



Whitman County Comprehensive Plan Update

Welcome!

Q1 Where do you live within Whitman County? Please indicate the nearest rural community you associate with.

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Colfax

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Pullman

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Pullman

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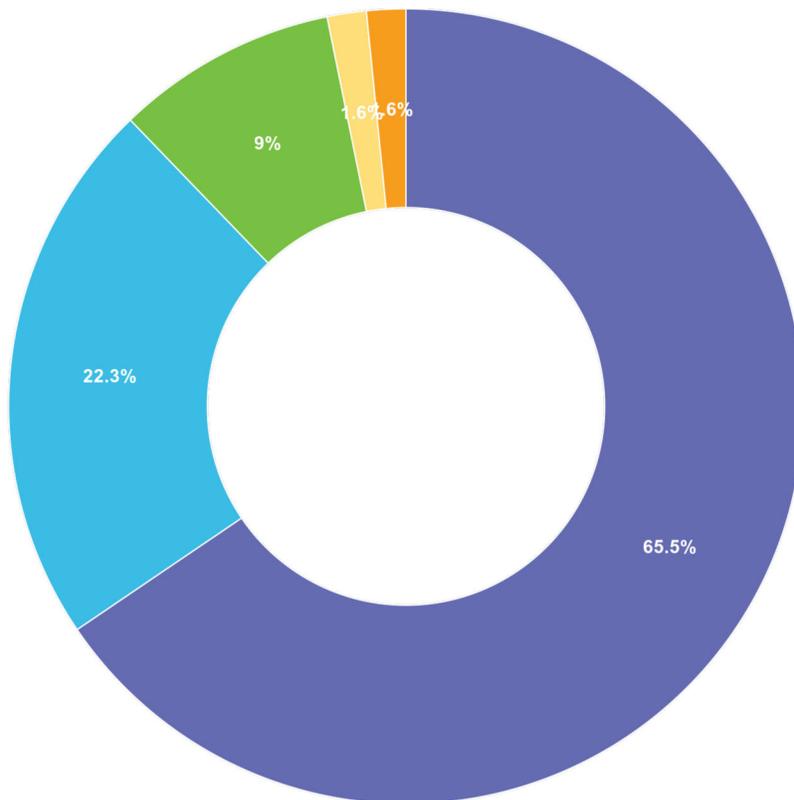
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Pullman

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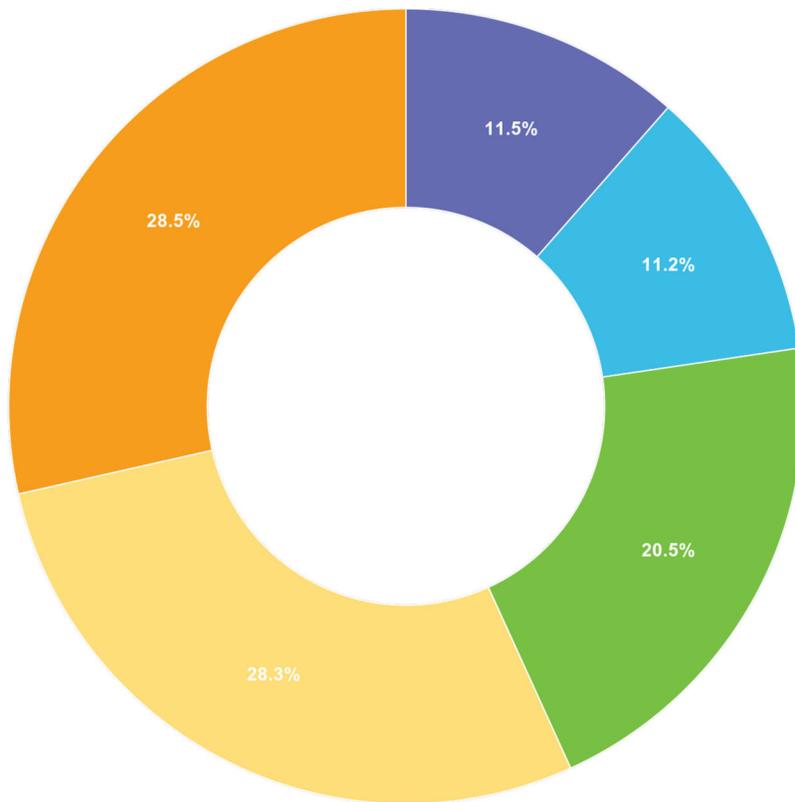
Q2 What describes the type of residence you live in?



