

PROTECT FARMLAND?
ADVANCED PLANNING
IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE
OR
REALISTIC PATH

I am a lifelong resident of Washington County. To pretend growth can be accommodated by just “packin’ them in” is the ideologue’s dream and the citizens’ nightmare. Growth requires space ... in Washington County it axiomatically means some farmland needs to be considered for urban uses. HB 4075 is a reasoned broadly supported move in the right direction.

WHY NOW?

If not now when? Delay will add costs and cause more farmland to be used in bad locations. Passage now will allow Hillsboro and North Plains to collaborate on long range planning. Hillsboro is moving ahead with infrastructure planning to serve the area added to the UGB by HB4078. Given that North Plains has commenced with planning for the next 20 years the infrastructure planning needs to be done in cooperation with Hillsboro. Much of the infrastructure planning will be done in the wrong way unless North Hillsboro is included in the Urban Reserve. Please consider passing HB 4075 in the 2018 legislative session.