

# Dane County Comprehensive Plan Amendments



2023 OA-49

Zoning and Land Regulations Committee

November 28, 2023



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Three components to this ordinance amendment:

1. Delete obsolete language
2. Maintenance amendments to the Farmland Preservation Plan
3. Adopt amendments to the Cultural Resources chapter

# 1. Delete Obsolete Language

- ▶ Subchapter I: North Mendota Parkway Development Moratorium
  - ▶ Originally adopted in 2007 (OA 11, 2007-2008)
  - ▶ Prevented land divisions, rezones and CUPs along potential routes for a North Mendota Parkway.
  - ▶ S. 82.03(4) requires that Subchapter I expires 24 months after adoption, or the effective date of parties to the North Mendota Intergovernmental Agreement.
  - ▶ The Intergovernmental Agreement was effective in 2008.



# 2. Farmland Preservation Amendments



- ▶ Annual “clean-up” amendments to ensure compliance with Chapter 91, Wisconsin Statutes
- ▶ Reflects town, city and village plan changes and amendments to Urban Service Area boundaries that occurred in the previous year
- ▶ Necessary to maintain WI DATCP certification and eligibility for state Farmland Preservation income tax credits.

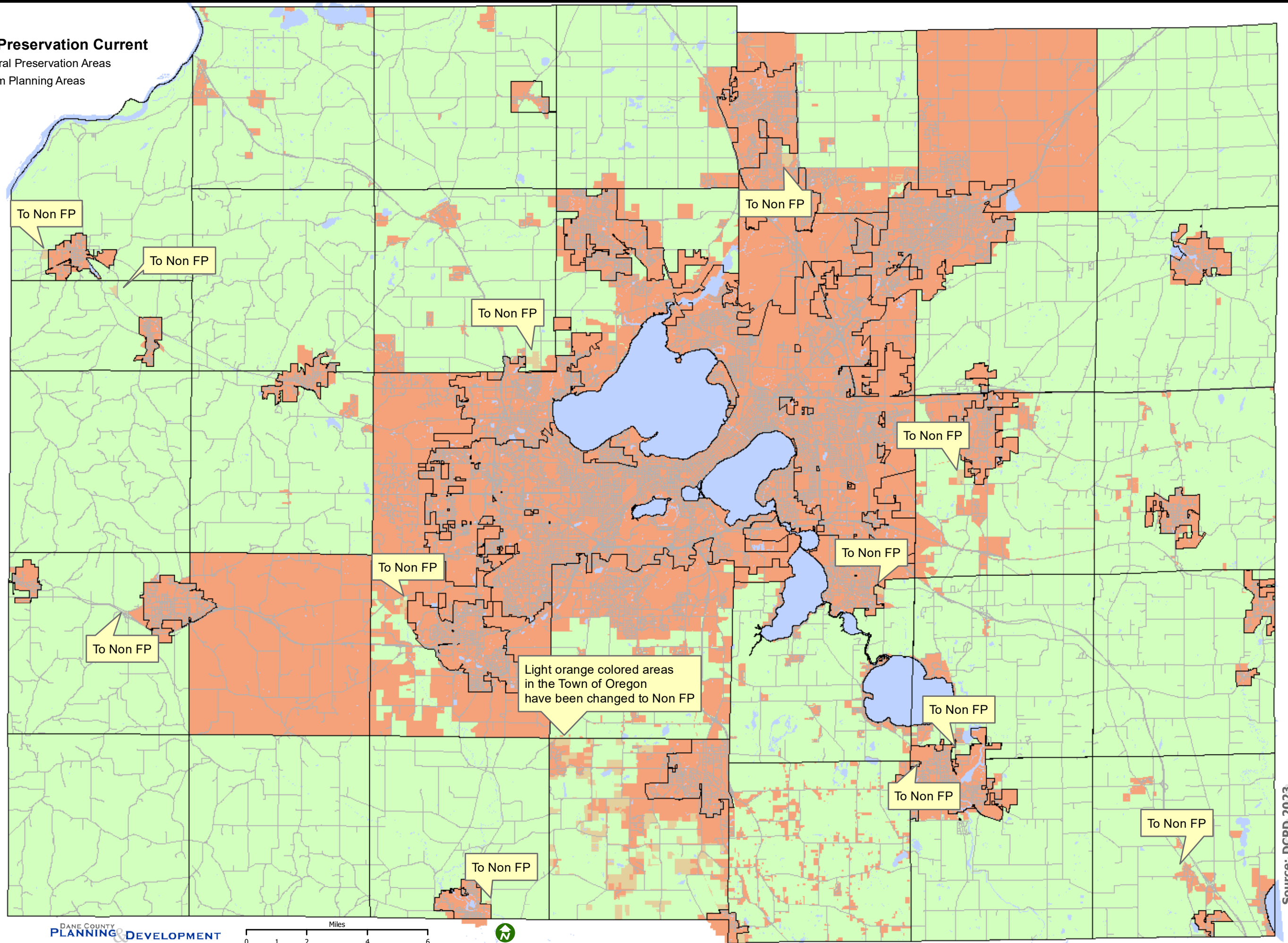


**Farmland Preservation Current**

-  Agricultural Preservation Areas
-  Non-Farm Planning Areas

**FPP 11: Farmland Preservation Plan Map Date: 9/1/2023**

**Dane County, WI**



# 3. Cultural Resources Plan Update

- ▶ The Dane County Current Comprehensive Plan language lacks clarity and actionable language.
- ▶ Dane County has many architectural, historical, archeological, and cultural resources that are candidates for protection.
- ▶ The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission expects the Dane County population to increase by approximately 200,000 over the next 25 years. Growing populations will place increased pressure on resources and communities.



