Community Development Committee
Meeting date: August 3, 2020

Subject: 2019 Agricultural Preserves Program
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves (Minn. Stat. § 473H)
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Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning

Proposed Action
None. This item is presented for information purposes only.

Background
The Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Program was established in 1980 by the Minnesota Legislature to encourage protection of long-term agricultural uses and to provide direction in equitably taxing these properties. The Metropolitan Council supports preserving agricultural land in the region through specific policies for protection and development in Thrive MSP 2040. All the counties in the region except for Ramsey County contain properties enrolled in the program. The Council annually reports on the acres enrolled in the program, with information from these counties and the Department of Revenue. Staff will present this report at the Community Development Committee meeting.