

Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: July 18, 2022

Topic

2021 Agricultural Preserves Program

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

Background

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 MSP2040*. 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.