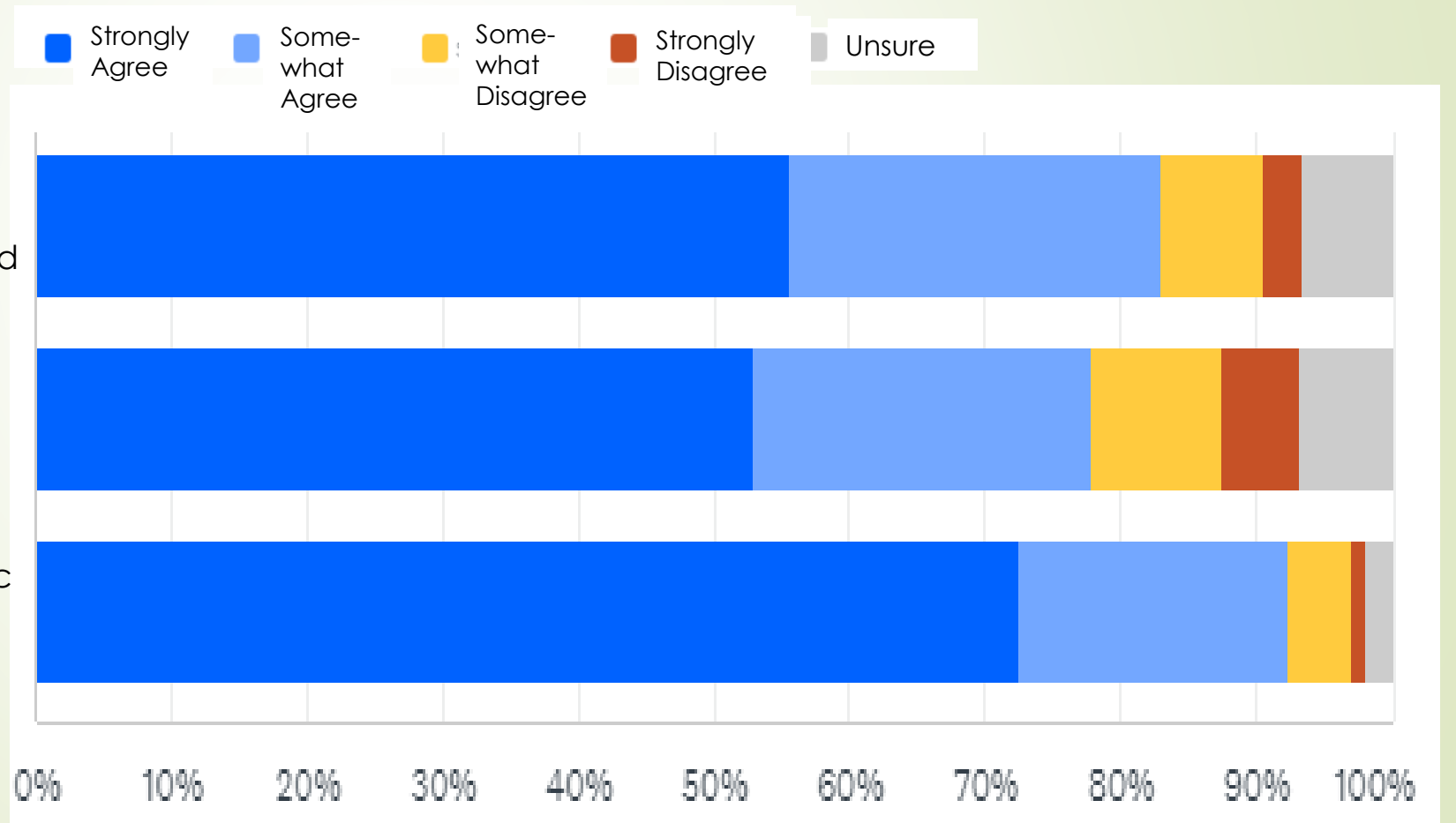
# Community Input

- Online survey was distributed via historical societies, project website, and postcards to residents.
- Responses:
  - 124 Responses from 41 towns, cities, villages, and places in Dane County.

Historic buildings are an important part of my community's heritage and identity.

**My town should adopt regulations requiring the preservation of historic buildings.**

Archeological and historic sites are an important part of our history.





# Planning Process

ZLR Cultural Resources Planning Subcommittee

## ► Representation:

- UW-Madison Division of the Arts
- UW-Madison Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture
- Dane County Historical Society
- Dane County Towns Association
- Dane Arts

## ► Participants:

- Wisconsin Historical Society
- Iowa Arts and Culture
- Driftless Pathways
- Local experts in historic survey and preservation
- Dane County Corporation Counsel

## ► “Certified Local Government” status:

- CLG status sets minimum standards for historic preservation, and when met, makes available Federal grant dollars to be used for historic preservation.



# Recommendations

- The subcommittee recommends NOT pursuing Certified Local Government at a county-wide level.
  - Allows individual towns to retain control
  - Local ordinances can be more specific to the needs of each community
- Dane County WILL assist towns in attaining CLG status for themselves
  - Administrative and staff support
  - Establishment of County Heritage Preservation Board
  - Providing draft ordinances in alignment with County Comprehensive Plan which meet CLG standards.
- Other Programs
  - Educational Programs in partnership with school systems within Dane County.
  - Interpretive and Historic marker programs across Dane County
  - Partnerships with UW Extension, UniverCity Year, Madison College and other local institutions and programs to promote preservation goals.
  - Includes recommendations for protecting places where arts, dance, music, handicrafts, etc. occur.
  - Culturally relevant historic markers program to focus on underrepresented communities (in 2024 budget).