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An Inventory of Its Minnesota Agricultural Land Preservation Program Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Department of Agriculture.
- Series Title:** Minnesota Agricultural Land Preservation Program records.
- Dates:** 1963-1991 (bulk 1980-1983).
- Quantity:** 3.9 cu. ft. (4 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box location.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Records of the Minnesota Agricultural Land Preservation Program, which administers the promotion and increase in public awareness of the need for agricultural land preservation and provides financial and technical assistance to local units of government preparing plans and official controls under the program. Included are both files documenting a national agricultural lands study conducted in the early 1980s and subject files detailing various aspects and activities of the program, particularly a citizen's task force, the Governor's Council on Rural Development, legislation, land stewardship, metropolitan agricultural preserves, county participation, and the impact of bridge and road repair on agricultural lands.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

- Agricultural conservation—Government policy—Minnesota.
- Agricultural laws and legislation—Minnesota.
- Agricultural surveys—Minnesota.
- Agriculture and state—Minnesota.
- Bridges—Minnesota—Maintenance and repair.
- Land use—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.

Land use, Rural—Government policy—Minnesota.
Roads—Minnesota—Maintenance and repair.
Soil conservation—Government policy—Minnesota.

Organizations:

Minnesota. Agricultural Land Preservation Program.
Minnesota. Governor's Council on Rural Development.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.

Location

113.J.8.7B National Agricultural Lands Study, 1980-1991. 28 folders.
 Reports and papers from the national study conducted in the early
 1980s concerned with stopping the alarming loss of farm land.
 Material from other state's agricultural lands surveys is included
 and places the Minnesota program in a national context.

 Final Report and Executive Summary, 1981.
 Interim Reports, 1980.
 No. 1. The Program of Study.
 No. 3. Farm Land and Energy: Conflicts in the Making.
 No. 4. Soil Degradation: Effects on Agricultural Productivity.
 No. 5. America's Agricultural Land Base in 1977.
 Agricultural Land Retention and Availability: A Bibliographic
 Source Book, January 1981.
 Technical Paper X: Federal Program Impacts on Agricultural Land
 Availability, February 1981.

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- 113.J.8.7B Technical Paper XII: The Global Importance of American Cropland Availability, February 1981.
Information Kit, 1980.
Middleground Approaches to the Preservation of Farmland, June 1980.
 By Charles E. Little.
National fact sheets, 1980.
Preservation Report Nos. 1-5, 1982.
Miscellaneous, 1980-1982. 2 folders.
Surveys of State Agricultural Preservation Programs, 1981-1991. 17 folders.
 Alaska, California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, and Wisconsin.
- Minnesota Agricultural Land Preservation Program subject files, 1963-1990.
American Farmland Trust, 1984-1988.
Budget, 1986-1989.
Citizens' Task Force, 1981-1985. 2 folders.
Committee: Land Use Change Advisory, 1980-1982.
Committee: Social Conservation Society of America Task Force, 1982.
Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies: Legislative Brief, 1981-1982.
- 113.J.8.8F Conference: National Agricultural Lands, Chicago, February 1981.
Conference: Protecting Farmland, Little Falls, November 1981.
Control Data: Rural Ventures, 1980.
Copper nickel lease sale, 1982-1983.
Correspondence, 1980-1992. 4 folders.
 Preservation, 1981-1992.
 Seetin for Commissioner, 1980-1982.
 Metro Ag preserves, 1980-1988.
 Resource requests, 1980-1981.
Contracts, 1988.
Data sources, 1979-1980.
Definition: Prime farmland, 1980.
Environmental Quality Board: Metro Ag Preserves Eminent Domain Reviews, 1984.
Farmland Preservation Institute, 1981.

