67A.840 Legislative findings and declarations.

(1) The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that it is a policy of the Commonwealth to retain agriculture and rural landscapes in urban counties.

(2) The General Assembly further finds and declares that the preservation of agriculture and rural landscapes contributes to the development of tourism and recreation.

(3) The General Assembly further finds and declares that the urban-county form of government promotes industrialization and commercialization, attended by rapid residential development, which threatens the preservation of agriculture and rural landscapes.

(4) The General Assembly further finds and declares that in urban counties a single government embraces the entire county and, by nature, has within its jurisdiction both substantial urban areas and substantial rural areas thereby creating the ability to distribute both the benefits and the financial obligations of a purchase of development rights program fairly among the constituents of a single government.

(5) The General Assembly further finds and declares that conferring responsibility upon the electorate in urban-county governments to make decisions regarding the establishment and funding of programs to retain and enhance agriculture and rural landscapes and to promote tourism and recreation is consistent with the broad home rule concepts embodied in this chapter.

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