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Dear Ms. Smith:

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 2018 certified *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* include Farmland Preservation Plan map amendments to:

1. Reclassify approximately 77.8 acres in the Town of Westport from “Non-Farmland Preservation” to “Farmland Preservation” to reflect 2019 amendments to the *City of Middleton / Town of Westport Extraterritorial Plan*.
2. Reclassify approximately 51.8 acres in the City of Fitchburg from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to reflect 2019 amendments to the *City of Fitchburg Comprehensive Plan* and the *City of Fitchburg Farmland Preservation Plan*.
3. Reclassify approximately 211.1 acres in the Town of Verona from “Non-Farmland Preservation” to “Farmland Preservation” and approximately 3,780.8 acres from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to reflect 2019 amendments to the *Town of Verona Comprehensive Plan*.
4. Reclassify approximately 731.4 acres in the Town of Blooming Grove from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to reflect the scheduled 2027 annexation of the Town of Blooming Grove to the City of Madison under the *City of Madison / Town of Blooming Grove Intergovernmental Agreement*.
5. Reclassify approximately 121 acres formerly in the Town of Blooming Grove from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to reflect 2019 annexations to the Village of McFarland.
6. Reclassify approximately 2,718.3 acres of existing residential development in the Town of Rutland from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to bring the Farmland Preservation Plan map into consistency with Section 91.38(1)(f), Wisconsin Statutes.

These changes will bring the *Farmland Preservation Plan* into consistency with changes occurring over the course of 2019, including:

- amendments to town comprehensive plans and the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan*, and;
- annexations of land to municipalities that do not participate in the state farmland preservation program.

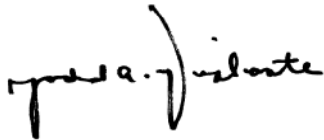
The *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* is adopted by the Dane County Board of Supervisors as a component of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* under s.66.1001, Wis. Stats and Chapter 82, Dane County Code. The complete text of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* is available online at: <http://www.daneplan.org/plan.shtml>. 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, will be introduced to the Dane County Board of Supervisors by September 19. That amendment will be referred to the Zoning and Land Regulations (ZLR) Committee. The intention is to have the ZLR hold a public hearing on this amendment at its October 23, 2019 meeting. 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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