



## **AG PRESERVATION HISTORY**

*Created by the Jack L. Davies Napa Valley Agricultural Land Preservation Fund*

1966-68 – Ag Preserve Zoning District debated and enacted with the passage of Ordinance # 274, establishing minimum twenty acre parcel size in the Ag Preserve

1968 – Suit filed by Napa Valley United Farmers seeking an injunction to prevent Ordinance #274 from becoming effective

1971 – Superior Court upholds validity of Ordinance #274

1973 – Established minimum 40 acre limit in Ag Watershed areas

1977 – Ordinance #541 adopted expanding the Ag Preserve in north Napa area by approximately 1,300 acres

1979 – Board of Supervisors adopts Ordinance #610 increasing minimum parcel size in Ag Preserve Zone from 20 to 40 acres

1980 - Measure A, an initiative limiting the population growth in the unincorporated county areas to 1% per year passes

1990 – Measure J, an initiative that prohibits conversion of agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses without a vote of the people unless conversion meets with certain specified criteria passes; lawsuit immediately filed challenging validity of Measure J

1994 – County established 160-acre minimums in Ag Watershed & Open Space areas

1995 – California Supreme Court upholds validity of Measure J

1999 – Groundwater Ordinance passes, establishing protection & priority of groundwater for agriculture and requiring groundwater permits for new non-ag wells

2008 - Measure “P” passed by voters. It extends Measure “J” until 2058 and strengthens Measure “J” by including a policy that the minimum lot sizes for Agricultural Watershed & Open Space designated lands cannot be changed without a vote of the people.