

Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 04-1040B

**REGIONAL FRAMEWORK PLAN POLICY 1.12  
Protection of Agriculture and Forest Resource Land**

~~1.12.1.2.1~~ Agricultural and forest land outside the UGB shall be protected from urbanization, and accounted for in regional economic and development plans, consistent with this Plan. However, Metro recognizes that all the statewide goals, including Statewide Goal 10, and Goal 14, Urbanization, are of equal importance to Goals 3 and 4, which protect agriculture and forest resource lands. These goals represent competing and, some times, conflicting policy interests which need to be balanced.

~~**1.12.1 Rural Resource Lands**~~

~~Rural resource lands outside the UGB that have significant resource value should actively be protected from urbanization. However, not all land zoned for exclusive farm use is of equal agricultural value.~~

1.12.2 When the Council must choose among agricultural lands of the same soil classification for addition to the UGB, the Council shall choose agricultural land deemed less important to the continuation of commercial agriculture in the region.

~~**1.12.2 Urban Expansion**~~

~~Expansion of the UGB shall occur in urban reserves, established consistent with the urban rural transition objective. All urban reserves should be planned for future urbanization even if they contain resource lands.~~

1.12.3 Metro shall enter into agreements with neighboring cities and counties to carry out Council policy on protection of agricultural and forest resource policy through the designation of Rural Reserves and other measures.

~~**1.12.3 Farm and Forest Practices**~~

~~Protect and support the ability for farm and forest practices to continue. The designation and management of rural reserves by the Metro Council may help establish this support, consistent with the Growth Concept. Agriculture and forestry require long term certainty of protection from adverse impacts of urbanization in order to promote needed investments.~~

1.12.4 Metro shall work with neighboring counties to provide a high degree of certainty for investment in agriculture in agriculture and forestry and to reduce conflicts between urbanization and agricultural and forest practices.