

The Farmer Advisory Committee & Oregon's Land Use Planning Program Preserve Agriculture

Cross any Urban Growth Boundary in Oregon and you'll find yourself, abruptly and gloriously, surrounded by nurseries, hazelnuts, grass seed, orchards, cattle, vineyards, forests and more. This is not undeveloped open space awaiting strip malls and subdivisions. It's Oregon's working lands: a limited, irreplaceable resource for our farm, forest, and ranch economy.

In order for Oregon agriculture to continue to thrive, it is necessary to maintain the land base on which the agricultural and forestry industries depend. 1000 Friends of Oregon and the farmers, ranchers, and foresters who comprise its Farmer Advisory Committee, share the belief that **the best way to maintain the land base is through an effective land use planning program** that builds livable urban areas and rural communities, protects family farms and forests, and conserves natural areas.

Farmland Fact:

During the growth boom of the 1960s, Yamhill County Commissioners declared the death of agriculture and voted to rezone thousands of acres of agricultural land into 5 and 10-acre ranchettes. If it weren't for the land use legislative intervention of 1973 — the passage of Senate Bill 100 — Yamhill County's wine, forest, and farm economy may not exist today.

Preserving the integrity of Oregon's statewide planning program requires active participation from farmers, foresters, ranchers in county planning offices, the legislature, and with the Department of Land Conservation and Development. With your help, 1000 Friends of Oregon is better equipped to halt — and reverse — the trend of farmland, forestland, and rangeland loss.



FARMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JOIN THE FARMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF 1000 FRIENDS OF OREGON:

A committee dedicated to protecting, implementing, and improving Oregon's land use planning program to maintain the land base needed for farming, ranching, and forestry. The Farmer Advisory Committee provides simple, effective opportunities to preserve the essential land use planning program and to make improvements that benefit you and your business.

Membership is voluntary and free. Farmer Advisory Committee members are not obligated to join 1000 Friends of Oregon. Participation in all activities of the Farmer Advisory Committee is optional.

Participation opportunities include:

- Training to understand the statewide land use planning program
- Timely communications about working lands-related legislation and agency rule-making
- Support that simplifies engagement with decision-makers to improve working land protections and prevent further rollbacks
- Technical assistance with land use issues in your county
- Involvement in working lands-policy creation at 1000 Friends of Oregon
- Bi-annual meetings of the Farmer Advisory Committee

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