

Ohio Revised Code Section 901.54 Office of farmland preservation.

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There is hereby created the office of farmland preservation within the department of agriculture. The office shall do all of the following:

- (A) Prepare guidelines and criteria for use in the development of comprehensive local land use plans that encourage the efficient use of public infrastructure and the preservation of farmland;
- (B) Establish a farmland preservation program to coordinate and assist local farmland preservation initiatives;
- (C) Educate existing agencies and organizations on the importance of farmland preservation and on the significance of agriculture and agribusiness to this state's economy;
- (D) Serve as a liaison with other farmland preservation entities operating on a state, regional, or national level;
- (E) Prepare an inventory of farmland within this state to monitor the development of lands within this state having prime soils or unique microclimates.