

# Public comments received

**Subject:** For Your Consideration

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**From:** Anon

**To:** Todd Johnson

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Dear Todd,

I have struggled to write this letter, as I am not originally from the area. I moved to Chehalis in Jan. 2021, seeking a slower pace and working the land like how I was raised in Pennsylvania. I fell in love with the area and the people, but my greatest love is the land I live on. I am located beside the Bishop Road parcels 0117857003006 and 017857003005 on what used to be the Hope Dairy farm. I have put a lot of money into my 1910 house, updating the original electric and plumbing as well as new insulation and a heat pump. I consider myself a steward of the property, growing vegetables, tending and expanding the orchard I planted, and raising chickens. The field beside me is home to geese, ducks, hawks, and even the occasional bald eagle.

Since moving here, I have joined such a special community. I earned my Master Gardener certification over the course of last year and volunteer every week at Borst Park with the Lewis County Master Gardeners. I have befriended so many of my neighbors and am incredibly grateful for their support when battling with my health for the better part of last year. I have learned the true power of community, and I love sharing bread, eggs, and the produce I've grown with those around me.

I am an economist by trade, and I know that economic growth is inevitable. Heck, I'm part of the reason why it's happening in Chehalis. So my request is not to spare the land beside me but to develop it with care. It doesn't make sense to absorb that land into the city just to build an industrial park like it's currently zoned. I would like to live among more people and help to strengthen the growing community in my area. Thank you for your time and consideration!

All the best,  
Cat Varner

P.S. Does this mean I can get on city sewer?

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To: City of Chehalis, Community Development Department  
Attn: Todd Johnson  
RE: Notice of Application for Comprehensive Plan Map Amendments

As a longtime resident of Lewis County, I find myself affected by land use change and urban sprawl. I know that laws and regulations are in place to further this process. I doubt that I can offer any new insight to the process, but feel compelled to offer my perspective. Most of my concern is directed toward the Newaukum Golf Course, surrounding properties, and the Breen property. The north portion of the Breen property is wetlands, the south end field is in the flood plain. I know that laws and rules are in place for protections for both wetlands and floodplain areas. My question? Who is going to hold the people doing the expansion accountable? I have seen property in this local area with wetlands and floodplain issues overburdened with fill. I propose that the Chehalis Community Development Department take a pause and think about a few more of these concerns.

1. Has the City of Chehalis considered the effects of urban sprawl and is the City using acreage that it already has access too?
2. Is a proper storm water plan implemented in the area with high density housing?
3. Are there plenty of natural and public resources available?
  - a. Water for continued growth
  - b. Sewer hookup to city system
  - c. Power
  - d. Police. Is the current police force capable of increased area population?
  - e. Fire Protection. Will the new development have hydrant resources?
  - f. Schools
  - g. Roads, the current roads are rural access, not built for heavy traffic.
  - h. Parks

There is no single solution to slow the conversion of our rural and agricultural land to other uses, but partnerships and collaboration with outside interests are key. No one is going to save our rural landscape and agricultural land if people don't value it.

Regards,

Tracy Spencer