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# Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan

2022 Update and Recertification

# Introduction

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# I. What is the Farmland Preservation Plan?

- ▶ Sets Dane County's goals, objectives and policies for protecting working agricultural lands and the farm economy.
- ▶ Determines eligibility for farmland preservation tax credits and other benefits under state Working Lands Initiative.
- ▶ Governed by Chapter 91, Wis. Stats.

# Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program

- ▶ Farmland Preservation Income Tax credits
  - ▶ \$7.50 / acre / year for land in Farmland Preservation Zoning
  - ▶ \$10 / acre / year for land in an Ag. Enterprise Area and with agreement to stay in farming for 15 years.
  - ▶ With 474,000 acres in Farmland Preservation Zoning, Dane County farmers could claim a total of \$3.5 million in tax credits each year.

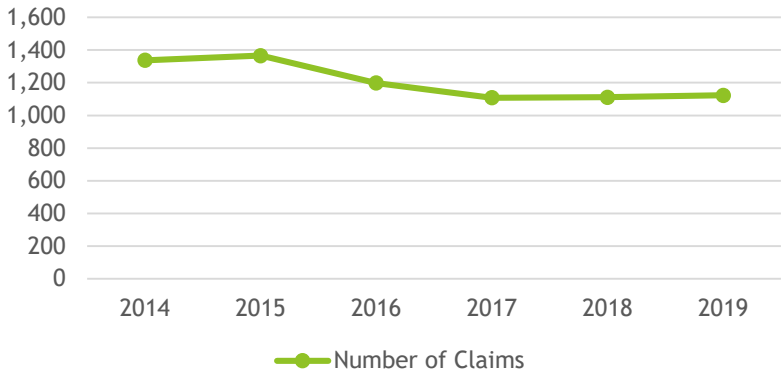
# Eligibility for Farmland Preservation Tax Credits

(All criteria must be met to claim credit)

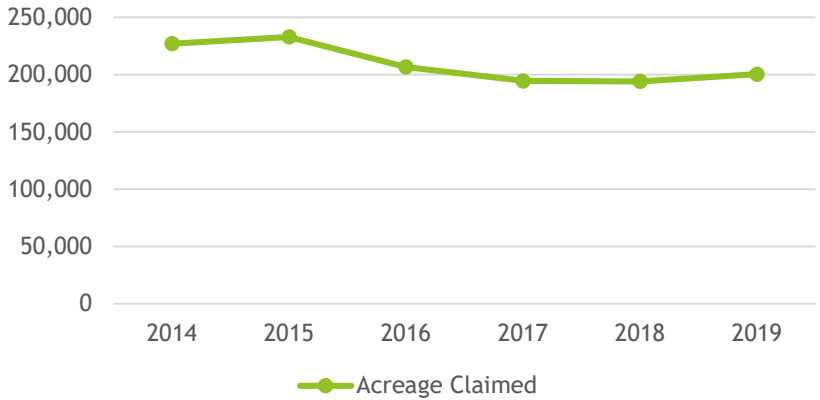
1. In Farmland Preservation Area in DATCP-certified county Farmland Preservation Plan.
2. Under DATCP-certified Farmland Preservation Zoning.
3. Farm complies with county soil and water conservation standards.

