

**40A.03 PILOT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Pilot counties; selection.** By January 1, 1985, the commissioner, in consultation with counties and regional development commissions, where they exist, shall select not more than seven counties located outside of the metropolitan area that request to participate in a pilot program for county agricultural land preservation. If possible, counties shall include:

- (1) a county that currently has official controls for agricultural land preservation and an adjacent county that does not have official controls;
- (2) a county that is experiencing problems with forest land preservation;
- (3) a county where a high level of development is likely to occur in the next ten years; and
- (4) other counties representing a cross-section of agricultural uses and land management problems in the state.

Subd. 2. **Plans and official controls.** By December 31, 1987, each pilot county selected under subdivision 1 shall submit to the commissioner and to the regional development commission in which it is located, if one exists, a proposed agricultural land preservation plan and proposed official controls implementing the plan. The commissioner, in consultation with the regional development commission, shall review the plan and controls for consistency with the elements in this chapter and shall submit written comments to the county within 90 days of receipt of the proposal. The comments must include a determination of whether the plan and controls are consistent with the elements in this chapter. The commissioner shall notify the county of its determination. If the commissioner determines that the plan and controls are consistent, the county shall adopt the controls within 60 days of completion of the commissioner's review.

**History:** 1984 c 654 art 3 s 33; 1Sp1985 c 13 s 132; 1987 c 396 art 7 s 1