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Choice	Total
Owner-occupied, non-farm residence	247
Owner-occupied, farm residence	84
Rental property	34
Land-owner/No Residence	6
Other	6

Q3 3. How long have you lived in Whitman County?



Answered: 375 Unanswered: 18

Choice	Total
 0 - 5 years	43
 5 - 10 years	42
 10 - 20 years	77
 20 - 39 years	106
 40 + years	107

Q4 What is your age?

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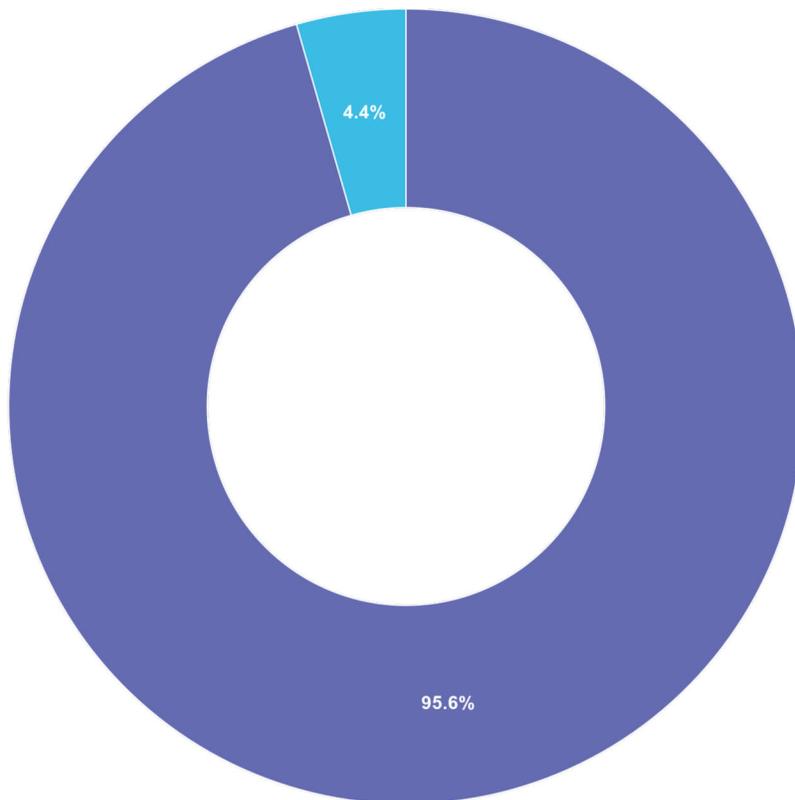
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Q5 Do you work in Whitman County or do you commute outside the County for work?



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Choice	Total
 Work within county	301
 Work outside county	14

Q6 Should agriculture remain the primary economic source of the County's economy? If not, what other sector(s)?

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No, we need to diversify into bike tourism, eco tourism and other low impact, proven economic engines to keep this county alive and thriving.

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Agriculture should remain important, but the county's economy is also based on WSU, on government employment (including schools), on other public employment (the hospital), and on several businesses that depend on technology (highlighted by SEL). The county's economy depends in significant measure on the ability of all of these businesses to attract and to retain employees.

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Tourism

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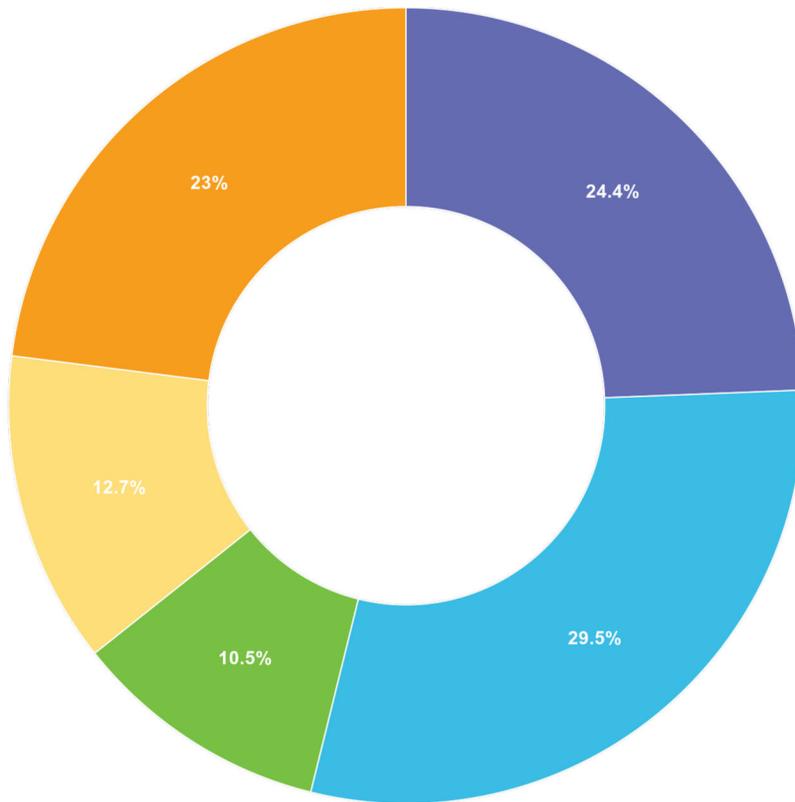
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Yes

