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Key Considerations in Creating PDR Programs





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Farmland Protection Assertions

Any farmland protection program should consider –

- Productive farmland
- Strategic relevance of a farm to the community's / region's / State's agricultural industry

Farmland should be protected so as to help sustain the agricultural industry, and, the agricultural industry relies on farmland as a fundamental asset. They are inseparable and neither will be effective without the other.

Effective implementation of farmland protection activities can only be preceded with good planning.



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Farmland Protection (*For what? From what?*)

- ⌘ Statutory Goal of Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program
 - Economic Viability of State's Ag Industry
 - Productive Farmland across the State

- ⌘ Statutory Priorities of FPIG
 - Viable agricultural land
 - Facing significant development pressure
 - Serving as buffer for significant natural public resource containing important ecosystem or habitat characteristics



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Key Considerations

- ⌘ What makes agricultural land “viable”?
 - Soil quality, acreage, & extent of lands in productive use
 - Surrounding land use
 - Proximity to markets/processors and equipment/service providers
 - Community support for farming & agricultural industry
 - Relevance of farm to community/region/state agricultural industry
- ⌘ What does “significant development pressure” look like in your community/area?
 - Non-farm development of agricultural lands
 - Conversion of agricultural lands to non-farm use
- ⌘ What is the “significant natural public resource” and how does it “serve as a buffer” to it?
 - Environmental benefits of continuing agricultural use of land vs. conversion to non-farm use (or its non-farm development)



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