

# County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board §302

## AFPB Established by Co. Legislature

11 Members on the Board

4 active farmers

1 agribusiness person

1 land protection person

Chair – Soil and Water Conservation District

1 Member of the County Legislature

Cooperative Extension Agent

Real Property Tax Director

County Planning Director

# AFPB Responsibilities

- Advise County Legislative Body concerning Agricultural District creation, modification, continuation or termination. Prepare report and submit to the Legislative Body. (Changes made to AML in 2007)
- Responsible for AML §303-b annual additions to the Agricultural District; determine if land consists of viable farmland. (Added to AML in 2003)

# AFPB Responsibilities

- Review/comment on Notices of Intent - AML §305(4). Acquisition of an interest in land and/or construction of water/sewer facilities within an agricultural district.
- Assess and approve county Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans.
- Review and endorse municipal applications for funding from State's farmland easement program.

# AFPB Responsibilities

- Request Commissioner of A&M to review any State agency rules and regulations that affect agricultural activities.
- Notify the Commissioner of the DEC of attempts to site solid waste management facilities upon farmland within an agricultural district.
- Review land classifications and recommend revisions (agr. assessment).