

(i) the Foundation shall advise the Department as to whether it approves the application; and

(ii) the Department shall notify the county as to whether the county's application for certification has been approved.

(e) The Department and the Foundation may not certify a county under this section unless the Department and the Foundation determine that:

(1) the proposed county program for the purchase of development rights or financial enhancements related to the purchase of development rights is likely to be successful;

(2) the county has committed to spend additional local funds for the purchase of development rights or enhancements related to the purchase of development rights in an amount equal to or exceeding the amount of the additional funds that will be available as a result of certification; and

(3) beginning in fiscal year 2009:

(i) the county's priority preservation area has been established in accordance with § 2-518 of the Agriculture Article; and

(ii) the county's priority preservation area element in the comprehensive plan meets the requirements set forth in subsection (f) of this section.

(f) The Department and the Foundation may not certify a priority preservation area of a county under this section unless the Department and the Foundation agree that the county's comprehensive plan:

(1) establishes appropriate goals for the amount and types of agricultural resource land to be preserved in the priority preservation area;

(2) describes [the kinds of agricultural production the county intends to support and the amount of development the county intends to allow];

(I) THE COUNTY'S STRATEGY TO SUPPORT NORMAL AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED IN THE PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA; AND

(II) THE ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES THE COUNTY IS USING IN THE PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA TO SUPPORT THE