



## JEFFERSON COUNTY

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Property Owner:

Last year you returned a form indicating your interest in having the Comprehensive Plan land use designation assigned to your property changed to Agricultural Lands. For the past year the Department of Community Development (DCD) has been working on the agricultural sections of the Comprehensive Plan and the Unified Development Code (UDC) to make the County's policies and rules more supportive of commercial agriculture. The objective of this letter is to update you on our progress and to confirm that you remain interested in re-designation.

Both the Comprehensive Plan and the UDC amendments have been completed. An Open House is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 to 7:30 PM in the Spruce Room of the WSU Shold Business Park in Port Hadlock to allow you to review and discuss the changes. Handouts will be available and staff, Planning Commission members and County Commissioners will be there to answer your questions. A computer station at the Open House will be staffed to help you check your parcel number, zoning and other features of your land on the County's internet map server. This is your best time to learn about the changes to the agriculture regulations and determine if a re-designation to Agricultural Lands is for you. If you cannot make it to this Open House, we suggest you call (360-385-9407) or email ([kdriscoll@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:kdriscoll@co.jefferson.wa.us)) if you still have questions and/or visit our webpage dedicated to Agricultural Lands planning: <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/Agriculture.htm>.

When you are satisfied that you know all you need to and you wish to proceed with the re-designation, sign and submit the enclosed request to formally apply. The form you submitted last year was an indication of interest only. We will need your signed request to proceed with processing. This is a one-time-only opportunity to change your land use designation to Agricultural Lands at no cost to you with all the paperwork done by the county. Please pass the word on to others you know in the county who are practicing commercial agriculture, at any scale, who may be interested in this opportunity.

There was a much bigger, favorable response to our 2003 letter about changing to an Agricultural Lands designation than we had anticipated. We received over 100 letters of interest and they are still coming in. The review process will continue until final action by the Board of County Commissioners in December of this year.

**July 30, 2004, is the deadline for officially requesting a designation change to Agricultural Lands.**

Sincerely,

Karen Driscoll, Agricultural Lands Planning Coordinator

Enclosure