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- 113.J.8.8F
- Forest lands planning, 1981.
 - Fuhr: Statewide meetings, 1981.
 - Alison Fuhr, Ad Hoc Committee on Minnesota Agricultural Lands chair.
 - General information, 1975-1982.
 - Governor's Council on Rural Development, 1978-1986. 15 folders.
 - Correspondence, 1980-1983.
 - Farm and Agricultural Land Task Force, 1981-1986. 10 folders.
 - Mailing list, 1981, and minutes and related records, 1981, 1983-1986.
 - Grants, 1978-1985.
 - Grant reviews, 1983.
 - Grant Effectiveness Study, Bob Gray, 1986.
 - Strategies for a Rural Future: Summary Report of the Critical Rural Issues Project, January 1986.
 - Hazardous waste, 1980-1982.
 - History, 1980.
 - Land ownership, 1980.
 - The Land Stewardship Letter, 1983-1986.
 - Newsletter.
 - Land Stewardship: Land Loss Forum proposal, 1984-1990.
 - Land Use Notes, 1984.
 - Newsletter.
 - Legislation, National: Farmland Protection Policy Act, 1979-1994, and Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act, 1981-1982. 2 folders.
- 113.J.8.9B
- Legislation, State: Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Act, 1980-1981. 2 folders.
 - Legislation, State: Agricultural land bills, 1982-1983. 11 folders.
 - Legislation, State: Agricultural land bill amendments, 1984-1987. 2 folders.
 - Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources [LCMR] proposal, 1984.
 - Mailing lists, [ca. 1980]-1981.
 - Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves, 1976-1988. 5 folders.
 - Forms revisions, 1982.
 - General information, 1976-1988. 2 folders.
 - Isaacs-Nichols letter, 1983.
 - Legal opinions, 1981-1982.

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- 113.J.8.9B Minnesota counties, 1978-1985. 10 folders.
Correspondence and related records concerning participation of Minnesota counties in the State Agricultural Land Preservation Policy Act Pilot County Program.
Aitkin County, 1984-1986.
Benton County, 1984-1985.
Lake of the Woods County, 1984-1985.
Lincoln County, 1984.
Mower County, 1984-1985.
Nicollet County, 1984-1985.
Olmsted County, 1978-1985. 2 folders.
Includes zoning ordinance, 1983.
Sherburne County, 1984-1986.
Stevens County, 1984-1985.
Minnesota Department of Agriculture responsibilities, 1982.
Minnesota Department of Transportation bridge and road files, 1983-1990. 28 folders.
Documents county road and bridge repair proposals and how they would affect agricultural lands per Minnesota Statutes Chapter 17.80.
- 113.J.8.10F Minnesota Governor's Executive Order, 1981-1982.
Minnesota Highway Department, 1981.
Minnesota Joint House-Senate Committee, 1980-1989. 5 folders.
Minnesota public land ownership, 1963-1981.
Minnesota state agencies, 1981-1982.
Minnesota Valley Trail, eminent domain, 1987.
Model ordinance background, 1984-1988.
National Conference of State Legislatures, 1981.
People involved, 1981.
Pesticides, 1978-1979.
Pilot County selection process, 1982-1984.
Pilot County meeting, July 24, 1989.
Pipelines, 1978-1981.
Policy statements: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 1975-1987.
Policy statements: Other groups, 1981.
Power plant siting, 1978-1981.
Published articles on agricultural lands preservation, [undated], 1974-1989. 4 folders.

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Qualitative Working Committee, 1981. 3 folders.
 Invitees, participants, questionnaires, 1981.
 Participants and comments, 1981.
 Primary data and clusters, 1981.
Report to the Minnesota Legislature on Activities between July 1,
 1984 and February 7, 1985.
Resource Management Consultants, 1989.
Sewage and sludge, Metro Council EAW's, 1982-1983.
Smendzuik summaries, 1981-1982.
 Julie Smendzuik, Agriculture Department Planning Division.
Soil loss limits, 1984.
State Planning Agency, 1985, 1987. 2 folders.
 County Land Use Controls Status Report, 1985; Trend
 Report, 1987.
Taxes, 1981-1989.
United States Supreme Court Taking Decision, 1987.
Waste Management Board, 1982.
Wetlands, 1981.
Working group, 1983-1984.