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Leave Goal 14 alone!

Local governments are already hard pressed for monies. They struggle to keep up with the current road system. Expanding development means spreading the already limited local funds. Allowing more scattered housing means

- more Green House Gas,
- more money spent on maintaining more roads and for longer distances,
- more money spent on public utilities,
- increase in taxes to pay for urban sprawl.

We all end up paying for urban sprawl in actual dollars, the environment and traffic.

Save our Farmland!

I live 10 miles outside the UGB in Douglas County. We raise just a couple of cows. We now have a hideous 5-acre mini mcmansion development directly across from us. We used to be able to get our hay from that parcel. Every year it seems to get harder and harder to find decent hay. The prices are outrageous now. How is this a good thing? More cars on the roads vying with the farm equipment is not thoughtful development nor is it conducive.

Our farmland is a limited natural resource. I already struggle to preserve our farmland in Douglas County. Every year I have to use my own resources and money to fight housing development that threaten to take away our ranch and farmland.

Fires!

Ask any firefighting agency, more houses bring a greater chance of fires. More extreme temperatures bring more extreme fires. People cause fires not cows. Fighting fires becomes astronomically expensive with urban sprawl.

McMansions

Urban Sprawl does not bring more affordable housing, it typically means more land consuming 10-acre lots.