Answered: 354 Unanswered: 39

Q7 What are your top two priorities that you believe Whitman County should focus on over the next 20 years?



Answered: 374 Unanswered: 19

Choice

Total

Choice	Total
 Preservation of agriculture	177
 Diversity of business and jobs	214
 Improved road network	76
 Education	92
 Natural resources/critical area preservation	167

Q8 How should the County allow residences within the agricultural areas? For instance, should existing rural communities (Steptoe) be the primary areas or should growth be allowed to expand outside these areas? If so, why?

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Yes, thoughtful growth should be considered. Agriculture is very important, but we should also allow these areas to grow and diversify to increase our sustainability as communities, tempt younger folks to move here and reinvigorate our economies and support the rural, Ag and natural resources we have in this area.

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The county needs to provide services to people within its borders and it can do so best by concentrating them within communities. Concentrating residences within communities also is the best way to preserve farm land.

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Keep agricultural areas for agriculture, not development. The rural character of Whitman county is what makes it special

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Residential and business expansion should be permitted adjacent to any municipality (think Pullman) in an ORDERLY fashion and with consideration of how it will affect transportation within city boundaries.

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Cost of living is obscene. But to live in a smaller community is hard with a lack of local jobs.

Answered: 330 **Unanswered:** 63

Q9 Are you supportive of the expansion of Cluster Residential zoning? Cluster zoning allows for more non-farm rural residential development while at the same time protecting the ability to continue farming and raise livestock. If so, where would you support expansion of these areas?

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Yes, I think this is a great idea. I also think more self sustaining practices should be allowed within city limits such as small chicken flocks, gardens and bike paths.

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I don't favor expanding cluster residential zoning because such residential patterns make it more difficult and more expensive for the county to provide services such as police, fire, and road maintenance to people in the county.

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No

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Oppose CR zoning in the county.

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Yes. Communities like Sunset or Diamond or Johnson are great places to live. All over, with affordable options.

Answered: 339 **Unanswered:** 54

Q10 What do you envision for the Pullman-Moscow Corridor District along SR 270 between Pullman and Moscow? It is currently zoned as a transportation and economic development corridor. Should it stay that way, or should it be zoned differently? Would this corridor be appropriate for a mixed use type of development such as multi-family residential/retail/commercial?

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Yes lets diversify and beautify this corridor. The trail is such an amazing resource and can be a wonderful way to decrease commuter traffic if housing is placed near by.

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The corridor is best left as a transportation and economic development corridor.

