

## **Overview of Conservation and Open Space CIP**

With only five projects, the Conservation and Open Space CIP has the fewest projects but includes one of the Commissioners' highest priorities, land preservation. The County has a goal of acquiring permanent easements on 100,000 acres of agricultural land. Toward that end, more than \$45 million is planned for purchasing easements through the Agriculture Preservation program. Funding is a combination of dedicated Property Tax revenue, Bonds, Agricultural Transfer Tax revenue and State participation. As begun in FY 01, bond funding is included to allow for the acquisition of easements through Installment Purchase Agreements.

The State has eliminated funding for Rural Legacy. Continued State participation in the Agricultural Preservation program remains uncertain. Recognizing the importance of this program, the Board of Commissioners increased the local support by \$13 million in order to accelerate the program.

This CIP includes continued funding for Soil Survey and permit activity associated with the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The Soil Survey project will update the Carroll County soil information that was originally done in the 1950's. The Watershed project will assist in responding to the requirements under the MS4 - NPDES permit that the county holds for its storm sewer systems.

For additional information on this or other Conservation and Open Space projects, please refer to the individual project pages.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005 TO 2010**

Proposed

	Fiscal Year						Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010			
<b>CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE:</b>									
Agricultural Land Preservation	\$10,940,150	\$10,183,317	\$9,565,483	\$8,965,983	\$3,022,317	\$2,950,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,627,250
Land Bank	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,102,500	1,102,500	1,157,625	1,157,625	0	0	6,620,250
Roadway Evaluation Studies	26,250	26,250	27,560	27,560	28,935	28,935	0	0	165,490
Soil Survey	42,000	0	0	0	0	0	168,000	0	210,000
Watershed Assessment & Improvement (NPDES)	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0	0	0	300,000
<b>CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,133,400</b>	<b>\$11,334,567</b>	<b>\$10,770,543</b>	<b>\$10,171,043</b>	<b>\$4,208,877</b>	<b>\$4,136,560</b>	<b>\$168,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$52,922,990</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING:</b>									
Transfer from General Fund	\$143,250	\$101,250	\$102,560	\$102,560	\$28,935	\$28,935	\$168,000	\$0	\$675,490
Property Tax	2,340,150	1,733,317	1,115,483	515,983	72,317	0	0	0	5,777,250
Bonds	8,550,000	8,550,000	8,602,500	8,602,500	3,157,625	3,157,625	0	0	40,620,250
Ag Transfer Tax	800,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	0	0	2,550,000
Agricultural Preservation	300,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	0	0	3,300,000
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