

(2) Be governed by local policies, **ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES** that:

(I) [stabilize] **STABILIZE** the agricultural and forest land base so that development does not convert or compromise agricultural or forest resources; **AND**

(II) **SUPPORT THE ABILITY OF WORKING FARMS IN THE PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA TO ENGAGE IN NORMAL AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES;** and

(3) Be large enough to support [the kind of agricultural operations that the county seeks to preserve,] **NORMAL AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED BY THE COUNTY IN THE PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA**, as represented in its adopted comprehensive plan.

(d) An area may:

(1) Consist of a single parcel of land, multiple connected parcels of land, or multiple unconnected parcels of land; and

(2) Include rural legacy areas.

(e) A county's acreage goal for land to be preserved through easements and zoning within an area shall be equal to at least 80% of the remaining undeveloped land in the area, as calculated at the time of application for State certification of an area.

(f) Each time a county's comprehensive plan is updated, the update shall include an evaluation of:

(1) The county's progress toward meeting the goals of the Foundation;

(2) Any shortcomings in the county's ability to achieve the goals of the Foundation; and

(3) Past, current, and planned actions to correct any identified shortcomings.

(g) In accordance with § 5-408 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and any regulations adopted under the authority of that section, the Department of