# Farmland Preservation Tax Credits in Dane County by Tax Year

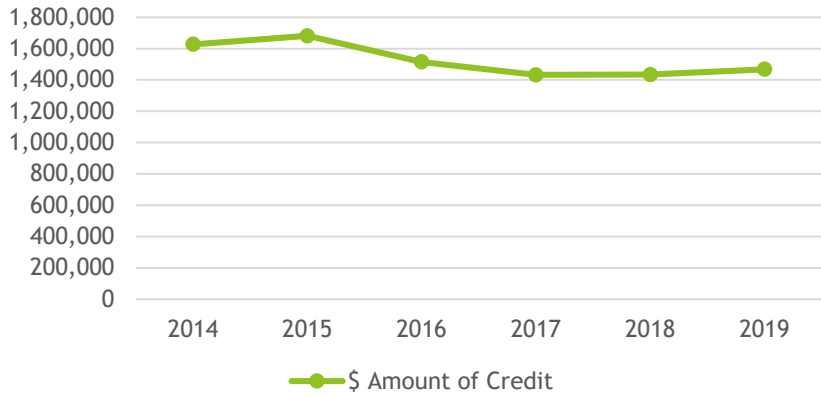
### Number of Claims



### Acreage Claimed



### \$ Amount of Credit

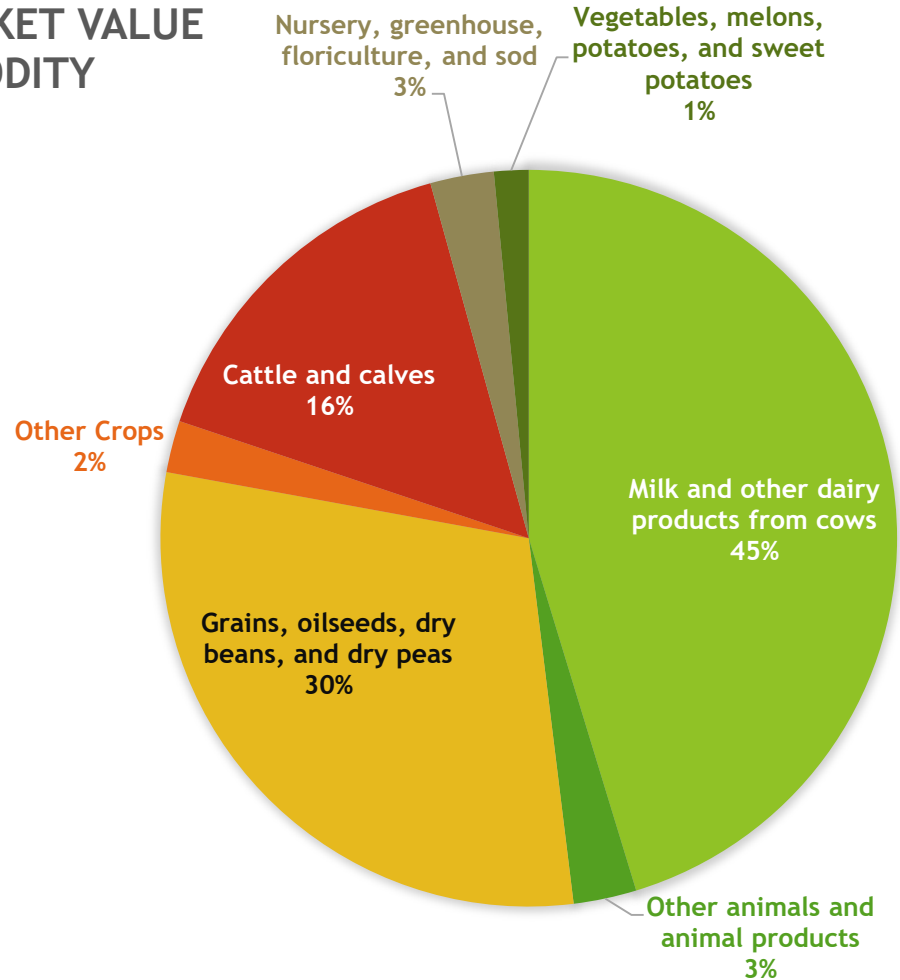


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Agricultural Inventory

# Market Value of Products

**2017 MARKET VALUE  
BY COMMODITY**



**Total Market Value:  
\$ 509,073,000**



# Economically significant crops

Values of Sales By Commodity Group	Market Value (in \$ 1,000)	State Rank	US Rank	US Percentiles
Other animals and other animal products	<i>Undisclosed</i>	23	<i>Undisclosed</i>	0.00
Milk and other dairy products from cows	230,212	4	25	98.68
Sheep, goats, and their products	580	20	294	90.15
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	151,584	1	172	94.10
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	980	5	42	96.97
Cattle and calves	79,037	2	170	94.44
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,170	5	186	92.85
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	777	3	257	91.35
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,705	13	255	90.96
Other crops and hay	8,141	8	314	89.67
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,578	16	367	86.64
Hogs and pigs	10,547	3	369	87.08
Aquaculture	<i>Undisclosed</i>	10	<i>Undisclosed</i>	0.00
Tobacco	856	1	168	47.99
Poultry and eggs	2,143	23	694	76.92
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>509,073</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>96.85</b>

# Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan

Programs & Policies

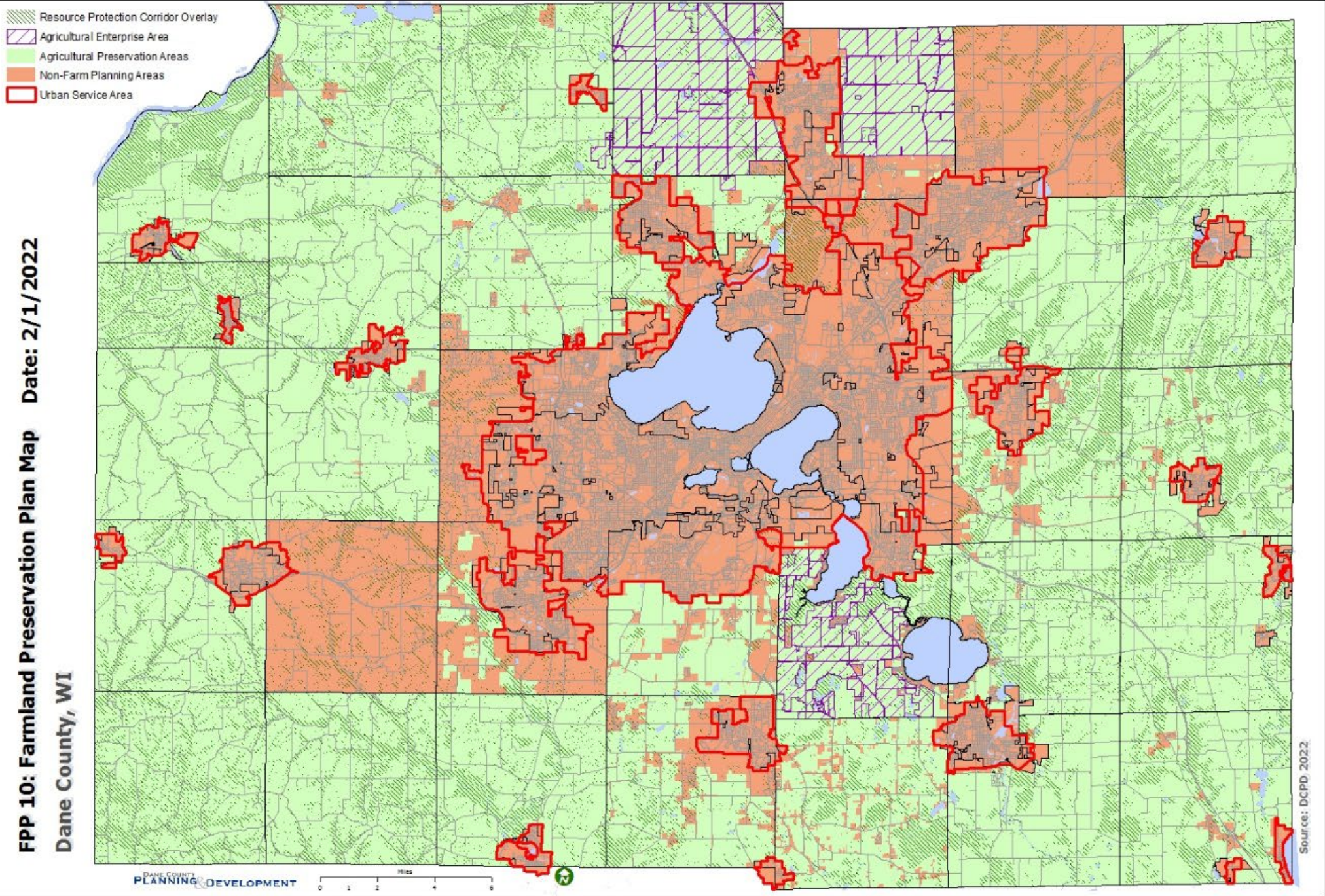
# Farmland Preservation Areas

- ▶ Preserve for agricultural use and agriculture-related uses.
- ▶ May include undeveloped natural resource and open space areas.
- ▶ May not include any area planned for nonagricultural development within 15 years after plan adoption.
- ▶ Must include rationale for designation.
- ▶ Must be consistent with county comprehensive plan.

*[s. 91.10, Wis. Stats.]*

# FPP 10: Farmland Preservation Plan Map Date: 2/1/2022

Dane County, WI

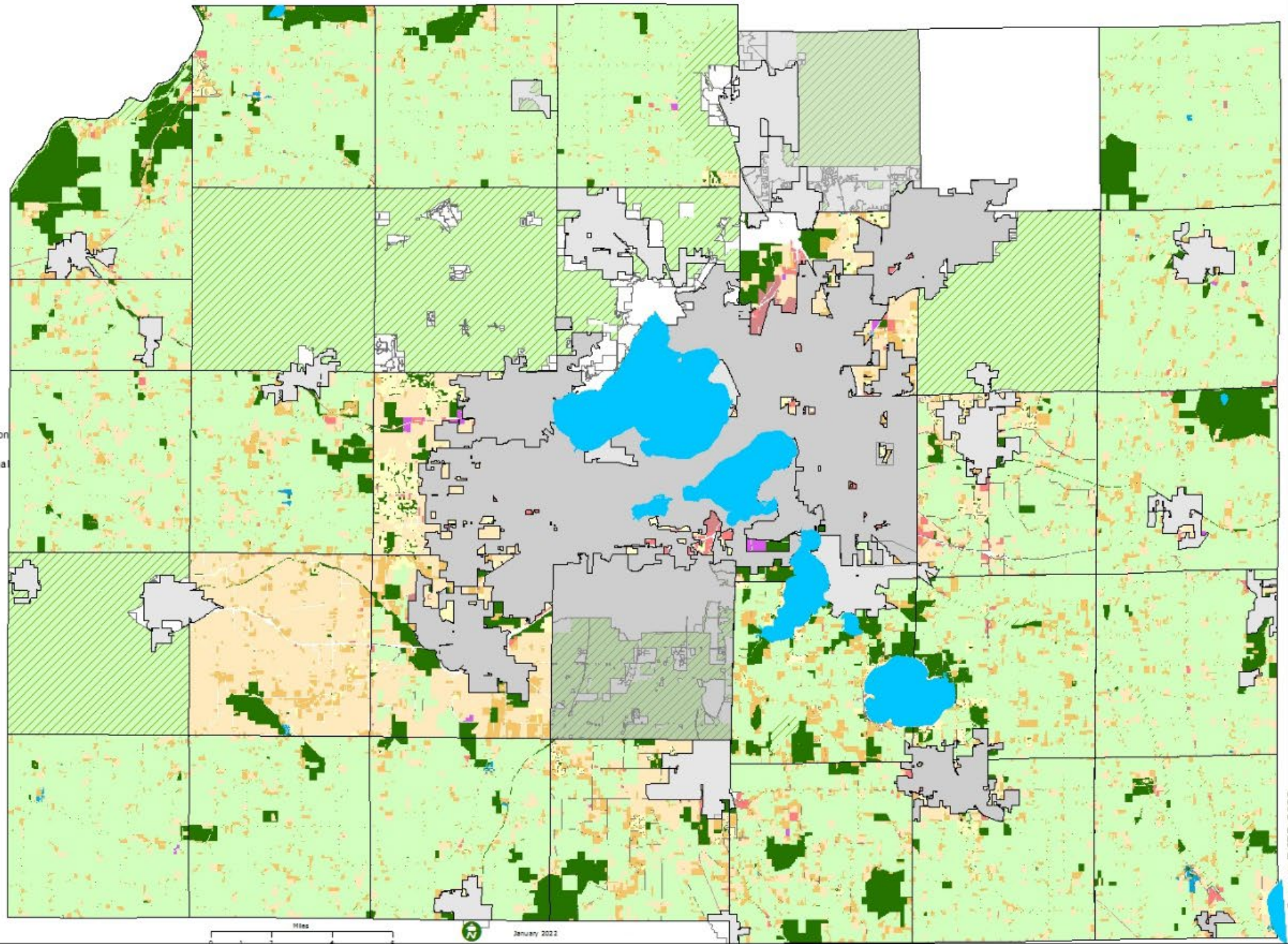


Source: DCPD 2022

# Programs to Preserve Agriculture

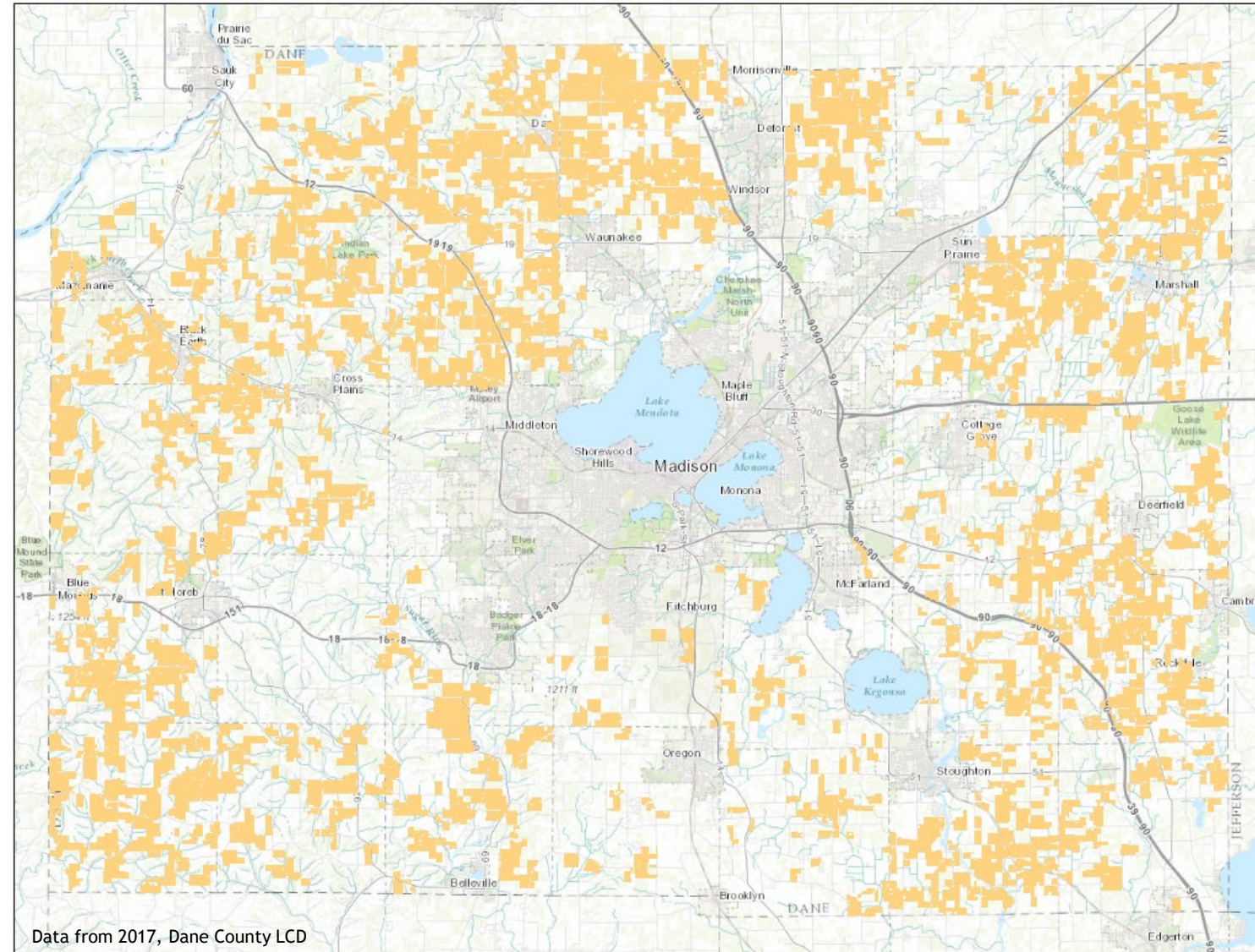
- ▶ Farmland Preservation Zoning
- ▶ Density Caps
- ▶ Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA)
- ▶ Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE)
- ▶ Transfer of Development Rights (TDR)
- ▶ Economic Assistance
- ▶ Cost-Share and Financial Assistance
- ▶ Agricultural Infrastructure
- ▶ Education and Technical Assistance

