

Staff Recommendations for Agricultural Land Use

<i>Land Use Issue Area</i>	<i>Suggestions for GVPAC Consideration</i>
<p>Primary Goals – Agriculture in Rural and Urban Area</p>	<p>Preserve and enhance the agricultural characteristics of the planning area</p> <p>Maintain and enhance large parcel agricultural operations in the rural area of the planning area.</p> <p>Maintain, enhance, and discover new opportunities for thriving agricultural operations and agribusinesses in the urban area of the planning area.</p> <p>Allow flexibility with a range of uses permissible for urban agricultural land to promote viable agribusinesses and maintain agricultural characteristics.</p>
<p>Thriving Agribusinesses and Flexibility</p>	<p>Provide for a wide range of sustainable agricultural operations.</p> <p>Encourage small-scale agriculture and agriculture-related land uses, home occupations and cottage industries throughout the Planning Area, especially in the urban agricultural areas.</p>
<p>When Land Use Changes and Development can be Considered</p>	<p>Consider land use changes and development of agricultural and/or open lands in the urban area only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when the change improves the natural environment or the environmental impact is minimized, and when the change improves the local economy and enhances community character, and when the change provides significant public open spaces and/or community parkland.
<p>Location of future development</p>	<p>Promote new land uses and development patterns that preserve and enhance the physical and social integrity of the planning area’s built-up core neighborhoods and maximize areas devoted to agriculture, conservation of the natural environment, and open space.</p>