

ML LAP Land Designation Descriptions (as per 2016 draft LAP)

8.8 Agriculture

The purpose of the Agricultural designation is to identify existing agricultural areas and operations and ensure that their agricultural use is maintained. In addition, the designation recognizes new areas with soil-based agricultural potential except for one area designated Agriculture with low soil capability

1. Land designated as Agriculture may be used for soil and non-soil based agriculture.
2. A maximum of two dwelling units per lot may be permitted in this designation as an accessory or secondary use.
3. The lot size for soil based agriculture may range from three to 65 ha.
4. The lot size for non-soil based agriculture may range from three ha to six ha.
5. Non-soil based agriculture will:
 - a. not be considered on land identified as having a high capability for soil-based production;
 - b. only be allowed within the planned agriculture subdivisions; and
 - c. must be for commercially viable farm operations.
6. Subdivision of agriculture properties that meet the home site severance criteria set out in the *Subdivision Act* and *Regulations* is supported.
7. Accessory or Secondary uses, such as home-based businesses, bed-and-breakfasts, and agri-tourism, are supported on lands designated as Agriculture.
8. Commercial dog kennels may be permitted as a discretionary use where it has been determined through a public consultation review process that the proposed activity will not be incompatible with surrounding agriculture or residential uses.
9. The installation of public utilities and FireSmart activities may be permitted.
10. Agricultural land disposition within the active Timber Harvesting Plan north of the dump will not occur until the area is redesignated for Agriculture.