

Legislative Concept

1. Focused analysis of two agricultural areas of the state, to determine:

A. Rate of conversion

- Rate of conversion of land in active farm use to other uses;
- Change in rate over time.

B. Encroachment by non-farm uses

Number of active non-farm uses that:

- Are directly supportive of agriculture;
- Are dependent on a locally present resource; or
- Need adequate acreage.

Trend in number and area of types of non-farm uses.

2. Develop policy recommendations to address rate of conversion issues, and encroachment issues.

3. Develop “good neighbor” policy recommendations re:

- Consultation on restoration project design
- Clear means to address damage issues (get the problem fixed, promptly)

Report to 2014 Legislative Assembly, along with policy recommendations.