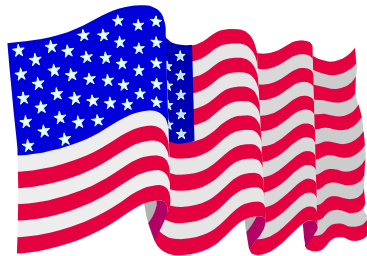


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## Local Policies

### 1. Value Added Product

We support the development and distribution of value added farm products.

### 2. Replacement of Blocked/Crushed Tile

If a person/developer breaks/crushes tile so your land is not properly drained, it is their responsibility to open/replace within a month so you can continue your farming.

### 3. Land Use

Washtenaw County Farm Bureau supports efforts to preserve farmland in Washtenaw County without infringing on property rights of farmers.

### 4. Agricultural Education

In order to improve agricultural literacy in the schools, we encourage Farm Bureau members to contact school board members in their communities in show of support of Ag Education programs. Also, to contact the person in charge of curriculum development in their school district to determine what, if any, program is in place or planned to integrate agricultural literacy concepts into a K-12 program of general instruction.

### 5. Promoting Farming and Education

That Michigan Farm Bureau actively seeks partnerships and opportunities to collaborate with other organizations that are dedicated to promoting farming in all of its aspects. This would include partnering in both promotional and educational activities.

### 6. Milk Machines in Schools

Milk machines were placed in schools for milk. If schools aren't using the machines for milk then they need to do so now.

### 7. Road Safety

In the interest of providing added safety due to the need for increased visibility especially at intersections and railroad crossings, we recommend the Washtenaw County Road Commission cut the roadside growth, by August 1st, to a 6-8 foot cutback and discard the dead trees in a timelier manner to make the rural roads safer for traveling.

### 8. Road Safety/Visibility Safety

The Washtenaw County Farm Bureau recommends that the Washtenaw County Road Commission be timelier in mowing intersections for visibility and safety.

9. Dead Tree Removal

We recommend that the Washtenaw County Road Commission cut all dead trees along the roads to prevent accidents and electrical outage.

10. Road Commissioners

Washtenaw County Farm Bureau opposes increasing the number of Washtenaw County Road Commissioners from 3 to 5 in order that the commission can operate as cost effectively and efficiently as possible.

11. Road Commission Budget

Washtenaw County Farm Bureau supports a Washtenaw County Road Commission budget, which allocates more funds for actual road maintenance and improvement and less for administration.

12. Slow Moving Vehicles

We resolve that Washtenaw County Farm Bureau direct Washtenaw County sheriff's department to warn property owners that are using slow-moving vehicle signs for purposes other than slow-moving vehicles, remove them from public view.

13. Soy Diesel Use

Washtenaw County Farm Bureau encourages school districts in Washtenaw County to use soy diesel for the bus fleets.