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Dear Mr. Karel:

Attached please find proposed amendments to the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan*. Dane County would like to request certification of this amendment under s.91.16, Wisconsin Statutes. Changes from the 2012 certified *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* include Farmland Preservation Plan map amendments to:

1. Reclassify approximately 8 acres in the Town of Oregon from “Non-Farm Planning Area” to “Farmland Preservation Area,” to accommodate rezoning these parcels to Farmland Preservation Zoning.
2. Reclassify approximately 1,739 acres in the Town of Westport, from “Farmland Preservation Area” to “Non-Farmland Preservation.” Note that these areas are under Westport-Waunakee Extraterritorial Zoning. This amendment is predicated on the Village of Waunakee completing appropriate rezones of these areas to other non-certified zoning districts.
3. Reclassify approximately 80 acres in the Town of Westport from “Non Farmland Preservation” to “Farmland Preservation.” These parcels are under the Westport-Waunakee Extraterritorial Zoning authority.
4. Reclassify approximately 109 acres in the Town of Cottage Grove from “Farmland Preservation Area” to “Non-Farmland Preservation.” These parcels are currently in non-certified zoning districts.
5. Reclassify approximately 436 acres in the Towns of Blooming Grove and Dunn from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation.” These parcels have been annexed into the Village of McFarland.

These changes will bring the *Farmland Preservation Plan* into consistency with changes occurring over the course of 2016, including:

- amendments to the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* approved by the county board of supervisors, and;
- annexations of land to municipalities that do not participate in the state farmland preservation program.

The *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* is adopted by the Dane County Board of Supervisors as a component of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* under s.66.1001, Wis.

Stats and Chapter 82, Dane County Code. The complete text of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* is available online at: <http://www.daneplan.org/plan.shtml>. The complete texts of town comprehensive plans and city farmland preservation plans specifically adopted by the Dane County Board of Supervisors are available at:

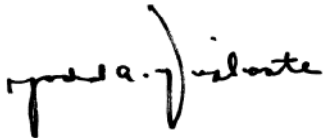
<http://www.countyofdane.com/plandev/planning/townComponents.aspx?a=1>. Links to city and village comprehensive plans automatically adopted into the county comprehensive plans are available here: http://www.countyofdane.com/plandev/planning/City_Plans.aspx.

An appropriate ordinance amendment to Chapter 82, Dane County Code, has been introduced to the Dane County Board of Supervisors. That amendment will be referred to the Zoning and Land Regulations (ZLR) Committee, which will hold a public hearing on November 28, 2017. Notification of this amendment will be published, posted and mailed individually in accordance with the requirements of ss. 91.10(3) and 66.1001(4), Wisconsin Statutes. Dane County is therefore requesting that the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection grant a certification contingent on final county board and county executive action.

For more information or questions about this Farmland Preservation Plan certification submittal, please contact:

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Sincerely,



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