



October 1, 2025

TO: Clark County Planning Commission

RE: Support for Climate Change Element in Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan

The Clark County Clean Water Commission is a nine-member, volunteer advisory board whose mission is to work with our community and leadership to improve and protect Clark County watersheds from the impacts of stormwater runoff, point and non-point pollution sources, and other risks to the ecological integrity and quality of our surface water resources.

We are writing to express our support for the Climate Change Element in Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. Climate change poses a tremendous challenge to our communities and ecological integrity of the resources that we depend upon. It will take bold actions by the County and others to address this complex issue.

We commend the County's leadership along with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Clark County Climate Project who developed and reached consensus on almost all elements that define goals and actions the county should take in the next 20 years.

The Clean Water Commission fully endorses the climate policies and recommendations developed by the CAG, that will positively impact water quality and reduce stormwater runoff in the county, which aligns with the Clean Water Commission's mission. Some of these include:

- **G17** - Protect the waters of the county through a stormwater management program that minimizes impacts from stormwater run-off.
- **G11** - Protect and plant more trees in rural and urban areas and equitably increase tree canopy cover through targeted planting and maintenance support.
- **G13** - Identify, protect, preserve, and rewild environmentally critical areas; riparian areas, wetlands, prairies and forests; and urban and rural open space.

Once adopted, our Clean Water Commission will be advocates for the Climate Element and offer our expertise and support as the County works on implementation. Thank you again for your support and adoption of the Climate Element. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Ted Gathe
Chair, Clean Water Commission
t.gathe.ccwc@gmail.com

cc: Devan Rostorfer
Marlena Milosevich
Clean Water Commissioners