

Day 4 Discussion

Farmland for sale to a developer (somewhere in the region)

Discussion / Points of Interest

What is this land currently used for?

Why is the land owner wishing to sell, assuming it's a farm?

--his taxes are rocketing because city sewers will soon go in.

--the farmer is getting too old to farm; wants to sell to get money for retirement.

What could the region and /or state do to protect farms from being sold?

--use "conservation easements" that would pay the farmer out of public funds but extract the legal requirement that the farm will always remain as a farm.

Why might this be considered a good location by a developer for an industrial park?

What impact is an industrial park likely to have on the farms across the street?