

Sylvia Glass- Broad Run District Supervisor Candidate

The rural part of our County is essential to Loudoun's character, economy, and environment. In western Loudoun we have a diverse economy with farmers and agri-businesses, residents who have opened wineries or B&B's, and others who enjoy the open space and history of those communities that make up western Loudoun. It is critical for our future that we protect and preserve western Loudoun.

The 2019 Comprehensive Plan did not put in place all the tools that are needed to protect rural Loudoun. That can be fixed with changes in the Zoning Ordinance, which I would support. Loudoun needs to have a balance between housing in the east and open space in the west. Therefore, I would not support rezoning applications in the Rural Policy Area. I believe there should be a myriad of programs in the Zoning Ordinance to assist in preserving open space and protecting farmland. Programs that I am aware of and support are: permanent conservation easements, Purchase of Development Rights (PDRs), and Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs). The Board will also have to ensure the proper environmental buffers and protections are placed in the Ordinance to ensure clean soil and water quality for farmers. I am willing to listen and learn about other opportunities to protect rural Loudoun.

I believe in the mission of Save Rural Loudoun, and want to work together to continue to grow western Loudoun's thriving economy and protect open space that the County's residents want. Once farmland is lost, it is gone forever, so I look forward to strengthening the relationships between the east and west and ensuring western Loudoun remains rural.