

The Commonwealth of Virginia allows local governments to create agricultural and forestal districts to help protect the rural character of an area and to enhance the economic viability of farms and woodland. Fauquier County, which established the voluntary program in the late 1970s, has 13 districts that contain approximately 80,000 acres.

a district based on “good and reasonable cause.” The Board examines each request on a case-by-case basis and holds a public hearing following consideration by the Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission.

How can I learn more about the program?

Copies of the Virginia Agricultural and Forestal District Act and Fauquier County’s pertinent ordinances are available in the Planning Division Office. Maps depicting the County’s existing districts are also available for viewing. For more information, call 422-8210.

More resources for preserving rural land

- Fauquier County Commissioner of the Revenue: 540-422-8149
- Fauquier County Agricultural Development Office: 540-422-8280
- Virginia Cooperative Extension: 540-341-7950
- John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation: 540-347-3120
- Fauquier County Purchase of Development Rights: 540-422-8280
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation: 540-347-7727
- Virginia Department of Forestry: 540-347-6358

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