

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

ADVISORY XII

FARMLAND PRESERVATION REVIEW: The Governor's Executive Order 98-11V "Ohio Farmland Protection Policy" requires state agencies, including the Ohio Public Works Commission, to establish guidelines on how it will take the protection of productive agricultural land into account in their funding or permitting decision making process.

Applicants submitting projects which potentially effect productive farmland should include in their application a statement evaluating the potential impact.

District Integrating Committees, during their review of projects submitted to them, should also evaluate projects with potential impact on productive farmland and provide appropriate comment as part of their recommendation of the project to the Commission.

The Commission shall, as part of its review of projects recommended to it by district committees, based on the following criteria, evaluate every project classified as "new and expansion". If deemed to have a significant impact on productive farmland, the Commission may disapprove the project.

To assist the Commission in approving or disapproving projects with an impact on productive farmland the applicant shall be required to provide the Commission with an evaluation the projects impact prepared by their respective county or regional planning agency.

The Commission may consult with the Department of Agriculture's Office of Farmland Preservation in making its decision to approve or disapprove projects impacting productive farmland.

Farmland Preservation Review Criteria

- I. -The immediate impact the project will have on productive agricultural and grazing land related to land acquisition.
- II. -Indirect impact that will result in the loss of productive agricultural and grazing land from development related to the project.
- III. -Mitigation measures that could be implemented when alternative sites or locations are not feasible.

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