Story County Adopts Land Use Plan to Preserve Quality Agriculture Lands¹

Following a concept established by Black Hawk County in 1973, the Story County Board of Supervisors has approved a zoning ordinance which defines high quality agriculture land on the basis of soil survey data and corn suitability ratings. The Story County comprehensive land use plan was adopted as a county zoning ordinance in June 1977.

The land use plan establishes two types of agriculture districts, three types of residential districts, a residential mobile home district, and six other types of districts. The A-1, agricultural district, includes high quality agriculture land and the ordinance is designed to preserve this land in agriculture and prevent encroachment of urban uses. The ordinance limits development of tracts of land of less than 35 acres if 50% or more of