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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 2017 certified *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* include Farmland Preservation Plan map amendments to:

1. Reclassify approximately 33.4 acres in the Town of Springfield from “Non-Farmland Preservation” to “Farmland Preservation” to reflect amendments to the *Town of Springfield Comprehensive Plan*.
2. Reclassify approximately 4,827 square feet in the Town of Cross Plains from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to reflect a correction to an Urban Service Area.
3. Reclassify approximately 8.3 acres in the Town of Blue Mounds from “Non Farmland Preservation” to “Farmland Preservation” to reflect abandoned former right-of-way.
4. Reclassify approximately 78 acres in the Town of Sun Prairie from “Non-Farmland Preservation” to “Farmland Preservation” to reflect a correction to the Urban Service Area boundary.
5. Reclassify approximately 36 acres in the Town of Cottage Grove from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to reflect amendments to the *Town of Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan*.
6. Reclassify approximately 22.8 acres in the Town of Dunn from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to reflect annexations to the Village of McFarland.
7. Reclassify approximately 54.9 acres in the Town of Dunkirk from “Farmland Preservation” to “Non-Farmland Preservation” to reflect annexations to the City of Stoughton.
8. Reclassify approximately 82 acres in the Town of Westport from “Non-Farmland Preservation” to “Farmland Preservation” to reflect changes to the *Town of Westport Comprehensive Plan*.

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

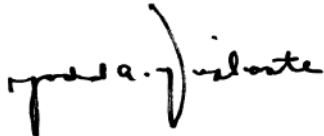
The *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* is adopted by the Dane County Board of Supervisors as a component of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* under s.66.1001, Wis. Stats and Chapter 82, Dane County Code. The complete text of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* is available online at: <http://www.daneplan.org/plan.shtml>. 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, 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 October 23, 2018. 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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