

**1997-9**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS  
APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS Clinton County has rich agricultural land which has been facing increasing pressure for residential and commercial development over the past several years, and

WHEREAS the population growth and development in the southern tier of the County has been especially intense, and the pressure to use prime agricultural land for other purposes has led to a steady decrease in total farm acreage and output from the County, and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that the completion of the US-127 bypass will increase commercial and residential growth pressures, and the further loss of prime farmland, in the other townships as well, and

WHEREAS the state government recently set up a program to allow owners of agricultural production land to sell the development rights to the government in order to protect the land from future development. Local units of government are required to approve individual applications before they will be considered for the program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the concept of preserving agricultural land through the Purchase of Development Rights mechanism. In particular, when the local units within the County approve individual applications for the PDR program, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners shall hereby concur with the approval of those applications.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held March 25, 1997 and is on file in the records of this office.

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Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk