



Generally there are three keys to preventing an easement violation:

1. A good relationship with the property owner
2. A Deed of Conservation Easement with clear restrictions
3. A program of regular, systematic, and well-documented monitoring

In the event of an easement violation, the Jefferson County Farmland Protection

Board would make every attempt to work with the landowner to rectify the easement violation.

In the event that a satisfactory resolution cannot occur, the Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board may work through the Jefferson County Attorney or through private attorneys to meet its perpetual obligation to protect the property. ♦

*See Appendix - 3. Easement Monitoring*



### OUTREACH

The *West Virginia Voluntary Farmland Protection Act §8-24-73(d)(c)*, requires each farmland protection board to promote the protection of agriculture within the county by offering information and assistance to landowners with respect to the acquisition of easements.

Therefore, the Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board will evaluate and utilize, on a continual basis, the development of several methods of outreach within each annual budget.



Such potential methods of outreach might include:

1. The development of articles within the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District quarterly newsletter.
2. The development of articles within the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Newsletter.
3. The development of articles within the USDA - Farm Service Agency quarterly newsletter.
4. The development of articles within local media venues (*The Journal, Morning Herald, Buyer's Guide, etc.*).
5. The development of a Jefferson County farmland protection Internet web page with links from the Jefferson County Commission Web page and other associated farm agency web pages.  
< <http://www.wvfarmlandprotection.org> >
6. The development of handouts, flyers and other promotional materials as appropriate, for placement at libraries, farm related events, mass mailing, etcetera. ♦