

Clark County APAC Draft Farmlands Preservation Strategies Survey

High Ranking Draft Strategies:

Strategy 13: Work with the Cooperative Extension service, local community colleges, and existing high school vocational programs to create training programs for new farmers. **85.7%**; 14.3%; 0.0%

Strategy 15: Establish position(s) within Clark County to serve as a friend of the farmer or "farmbudsman" to help farmers receive better, more efficient service from Clark County. **86.7%**; 13.3%; 0.0%

Strategy 16: Develop a demonstration farm (or several farms on smaller sites) to serve as testing sites for research and technical assistance on high intensity urban fringe farming. The farm(s) would also provide public education to teach citizens about farming. **85.7%**; 14.3%; 0.0%

Strategy 18: Create a "Clark County Fresh" logo and marketing efforts. **93.3%**; 6.7%; 0.0%

Strategy 25: Provide opportunities for the farming community to review and provide input on proposed policies and regulations that have substantial impact on farmers prior to adoption. **86.7%**; 6.7%; 6.7%

Medium/High Ranking Draft Strategies:

Strategy 7: Expand the existing tax incentive programs to provide further benefit to farmers. **66.7%**; 26.7%; 6.7%

Strategy 9: Assist farmers in securing health insurance. **71.4%**; 21.4%; 7.1%

Strategy 10: Continue to work with the Cooperative Extension Service to make sure Clark County farmers have dedicated agents for horticulture and livestock, and sufficient resources from a statewide dairy team. **80%**; 20%; 0.0%

Strategy 12: Develop a mentoring program (as part of farm link activities) which would provide an opportunity for experienced farmers to share their knowledge and resources with new farmers. **73.3%**; 26.7%; 0.0%

Strategy 14: Establish a revolving loan fund to assist farmers. **66.7%**; 33.3%; 0.0%

Strategy 17: Work with local farmers to create an independent farm marketing association. **80%**; 20%; 0.0%

Strategy 21: Assist in establishing permanent sites for local farmers' markets. Strategies may include use of county land, acquisition of sites, or negotiation assistance with other public and private landowners. **66.7%**; 20%; 13.3%

Strategy 23: Pursue regulatory reform, with a particular emphasis on the cost of building permit fees and the time it takes to acquire building permits for farm-related structures. **73.3%**; 26.7%; 0.0%

Strategy 24: Allow temporary housing for farm workers. **66.7%**; 33.3%; 0.0%

Strategy 26: Revise the County's Right-to-Farm ordinance. **78.6%**; 21.4%; 0.0%

Medium Ranking Draft Strategies:

Strategy 1: Acquire additional development rights for key farmlands. 60%; 33.3%; 6.7%

Strategy 2: Use existing publicly owned land or acquire farmland to create a lease-back program to farmers. 53.3%; 40%; 6.7%

Strategy 3: Develop a Farm Link program matching retiring farmers with current farmers or new farmers. 60%; 40%; 0%

Strategy 4: Utilize clustering, transfer of development rights, and density bonuses to encourage landowners to keep their lands in agricultural use. 46.7%; 53.3%; 0%

Strategy 5: The next major funding initiative for the purpose of acquiring open space or resource lands, should include a sizable amount of funds to acquire additional development rights in Clark County. 53.3%; 40%; 6.7%

Strategy 6: Allow greater flexibility with regard to farming related commercial uses. 53.3%; 46.7%; 0.0%

Strategy 8: Develop a cost sharing program to help farmers meet environmental regulatory requirements. 46.7%; 53.3%; 0.0%

Strategy 11: Fund an endowment that would provide grants to conduct specific research, technical assistance and education programs that would benefit local farmers. 40%; 53.3%; 6.7%

Strategy 19: Work with local electronic and print media outlets to develop a regular "farm report". 53.3%; 46.7%; 0.0%

Strategy 20: Develop a base of information about the regional and national use of farmers' cooperatives and associations. 60%; 40%; 0.0%

Strategy 22: Provide support for community supported agriculture (CSA) and subscription farming. 60%; 33.3%; 6.7%

Strategy 27: Develop a farm tour program. 40%; 60.3%; 0.0%