40A.01 STATE AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION POLICY.

Subdivision 1. **Goals.** The goals of this chapter are to:

(1) preserve and conserve agricultural land, including forest land, for long-term agricultural use in order to protect the productive natural resources of the state, maintain the farm and farm-related economy of the state, and assure continued production of food and timber and agricultural uses;

(2) preserve and conserve soil and water resources; and

(3) encourage the orderly development of rural and urban land uses.

Subd. 2. **Methods.** The goals contained in subdivision 1 will be best met by combining state policies and guidelines with local implementation and enforcement procedures and private incentives.

History: *1984 c 654 art 3 s 31; 1Sp1985 c 13 s 128*