

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER EIGHTEEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE ON FUNDING FOR FARMLAND
PRESERVATION

WHEREAS, preservation of high quality farmland is in the public interest because it supports Delaware's largest industry and preserves vast open spaces while retaining land for an economically productive use; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of money will be required to fund this important work; and

WHEREAS, the former Committee on Funding for Farmland Preservation expired last year without having established a permanent funding source for the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable and fair to expect persons who benefit directly from farmland preservation and farmland development to share in the cost of preserving high quality farmland.

NOW THEREFORE, I, THOMAS R. CARPER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

1. The Committee on Funding for Farmland Preservation (the "Committee") is hereby established. The Committee shall identify private funding sources that must match any State contributions for farmland preservation.
2. The Committee shall submit its recommendations and any legislation necessary to implement such recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before November 30, 1994.

3. The Committee shall consist of:
 - a. Lieutenant Governor Ruth Ann Minner, who shall be the Chairperson;
 - b. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture;
 - c. The Secretary of the Department of Finance;
 - d. The Director of the Budget Office;
 - e. one member from each of the General Assembly's four caucuses; and
 - f. such other members as the Governor may appoint.
4. The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Finance, and the Budget Office shall lend staff assistance necessary to further the work of the Committee.



APPROVED this 5th day of February, 1994.

Thomas R. Carpe
Governor

ATTEST:

William J. Zullen
Secretary of State