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Stay the same

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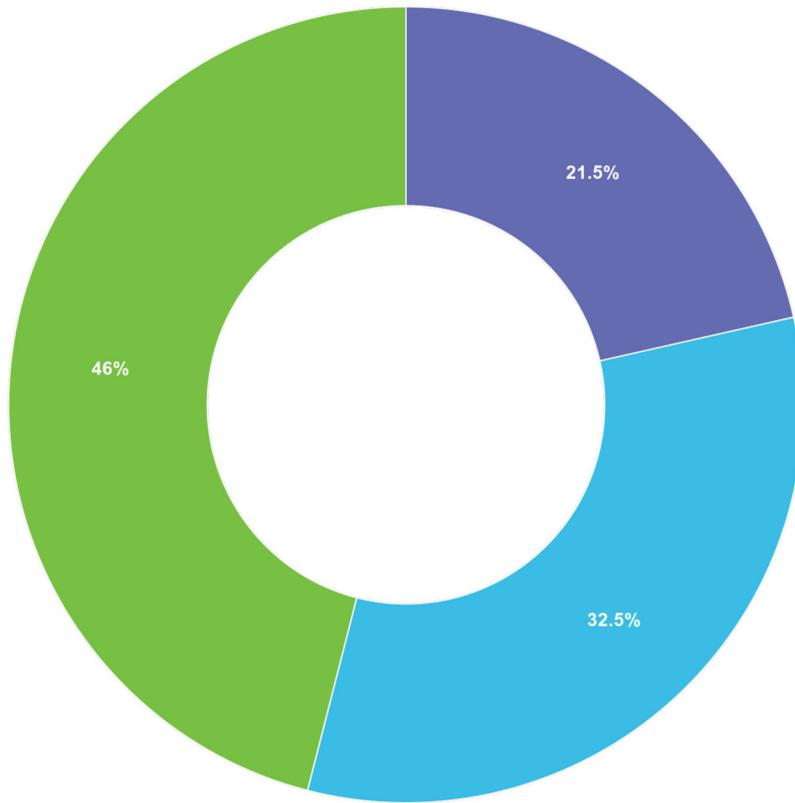
NO, especially not if it would involve ingress and egress on SR 270. Any development should be allowed only if local access to highway is by roads already connected to highway, such as Sunset.

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It should have retail, commercial and residential options.

Answered: 351 **Unanswered:** 42

Q11 Are there other areas within the County that should be rezoned to allow for more commercial/industrial uses?



Answered: 325 Unanswered: 68

Choice	Total
Yes	70
No	106
Other	150

Q12 Where should agricultural related businesses (commercial grain storage, tractor shops, etc.) be allowed?

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They seem well placed now.

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Agricultural related businesses should be allowed widely throughout the county because the need for those businesses is spread throughout the county.

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Where they are already allowed

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Close to cities and communities where access can be provided without affecting traffic on highways, etc. They should especially be forbidden where heavy/slow industrial/agricultural vehicles would impede busy highways, especially 195, 270, US 12/26.

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Wherever they think they can survive.

Answered: 302 **Unanswered:** 91

Q13 How important is increasing alternative modes of transportation (bus, biking/walking trails) to the future of Whitman County? A score of 1 representing least important, and 10 representing most important.



Answered: 369 **Unanswered:** 24

Q14 How important are parks and recreation opportunities within the County?

A score of 1 representing least important, and 10 representing most important.



Answered: 370 **Unanswered:** 23

Q15 Do you believe there are enough parks and recreation opportunities in the County?

If not, where should there be more of a focus?

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The Colfax , Albion , Pullman trail

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We have parks and recreation opportunities throughout the county. The one thing we lack is a multi-use trail from Colfax through Albion to Pullman. Such a trail would have several benefits for recreation and for commuting. It would attract tourists to the area to ride from Colfax all the way to Troy, Idaho and beyond and it would help businesses in the area attract and retain employees. It would benefit businesses in the county.

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I would like to see better pedestrian and biking opportunities through Pullman please. Safer than the patch work we now have. I would also very much like the planning in Pullman to increase pedestrian safety to public schools. In fact, I would like it very much if the city and the school would work together to encourage walking to school, simultaneously discouraging so much car traffic to the schools. It's a nightmare.

