

Our community needs so many changes and I ask you to please consider protecting our health and provide more housing. My daughter Laura suffered non-Hodgkins Lymphoma—cancer from pesticides and too many also suffer from adequate housing for low income citizens. For efforts to change this is appreciated!

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OUR COMMUNITY, OUR RIGHT TO DECIDE

Support the Oregon Community Rights Constitutional Amendment – Please co-sponsor this critical legislation

Communities like ours need this fundamental change to allow us to protect our health, safety, and welfare from harmful corporate practices

The Community Rights Amendment would empower people and their local governments with the authority to enact local laws that protect the rights of people, communities, and their natural environments over the interests of private corporations.

This right of local community self-government has been part of the American tradition since the country's founding. And protecting it in our Oregon

Lane County Board of Commissioners Meeting of May 21, 2019

Comments on Item 12, Public Works, Collard Lake Road

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First, we want to say that we're encouraged by the County's response and we really appreciate the commitment to taking care of the emergency repair of the big hole and culvert area. A recent house fire near the end of the road prompted comments from the fire crews that they had to drive their equipment off of the pavement to negotiate the precarious corner there.

Collard Lake Road actually held up very well for many years and only started to deteriorate when the heavy-truck traffic started. By that, I'm referring to the heavy water trucks during the time when Chapman Road failed, and the heavy log trucks also used the road.

Also, as we understand it, the maintenance that was **not** done, particularly cutting down the leaning trees that are threatening to cause more failures like the current one, and also encouraging stabilizing shrub growth along the banks, would all would have been automatic had this been a County Road. This maintenance, as with just about any maintenance, is always far less costly than to **not** do the maintenance and then have to repair the catastrophic failures like the one we have now. Just one more very good reason to accept Collard Lake Road into the system.

Another point is that most of Collard Lake Road is in good condition and needs no work at all, other than road-edge trimming and providing ditches.

The Board of Commissioners made a commitment 43 years ago for Collard Lake Road to become a County Road. The commitment should be honored at long last.

Thank you!

Skip & Camille Thomsen

LindaP: What can Lane County Do?

Lane County needs a Climate Action Plan with a timeline for carbon reduction in all residential and business uses. This plan will need to address topics such as:

Energy
Transportation
Waste
Consumption
Land Use
Building/Energy Efficiency
GHG Inventory & Plan for Reduction with target dates 2025, 2030, 2050
Forestry/Timber
Agriculture/Food
Carbon Sequestration
Labor/Training
Water
Adaptation/Resiliency
Emergency Preparedness
Biodiversity
Health
Fisheries
Air Quality

350 Eugene wants to see the City of Eugene, Springfield and Lane County make a commitment to 100% Renewable Energy as soon as possible. The 100% clean energy movement is **ON** all over the world – a powerful, popular vision that demands clean and efficient energy.

- In June 2017 the City of Portland and Multnomah County, OR became the first community in the Northwest to commit to a 100% clean energy transition.
- 5 states, 90 cities, 10 counties and 67 mayors from across the United States have made a commitment to 100% clean energy. A Lane County commitment to 100% renewables is a mandate for action.
- 95 major companies have made a commitment to go “100% renewable.” including Apple, Bank of America, Coca-Cola, Nestle, eBay, Facebook, Google, Johnson and Johnson, Microsoft, Nike, and Starbucks.

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!

I am also in support of the Aerial Spray Ban ballot initiative that this Board can let the people decide about their own health and safety. Please add it to 2020 Ballot!

JIM: Role of Forests in Carbon Sequestration

Forests provide a super-important service to humanity by currently removing about 25 percent of our CO₂. Reforestation and improving forest management together could remove CO₂ from the atmosphere, amounting to 18 percent of the reductions needed by 2030.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, deforestation, forest degradation, and unsustainable forest practices are major drivers of climate change. Deforestation and other land-use changes have released approximately 150 gigatons of carbon to the atmosphere since 1850, roughly one-fifth of the current atmospheric total. The contributions from forest degradation (i.e. converting real forests into tree plantations) and unsustainable practices (i.e. those that cause irreversible damage to soils) are on the rise. Globally, emissions from forest degradation have increased from 0.4 to 1.0 gigatons CO₂ per year between 1990 and 2015. In Oregon, emissions from deforestation and industrial forest practices are not monitored by any state or federal agency but are nonetheless the largest source of greenhouse gas pollution each year.

A swift transformation to sustainable forest practices that halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation has the potential to capture and store much of the excess carbon that is now fueling climate change. For example, climate scientist James E. Hansen has calculated that we can pull 100 billion tons of carbon from the air through large scale restoration of areas denuded by logging and agricultural expansion. This has the potential to reduce CO₂ concentrations by 30 parts per million by 2100, which can make all the difference as to whether humanity achieves the 2° C warming cap established by international agreements or blows past that critical threshold.