***Assessment:*** *Your friend has been hired as a county planner (like you) for the neighboring county downriver of your town. Write a letter to your friend giving him/her advice on balancing the needs of the environment with the needs of the local economy. Below I have started the letter. Select three of the highlighted categories and elaborate on each. Be sure to include why/how these practices help the environment (what problems do they prevent) in as much detail as possible.*

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Dear Jane (Future County Planner),

Congratulations on your new job. I find being a county planner challenging, but exciting too. My daily goal is to find solutions that reduce the impacts of human activities on the environment, while maintaining the needs of our community members and biodiversity. My primary focus is advising farmers and developers on best practices related to the environment. I want to share with you what I have learned about **agricultural options, livestock practices, tilling practices, applying fertilizer and the benefits of low-impact housing and commercial developments.**

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