



## Legislation Text

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Resolution Approving Amendment to Cooperative Agreement between the United States of America Commodity Credit Corporation and the City of Ann Arbor for the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program and to Accept Grant Funds in the Amount of \$202,370.00

Attached for your review and action is a resolution to approve an amendment to Cooperative Agreement between the United States of America Commodity Credit Corporation and the City of Ann Arbor for the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) grant funds for the Greenbelt applications detailed below.

On February 19, 2012 (R-13/041), the City Council approved grant applications to the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program for the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) on properties owned by:

- Donald Drake (Lodi Township)
- Carol Schumacher (Lodi Township)

The City recently received notice that NRCS - Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP) has awarded the City \$202,370.00 towards the purchase of the development rights on abovementioned farms.

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Reviewed by: Sumedh Bahl, Community Services Area Administrator

Approved by: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor and the United States have mutual interests in preventing the conversion of agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses;

Whereas, On February 19, 2013, City Council approved an application (R-13-041), to the Federal Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) for the purchase of development rights on properties owned by Donald Drake and Carol Schumacher;

Whereas, The City was notified by a letter dated July 3, 2013 that the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program acting by and through the Commodity Credit Corporation, is awarding the City of Ann Arbor \$202,370.00 in match dollars to fund the purchase of development rights;

Owner	Cost Share	Location	Acres
Donald Drake	\$50,960.00	Lodi Twp	78
Carol Schumacher	<u>\$151,410.00</u>	Lodi Twp	<u>90</u>
Total	\$202,370.00		226

Whereas, Under the terms of the Cooperative Agreement, the NRCS will provide technical services in the development of an appropriate conservation plan and funding and the City will acquire and monitor the conservation easement; and

Whereas, In evidence of the City of Ann Arbor's willingness to agree to combine its resources with the United States to purchase agricultural conservation easements from the landowners for the protection of the identified acreage from conversion to nonagricultural uses, the City is required to approve and execute a Cooperative Agreement for the FY 2013;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve a Cooperative Agreement between the United State of America Commodity Credit Corporation and the City of Ann Arbor for the FY2013 Farm and Rand Lands Protection Program match funds for the acquisition of developments rights by conservation easement of the property identified in this Resolution; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Cooperative Agreement after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and as to form by the City Attorney.