

## Kerstetter Urges 'Land Use' Plan in Address to Sportsmen

Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Raymond J. Kerstetter last week called on sportsmen to back a land use policy that would preserve open spaces and greenbelts in the Commonwealth.

Addressing the spring convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs at the Embers Motel, in Carlisle, Kerstetter noted that "we are losing our best agricultural lands to a

relatively unplanned, hodge-podge growth of suburbs." He said Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale "has taken the position that the day is fast coming when we will need a land plan to designate permanent family

farm plowlands." He added that, "Along with permanent plowlands and greenbelts, the Secretary has called for the establishment of national and state land transfer banks which will enable farmers and long-term land owners to sell the development rights on their non-farm land. These are the people who should benefit from increased prices of development land, rather than speculators and big land corporations."

Kerstetter thanked the gathering of sportsmen for their backing of a constitutional amendment that provides for non-uniform tax assessment of land -- otherwise known as the Clean and Green Amendment.

"Thanks to your vital support," he said, "this amendment was passed which will result, we hope, in legislation that will encourage the farmer to remain in his land by taxing his land according to use rather than a speculative market value."

Citing the accomplishments of the Department of Agriculture with regard to land, Kerstetter noted that the ravages of Tropical Storm Agnes in 1972 on the Pennsylvania countryside have been corrected.

He said the Department's Agricultural Community Recovery Effort (ACRE) has been completed. Under this program, he said, "we employed more than 300 people, many of them rendered jobless by the flood, to clear debris from streambeds, mend fences, repair buildings and haul tons of topsoil to washed-out areas."

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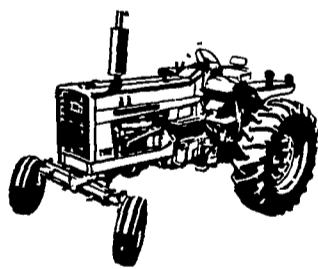
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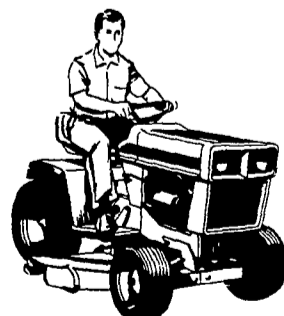


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