

RESOLUTION 2006-06

A Resolution of the City of Bainbridge Island, supporting the development of a Long-Term Farm Management Program for the purposes of managing City-owned agricultural lands, in accordance with the recommendations submitted by the American Farmland Trust.

WHEREAS, one of the fourteen goals of the state Growth Management Act (GMA) is to maintain and enhance agricultural resources; and

WHEREAS, as required by the GMA, the City adopted a Comprehensive Plan on September 1, 1994, subsequently amended, which contains an Environmental Element that establishes goals and policies to preserve and encourage agricultural activities, by preserving existing agricultural uses, and encouraging and supporting farming as an economically viable option for land use; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2001 Open Space Bond established to pay the costs of "acquiring or otherwise preserving forested areas, open space, wildlife habitat, farms and agricultural lands and creating new trails and passive parks....", that with other methods of purchase lead to the City acquisition of six farmland properties; and

WHEREAS, in January 2005 a Farming Ad-Hoc Committee was appointed by the Mayor, to draft a Request for Proposal for the long term preservation and management of City-owned agricultural lands, leading to the hiring of American Farmland Trust to prepare the Long-Term Management Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, at the Council meeting on January 25, 2006 the American Farmland Trust submitted its report, *Assessment and Recommendations for Preservation and Management of City-owned Agricultural Land* now therefore,

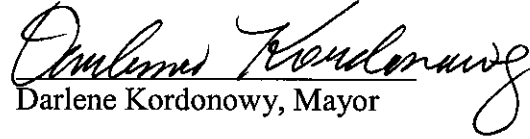
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND,
WASHINGTON DO RESOLVE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council accepts the *Assessment and Recommendations for Preservation and Management of City-owned Agricultural Land* by American Farmland Trust.


Section 2. The City Council directs staff to begin developing a Long-Term Farm Management Plan and requests that they present recommendations to Council for using the \$30,000 allocated for agricultural purposes in the 2006 budget.

PASSED by the City Council this 25th day of January, 2006.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 27th day of January, 2006.


Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE


Sue Kasper, City Clerk

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PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	January 25, 2006
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