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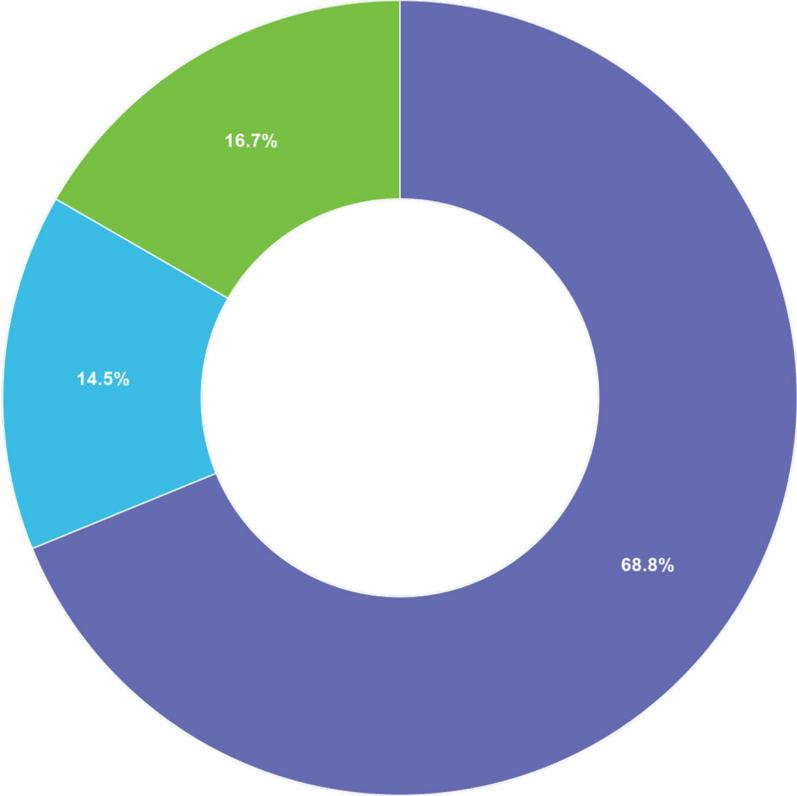
There are not enough parks and recreation opportunities in the County, especially as the population grows.

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No. Need more trails, obviously.

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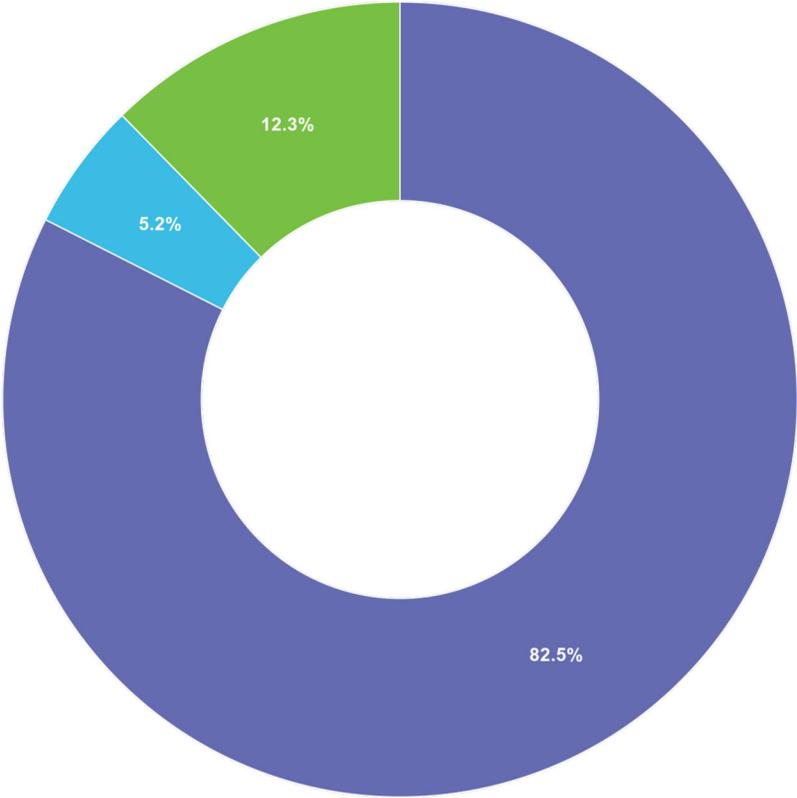
Q16 Do you support rails to trails initiatives (i.e. multi-use trail between Colfax and Pullman)?



Answered: 372 Unanswered: 21

Choice	Total
Yes	256
No	54
Other	62

Q17 Is preservation of natural resources (quarries, Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lands) important to the future of the County?



Answered: 365 Unanswered: 28

Choice	Total
Yes	301
No	19
Other	45

Q18 Do you support renewable energy, such as solar and/or wind turbines for energy production? Or do you believe this would diminish the overall visual appearance (viewsheds) of the County?

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Absolutely necessary, there should be incentives to offer help with roof top systems. This area is perfect for a more sustainable energy mode. Electric and hydrogen charging stations would be a good idea too.

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Such installations will diminish the overall visual appearance of the county, but the importance of solar panels and wind turbines for energy production far outweighs aesthetic considerations.

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Yes I support renewable energy sources.

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Do not want to see solar or wind turbines.! They ruin the viewsheds of the County.

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SUPPORT! I value the scenic beauty of Whitman County's farmland, but solar and wind energy production is vastly more important.

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