

Agricultural Management: Working Lands

- **Policy Guidance**
 - *City Charter ARTICLE XII. OPEN SPACE*
 - *Section 176 Open Space Purposes – Open space lands*
 - *(d) Preservation of agricultural uses and land suitable for agricultural production*
 - *(b) Preservation of water resources in their natural or traditional state*
 - *Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan*
 - *9.01 Support for Agriculture*
 - *The city and county will encourage the preservation of working agricultural lands, and sustainable production of agricultural lands as a source of food and feed.*
 - *The city and county will demonstrate and encourage the protection of significant agricultural areas and related water supplies and facilities.*
- **Existing Conditions**
 - *Summary Statistics:*
 - *Acres in agricultural production (leased lands)*
 - *Irrigable lands leased*
 - *MAP: Leased lands*
 - *Importance and role of lessees in maintaining working lands*
 - *Applying irrigation water, ensuring water is used in order to protect the value of the city's water rights*
 - *Efficiencies of leasing vs. OSMP applying irrigation water and being an agricultural producer*
 - *Source to identify property management infrastructure needs and repairs*
- **Objective(s)**
 - *Maintain and support working agricultural lands, including the preservation of water resources by leasing land for agricultural uses.*
- **Management Strategies**
 - *Restore historic irrigation and agricultural uses on selected sites.*
 - *Process:*
 - *Identify irrigable lands currently not irrigated and where historic irrigation infrastructure is present.*
 - *Evaluate the potential of the site for an agricultural use*
 - *Criteria:*
 - *Connectivity/proximity to existing working lands*
 - *Soil quality/characteristics*
 - *Compatibility with existing ecosystem services*
 - *Compatibility with neighboring land uses*

- Measures of Success
 - Acres in agricultural production (number of acres leased).
 - Percent of irrigable land leased for agricultural purposes.

- Estimated Cost(s)

Cost	\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$
Equivalents	Less than \$10,000	\$10,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$500,000	More than \$500,000

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 - \$10,000 - \$49,999 per site for infrastructure improvements and deferred maintenance to restore historic irrigation and agricultural uses on selected sites.



Agricultural Resources Management Plan

Leased Lands

