeing horrific fatalities in the past couple of years from distracted, impaired drivers, it is a matter of community health and safety that enforcement and education be stressed in the area. I am so saddened by the loss and hardship to families and victims of these unnecessary incidents. Thank you for adding this.

New Transportation policy 8:

5.5.5 Clark County supports strong education and enforcement that helps reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries due to distracted drivers.

Transportation Element

What do you think about the proposed new policies in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan?

annotations attached to the annotation section 'New Transportation policy 9'

Heidi Owens inside Clark County (on forum)

May 11, 2016, 9:02 PM

YES!! YES, YES!!

There might be funds now for the next 6 years; however, the county has a huge deficit when it comes to our transportation needs. New development needs to pay to support the facilities for the new development. There will still be plenty to pay for by everybody. This is a matter of fairness, those who are here have enough to support (unfunded parks, current road expansions, a new I-5 bridge, and much more), we should not have to pay everything for new development as well. We need the traffic impact fees to be paid!

New Transportation policy 9 :

5.6.5 A proportionate share of funding for growth related roadway projects shall be obtained from Traffic Impact Fees.

