



TOWNSHIP PLANNING  
COMMISSION ACTIONS  
UNDER ACT 1981— 43

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Township Supervisors must pass along to the Township Planning Commission both the initial Ag Security Area petition and all proposed modifications that were received during the 15 day Public Notice period. The Planning Commission must then review both elements for their potential impact on local land use policies and objectives. The commission must review and report back to the Supervisors within 45 days from the close of the Public Notification period. In addition, the commission will be asked to perform a similar review, in conjunction with the AAAC and the County Planning Commission, seven years after an Ag Security Area is approved. The seven year review will determine the need to continue the “Area”.

QUESTIONS REQUIRING LOCAL ANSWERS

1. What is the desired future land use in the proposed Ag Security Area?
2. What land use is required in the proposed Ag Security Area by current zoning?
3. Which of the required review criteria are available? Where? In what form?
4. What review criteria are missing? How can they best be developed?
5. What other information would be useful in reviewing the proposal? How can they best be developed, e.g., the Land Evaluation and Site Analysis review system (LESA) of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS)?
6. What will the impact of the petition be on local land use policies that are being followed? Should any ordinance changes be made based on the petition?
7. What arrangements need to be made to assure a smooth and cooperative seventh year review process with the County Planning Commission and the Township Ag Area Advisory Committee?