

(III) MAINTAIN A RURAL ENVIRONMENT CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE KIND OF PRODUCTION INTENDED;

(6) INCLUDES AN EVALUATION OF THE ABILITY OF THE COUNTY'S ZONING AND OTHER LAND USE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO:

(I) LIMIT THE IMPACT OF SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT;

(II) ALLOW TIME FOR EASEMENT PURCHASE; AND

(III) ACHIEVE EACH OF THE FOUNDATION'S GOALS BEFORE THE GOALS ARE IRREPARABLY UNDERMINED OR IMPAIRED BY DEVELOPMENT;

(7) IDENTIFIES SHORTCOMINGS IN THE ABILITIES OF THE COUNTY'S ZONING AND LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND IDENTIFIES CURRENT OR FUTURE ACTIONS TO CORRECT THE SHORTCOMINGS; AND

(8) DESCRIBES THE METHODS THE COUNTY WILL USE TO CONCENTRATE PRESERVATION FUNDS AND OTHER SUPPORTING EFFORTS IN THE PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION AND THE COUNTY'S ACREAGE PRESERVATION GOAL.

~~(E)~~ (G) IN CERTIFYING A COUNTY'S PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FOUNDATION SHALL ENSURE THAT:

(1) THE COUNTY HAS INCLUDED ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION ~~(D)~~ (F) OF THIS SECTION IN THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND

(2) THE SIZE OF THE COUNTY'S PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA IS APPROPRIATE IN RELATION TO THE COUNTY'S ACREAGE PRESERVATION GOAL.

~~(F) IF A COUNTY HAS A PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION EASEMENTS WITHIN THE PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA.~~

~~(G) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2006, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FOUNDATION JOINTLY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.~~

~~(H) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FOUNDATION JOINTLY SHALL REPORT ON THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM BY JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR TO:~~

~~(1) THE GOVERNOR;~~

~~(2) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING;~~

~~(3) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE;~~

~~(4) THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND~~

~~(5) THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE.~~