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## Comments on water filtration facility on farmland

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Subject: Comments on water filtration facility on farmland  
To: Hearings Officer <LUP-hearings@multco.us>



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Dear Hearings Officer,

Dear Multnomah County,

I am a Multnomah County resident who opposes continued development of this facility on farmland, which will negatively affect area natural resources, including agriculture and forestry. This facility serves urban residents and would be better on many counts if sited within an urban growth boundary. I am writing to request that the county stop the current project scope and do further work to determine a viable course of action that does not adversely affect area natural resources.

Continued work and ultimate operation of this facility as scoped would cause irreparable harm to nearly 95 acres of agricultural natural resources, and LUBA has determined that the county failed to consider how the building process would affect these. Multnomah County staff themselves have said these natural resources include "functioning natural systems, ... agricultural resources, and forests." The area is rich with some of the world's best soils, which are a limited resource we should not permanently remove when better options are available.

This LUBA decision remanding a portion of the conditional land-use permit provides our community an opportunity to set right this misplaced facility. Now is our chance to make a better choice. I urge Multnomah County to vote to hit reset – let's instead move forward with a work session to update the project's scope and budget to determine the best solution for our entire Multnomah County community.

Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.

Sincerely,  
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