# FPP 11 - Current Zoning Dane County, WI



# Soil & Water Conservation

Helps farmers & local governments preserve farmland, protect soil & water, and minimize land use conflicts (DATCP)



~ 178,000 acres under Certificates of Compliance

# Agricultural Performance Standards



Sheet, rill and wind erosion

Tillage setback

Phosphorus index

Manure storage facilities


Process wastewater handling

Clean water diversions

Nutrient management



# Agricultural Prohibitions

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- A photograph of a farm scene. In the foreground, there is a muddy area with a small stream of water. Several cows are standing in the mud. To the right, there is a field of tall green corn. In the background, there are rolling green hills and a red barn on the left. The sky is blue with some light clouds.
- No overflow of manure storage facilities
  - No unconfined manure piles in a water quality management area
  - No direct runoff from a feedlot or stored manure to waters of the state
  - No unlimited access by livestock to waters of the state

# Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan

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# Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan: Recertification

- ▶ Last amended and certified by DATCP in 2012.
- ▶ Dane County must recertify its Farmland Preservation Plan by 12/31/2022

*[s.91.14(1)(a), Wis. Stats.]*

# Minimum Requirements for Plan Certification

- County policies on farmland preservation, agricultural development and related enterprises.
- Identifies agricultural:
  - Plans, and needs
  - Land uses, key resources, infrastructure,
  - Trends and anticipated changes in farming.
- Establish Farmland Preservation Areas
- Policies, goals, strategies and actions county will take to:
  - Preserve farmland and promote agricultural development in Farmland Preservation Areas
  - Increase housing density in other planning areas.
- Must be adopted as part of, and consistent with, county comprehensive plan.

*[s.91.10, Wis. Stats.]*

# Surveys, Outreach, and Steering Committee

## ▶ Survey

- ▶ Engage key FPP stakeholders via survey
  - ▶ 1200+ Farmers with existing conservation practices in Dane County
  - ▶ Gather sentiment regarding program and assess barriers to implementation

## ▶ Outreach

- ▶ Establish communication and gather feedback from state and county level advocacy organizations, as well as local officials
  - ▶ DATCP staff
  - ▶ Organizations such as Farmer's Union, Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, and REAP Food Group
  - ▶ Farmer-led watershed groups, such as Yahara Pride
  - ▶ Town, village and city government
  - ▶ General updates and public feedback at ZLR work meetings



# Steering Committee and Staff

- ▶ Steering Committee (Proposed)

- ▶ Amy Piaget, Dane County Conservationist (LWRD)
- ▶ Will Fulwider, Regional Crops Educator (Dane County UWEX)
- ▶ Renee Lauber, Dane County Towns Association
- ▶ Wade Thompson, City of Fitchburg Planning and Development Department

- ▶ Project Staff

- ▶ Brian Standing, Senior Planner, (DPD)
- ▶ Rishika Tumula, Project Assistant (DPD/UW)
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# More Information

- ▶ On the Web:

- ▶ [http://www.countyofdane.com/PLANDEV/planning/farm\\_preservation.aspx](http://www.countyofdane.com/PLANDEV/planning/farm_preservation.aspx)

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