40A.14 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION AWARENESS PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment and administration.** An agricultural land preservation and conservation awareness program is created. The commissioner shall administer the program as provided in this section. The purposes of the program are to promote and increase public awareness of:

(1) the need for agricultural land preservation and conservation and the consequences of resource degradation;

(2) the physical, environmental, and social factors that affect agricultural land use; and

(3) the availability and effectiveness of agricultural land preservation and conservation approaches and technologies.

The commissioner shall administer the program in order to develop a working partnership between the state and local governments.

Subd. 2. **Survey.** The commissioner shall survey awareness of agricultural land preservation and conservation problems, technologies, and available technical and financial resources. The survey must include:

(1) an assessment of related efforts of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and other related public and private organizations;

(2) an assessment of programs in other states; and

(3) an assessment of attitudes among a variety of target audiences in Minnesota that are involved in or affected by land use decisions.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 2001 c 161 s 58]

History: *1984 c 654 art 3 s 44; 1987 c 358 s 34; 1987 c 384 art 3 s 42*