

## Task Force changes- May 11, 2005

### Legislative Intent Agricultural Exemptions

It is the intent of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners that Chapter 62, Article XIII, Division 3, Brevard County Code, be amended to

1. Clearly state that bona fide commercial agricultural/silvicultural operations as determined by the Property Appraiser's Office are exempt from the provisions of Article XIII, Division 3 provided best-management practices are employed. Allow exemptions for the addition of new lands to existing bona fide agricultural operations.

For properties seeking new exemptions for commercial agricultural/silvicultural use, establish a three-year time period (from the date of clearing) for which the County shall not entertain the conversion of these properties to nonagricultural uses by accepting applications for a development order, including but not limited to rezoning applications, for a three-year period and require the recording of an agricultural covenant. Allow for waivers in hardship cases, such as, but not limited to, bankruptcy or property sold for settlement of an estate.

Establish requirements for properties seeking conversion prior to the 3 year time period, including land clearing penalties under Sec. 62-4362 and vegetation replacement under Sec. 62-4366 (d) except in hardship cases as waived above.

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8. Allow waiver for fire management practices and habitat management.