



# DANE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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TO: County Board Supervisors  
County Executive Jamie Kuhn  
Town Clerks  
All Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: County Board Ordinance Amendment 2024 OA-15  
Amending the Cultural Resources Section of the Dane County Comprehensive  
Plan, Amending the Farmland Preservation Plan Map and Deleting Obsolete  
Language

DATE: August 29, 2024

CC: Todd Violante, Director of Planning & Development  
Roger Lane, Zoning Administrator  
Karin Thurlow Petersen, County Board Staff

## I. SUMMARY

If adopted, 2024 OA-15 would:

- Adopt minor amendments to the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* map for consistency with adopted town, village, city and extraterritorial comprehensive plans.

## II. BACKGROUND

A. *Ordinance and Plan Amended:* If adopted, 2024 OA-15 would amend Chapter 82, Subchapter II of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

### B. *Development.*

The Dane County Department of Development undertakes an annual review of the Farmland Preservation Plan map to make sure areas identified as "Farmland Preservation Areas" remain consistent with adopted county, city, village, town and extraterritorial comprehensive plans, and with the requirements of Section 91.18, Wisconsin Statutes. All communities within Dane County that participate in the state Farmland Preservation program were given an opportunity to review proposed maps prior to their inclusion in 2024 OA-15.

C. *ZLR public hearing:* The Zoning and Land Regulation Committee (ZLR) advises the County Board on proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. The ZLR Committee has scheduled a public hearing on 2024 OA-15 for **October 22, 2024**.

### III. DESCRIPTION

#### A. *Farmland Preservation Plan Map Amendments.*

1. 2024 OA-15 would include amendments to the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan Map* that would reclassify a total of 129.89 acres from “Farmland Preservation” to “Not Farmland Preservation” to reflect annexations or Urban Service Area amendments that occurred in 2024. These changes would affect land in the towns of Cottage Grove, Dunkirk, Dunn, Medina, Pleasant Springs and Rutland.
2. 2024 OA-15 would include amendments that would reclassify 258.74 acres from “Farmland Preservation” to “Not Farmland Preservation” in the Town of Springfield. This reflects areas intended for urban growth areas under the *City of Middleton / Town of Springfield Intergovernmental Agreement*.
3. 2024 OA-15 would include amendments that would reclassify 926.06 acres from “Farmland Preservation” to “Not Farmland Preservation” to reflect plan map corrections necessary as part of Dane County’s and other communities’ decennial recertification of their farmland preservation zoning ordinances. These changes would affect land in the City of Fitchburg, Village of Windsor, and the towns of Albion, Blue Mounds, Cottage Grove, Deerfield, Dunkirk, Medina and Rutland.
4. 2024 OA-15 would also include amendments that would reclassify 679.22 acres from “Not Farmland Preservation” to “Farmland Preservation” to reflect plan map corrections necessary as part of Dane County’s and other communities’ decennial recertification of their farmland preservation zoning ordinances. These changes would affect land in Village of Windsor and the towns of Albion, Cottage Grove, Cross Plains, Deerfield, Dunn, Montrose, Oregon, Pleasant Springs and Rutland.

### IV. COMMENTS BY OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR STATE AGENCIES

#### Town Governments

No town governments have formally commented on the proposed amendment as of the date of this memo.

#### City and Village Governments

As of the date of this report, no city or village governments had commented on this amendment.

#### Other agencies

##### **Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)**

The Dane County Department of Planning and Development has submitted the plan amendments to the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for certification under Chapter 91, Wisconsin Statutes.