

Preserving farmland

Farmland is an asset that must be preserved. Its benefit is not always visible or obvious, but it affects our food chain, society, even national security. On one level, it provides habitat for waterfowl, which use this channel as a migratory highway. As you move up the food chain, many other types of wildlife survive in various locales because of this land being used as it is.

On a local level, it not only provides open spaces that are beneficial for people's mental health and happiness, but also to a certain extent limits development, thereby reducing environmental pollution.

On a national level, we must have our own sources of food. As we all can see, the world is rapidly changing and it is impossible to rely on other countries for our food, never knowing which areas will be destabilized by war, regional instability, or even global warming. As a nation, we must be capable of producing our own food. Therefore, it is imperative to keep our farms for the benefit of our communities and our country.

It is a hopeful sign that recently the Planning Commission rejected three ranchette applications, even though the Board of Supervisors subsequently reversed the first of those denials to be appealed.

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