

Guided growth

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once called the Garden Spot of America, the leading non-irrigated county in the nation. What would Lancaster County be like without farms?" Funk asked.

"If there were no farms there would be no farmers markets and no roadside stands. Our people have become accustomed to the sweetness and good flavor that is only enjoyed when sweet corn is eaten the day it is harvested. They also like that special sweet taste that is gotten only from a canteloupe ripened on the vine.

"Do we really want to give up the enjoyment that red, ripe strawberries bring to our Summer living? Who of you hasn't noticed the difference in flavor between a peach or nectarine that is tree-ripened as compared to immature fruit picked firm enough to slip into the county.

"I am convinced the citizens of this great county are too intelligent to allow our prime farmland, and irreplaceable resource, to be covered up with asphalt and concrete, especially when there are more than 100,000 acres that are less desirable for farming, the county where development can and should take place.

"There are a number of tools that can be used to guide growth. The easiest and most widely used is preferential

assessment, now used in 42 states. Pennsylvania Acts 515, and 319 are examples of such acts. Agricultural zoning is a solution much talked about these days. It is an approach that is better than preferential assessment, but still not very permanent. Agricultural Districts have worked well in New York and California. However, there is nothing except a tax penalty to keep a farmer from selling to a developer.

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"Suffolk County, New York with less than 60,000 acres left from the original 677,000 acres, authorized the purchase of development rights in 1974 and finally in 1978, the development rights have been purchased to 2600 acres. Five states in the Northeast have passed legislation to purchase development rights from farmers.

Land use legislation is difficult and slow to implement. There are costs that today seem rather high," Funk continued.

"On November 15, the County Commissioners approved a 14-member Agricultural Preservation Task Force. The charge given to the Task Force is to develop an agricultural land deed restriction program. A final report has been requested by February, 1979. Immediate plan implementation has been assured by the Commissioners," Funk said.

"Under this program, a farm property owner would voluntarily place a deed restriction on a property in return for certain cash and/or tax incentives at the local, state or federal levels. Congressman Bob Walker is very interested in this part of the program; in fact, he has legislation ready to introduce that should help," Funk explained.

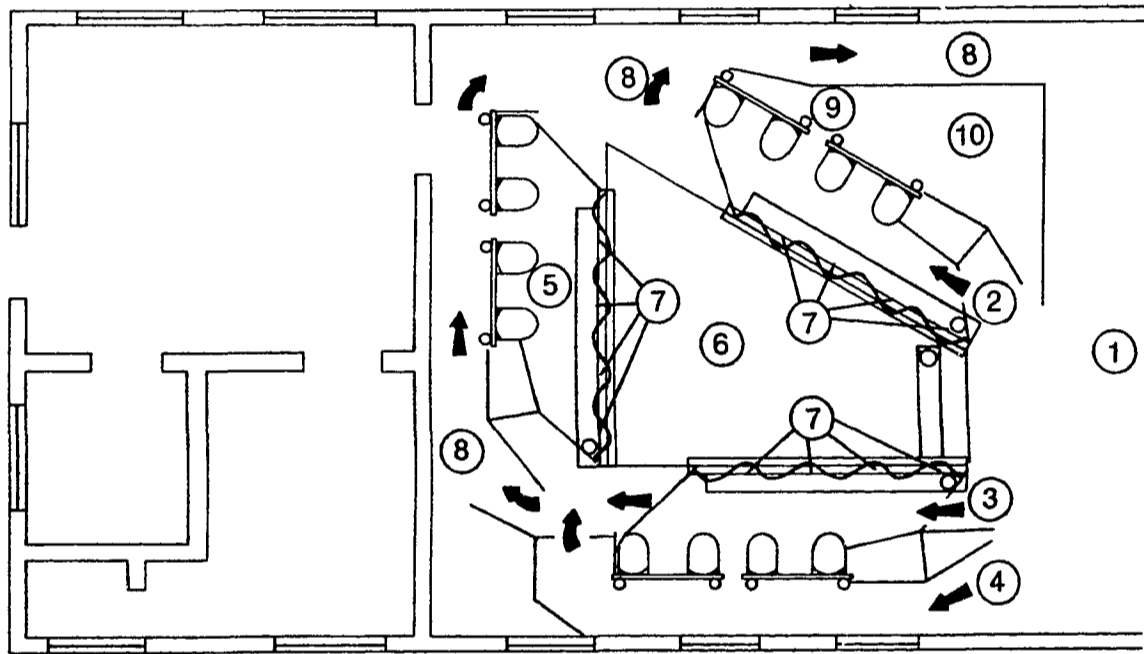
"This program is simple in its concept, less costly in its implementation than the purchase of development rights and is equally as permanent. In addition, as I envision the program, it will not violate the principles of the free enterprise system. Remember, it is voluntary in nature and yet, I feel it could be very persuasive in its application.

"This program will have a price tag. To some of our Lancaster County residents, it may seem a bit high, but not as high as doing nothing or adopting short-range ineffective measures.

"There are a number of legal matters that have to be clarified. We may need some help from our legislators to amend some enabling legislation to permit us to go forward. At last I think we have a start. I hope we can move ahead and that we will be supported by the business community, the farmers and the general public," Funk concluded.

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Trigon arrangement calls for three rows of four herringbone milking stalls designed around a triangle. Cows are brought into parlor from holding area (1). Clay crowd gate can make this operation more efficient. Cows enter parlor at either three entrances (2), (3), and (4). At (2) and (3) they go directly into herringbone. At (4) cows go behind row of stalls (3) and enter through gates to milking area (5). Automated air operated power gates

can make this operation smooth and easy. Operator is in 30" deep milking area (6) and he milks cows by moving in a circular pattern around parlor. Udder stimulators (7) can be used to prepare cows. The operator attaches the milker unit. When cow has been milked the milker unit can be removed by automated take-off units, or manually. The cows leave the parlor in the return lane (8). Power operated cutting gates (9) can be used to divert cows that need treatment into a catch pen (10).

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