

Town of
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Todd Violante
Dane County Planning and Development Director
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Dear Todd:

At its meeting on July 21, 2015, the Town of Springfield Board voted to resubmit its 2013 Town Comprehensive Plan amendments related to the Town's Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program for inclusion in the Dane County Comprehensive Plan.

As you know, in 2013 the Town submitted these same amendments for County adoption, but later withdrew them. The withdrawal was a result of the County Zoning & Land Regulation Committee's recommendation to modify the Town's proposal via a substitute ordinance amendment and an accompanying "Town of Springfield Chapter of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan Addendum."

Since then, the Town has maintained its 2013 Town Comprehensive Plan amendments related to TDR, but has taken no further action to implement TDR. The Board has been encouraged by recent statements from County representative that the County may be prepared to adopt the Town's TDR comprehensive plan amendments exactly as presented by the Town. Thus, after a favorable recommend by our Town Plan Commission, the Town Board has decided to submit the attached Town Plan amendments for inclusion in the County Plan.

We ask for an "up or down" vote from the County on the attached amendments, as presented. We are confident that the amendments and Town TDR program satisfy both Town and County objectives. The Town has worked very hard to develop a TDR program in close collaboration with Dane County officials and staff, and to address County concerns and policy goals. This collaboration has extended all the way back to 2002, when the Town adopted its first comprehensive plan advising implementation of a TDR program. We hope the County agrees, and trusts the Town to continue that collaboration and implement TDR in the best interests of all.

As a side note, the Town has been working on a complete update to its Comprehensive Plan over the past several months. We will shortly be in a position to share that update with you and your staff for informal review and comment. As present, the update continues to include TDR. The Town is eager to understand the County's approach to the attached Comprehensive Plan amendments, so it can maintain or remove TDR from its Plan update accordingly.

Please contact us with any questions or required clarifications regarding this Town request.

Sincerely,



Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Springfield Board

Cc: Curt Kodl, Town of Springfield Plan Commission

Attachment: Town Board Ordinance 2013-01; An Ordinance to Adopt Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Springfield; Adopted February 5, 2013