

To: Loudoun County Board of Supervisors (www.loudoun.gov/bos)

Dear Supervisors:

Loudoun's rural areas are a defining feature of our County and one of the things that makes it special. Preserving them is critical to the well-being of all the County's residents.

As a citizen and a voter, I am concerned by the rapid loss of Loudoun's farmland and other rural spaces. Once lost, they are gone forever. I look to the Board of Supervisors to take concrete steps to reverse this ongoing process.

I specifically support the proposals Save Rural Loudoun has made on this issue, including:

1. Implementing the commitment in the 2019 Comprehensive Plan to protect prime farming soils through the Zoning Ordinance;
2. Implementing the commitment in the 2019 Comprehensive Plan to strengthen protection of streams and wetlands through the Zoning Ordinance;
3. Adopting and fund a robust Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program;
4. Reducing the number of houses that can be built in rural cluster subdivisions under the Zoning Ordinance.

I appreciate the steps the Board of Supervisors has already taken to move forward on the protection of prime soils and adoption of PDR and look forward to the rapid completion and implementation of those programs. I will be closely following the County's progress on the Zoning Ordinance re-write and how it addresses the serious problem of rapidly expanding cluster subdivisions in our rural areas.

Thank you for your time and hard work on this important issue.

Sincerely,