

**Draft Farmland Preservation Goals/Objectives,
Policies/Strategies April 27, 2011 - Baldwin (19 responses)**

Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) System

Site Assessment Factors:

Size of Tract of Total Contiguous Ownership

(9)Like (2)Dislike (6)Depends

Why:

- Larger tracts would be more desirable for production ag
- Larger parcels are easier to farm.
- How the land lays and what is next to it
- Smaller tract might work
- Big fields easier to farm
- Larger = better
- 80 acres should be considered too.
- Size of tract
- Need for larger equipment

Compatibility of Adjacent Land Uses

(12)Like (2)Dislike (6)Depends

Why:

- more compatible, less conflict
- often relates to traffic
- Dislike – yes what kind of land
- Number of acres
- Like enterprise areas

Compatibility of Surrounding Land Uses

(13)Like (1)Dislike (2)Depends (1)no response

Why:

- not quite as important as statement above
- like ag by ag or forest or conservation. Not by expansion of comm./indust/residential
- not important

Land Use Policy

(15)Like (2)Dislike (0)Depends

Why:

- Consistency is necessary.
- Like if town boards are competent and diligent in policy.
- Yes
- Keep government out

Distance of Public Sewer

(14)Like (1)Dislike (2)Depends

Why:

- probably ties directly to future plans of municipality
- Makes sense.
- Mapped sewer and water lines
- Low scores within 2 to 3 miles must incorporate for future sewer powt's etc. Also public water
- Utilities will push ag land aside.

Road Classification

(13)Like (1)Dislike (4)Depends

Why:

- Productive ag land along main arteries should be ranked high, not medium solely on proximity.
- I want poor road conditions to slow development.
- Big farms are hard on roads
- Lower scores for collectors or higher class unless alternate routes available for ag
- Not important
- Need better roads for weight restrictions

Compatibility of Adjacent Zoning

(11)Like (2)Dislike (3)Depends (1)no response

Why:

- any option to get out of Ex-Ag
- farmer's travel miles to rent
- yes
- keep government out

Environmental and Public Values of the Site

(11)Like (0)Dislike (4)Depends (2)no response

Why:

- Similar to Dakota Co., MN
- Depends on definition of both