AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
An Inventory of Its Minnesota Agricultural Land Preservation Program Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS
Agency: Minnesota. Department of Agriculture.
Series Title: Minnesota Agricultural Land Preservation Program records.
Quantity: 3.9 cu. ft. (4 boxes).
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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS
Records of the Minnesota Agricultural Land Preservation Program, which administers the promotion and increase in public awareness of the need for agricultural land preservation and provides financial and technical assistance to local units of government preparing plans and official controls under the program. Included are both files documenting a national agricultural lands study conducted in the early 1980s and subject files detailing various aspects and activities of the program, particularly a citizen’s task force, the Governor’s Council on Rural Development, legislation, land stewardship, metropolitan agricultural preserves, county participation, and the impact of bridge and road repair on agricultural lands.

INDEX TERMS
This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:
Agricultural conservation—Government policy—Minnesota.
Agricultural laws and legislation—Minnesota.
Agricultural surveys—Minnesota.
Agriculture and state—Minnesota.
Bridges—Minnesota—Maintenance and repair.
Land use—Environmental aspects—Minnesota.
Land use, Rural—Government policy—Minnesota.
Roads—Minnesota—Maintenance and repair.
Soil conservation—Government policy—Minnesota.

Organizations:
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Minnesota. Governor’s Council on Rural Development.

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Location
Reports and papers from the national study conducted in the early 1980s concerned with stopping the alarming loss of farm land. Material from other state’s agricultural lands surveys is included and places the Minnesota program in a national context.

Final Report and Executive Summary, 1981.
Interim Reports, 1980.
No. 1. The Program of Study.
No. 3. Farm Land and Energy: Conflicts in the Making.
No. 5. America’s Agricultural Land Base in 1977.
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Location
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Forest lands planning, 1981.
Fuhr: Statewide meetings, 1981.
   Alison Fuhr, Ad Hoc Committee on Minnesota Agricultural
   Lands chair.
   Correspondence, 1980-1983.
      Mailing list, 1981, and minutes and related records,
   Grant reviews, 1983.
   Strategies for a Rural Future: Summary Report of the Critical
   Rural Issues Project, January 1986.
History, 1980.
Land ownership, 1980.
   Newsletter.
Land Use Notes, 1984.
   Newsletter.
   and Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act, 1981-1982. 2
   folders.
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Legislation, State: Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves Act, 1980-
   1981. 2 folders.
Legislation, State: Agricultural land bill amendments, 1984-1987. 2
   folders.
Legislative Commission on Minnesota’s Resources [LCMR]
   Forms revisions, 1982.
Location

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Correspondence and related records concerning participation  
of Minnesota counties in the State Agricultural Land  
Preservation Policy Act Pilot County Program.  
Aitkin County, 1984-1986.  
Lincoln County, 1984.  
Includes zoning ordinance, 1983.  
Sherburne County, 1984-1986.  
Stevens County, 1984-1985.  
Minnesota Department of Agriculture responsibilities, 1982.  
Minnesota Department of Transportation bridge and road files,  
1983-1990.  28 folders.  
Documents county road and bridge repair proposals and how  
they would affect agricultural lands per Minnesota Statutes  
Chapter 17.80.

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Minnesota Highway Department, 1981.  
Minnesota Joint House-Senate Committee, 1980-1989.  5 folders.  
National Conference of State Legislatures, 1981.  
People involved, 1981.  
Pilot County meeting, July 24, 1989.  
Policy statements: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 1975- 
1987.  
Policy statements: Other groups, 1981.  
Published articles on agricultural lands preservation, [undated],  
1974-1989.  4 folders.
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Qualitative Working Committee, 1981. 3 folders.
   Invitees, participants, questionnaires, 1981.
   Participants and comments, 1981.
   Primary data and clusters, 1981.

Report to the Minnesota Legislature on Activities between July 1,


Sewage and sludge, Metro Council EAW’s, 1982-1983.

   Julie Smendzuik, Agriculture Department Planning Division.


   County Land Use Controls Status Report, 1985; Trend


Wetlands, 1981.