

DANE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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August 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Karel::

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 2012 certified *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* include Farmland Preservation Plan map amendments to:

- reclassify approximately 456 acres in the Towns of Albion, Cottage Grove, Springfield and Westport from “Non-Farm Planning Area” to “Agricultural Preservation Area;”
- reclassify approximately 919 acres in the Towns of Blooming Grove and Cottage Grove from “Agricultural Preservation Area” to “Non-Farm Planning Area,” and;
- update the “Resource Protection Corridor Overlay” for the Town of Cottage Grove.

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

- amendments to the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* approved by the county board of supervisors, 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.

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Zoning

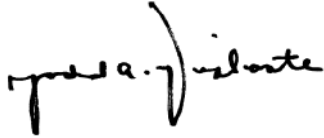
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An appropriate ordinance amendment to Chapter 82, Dane County Code, will be introduced to the Dane County Board of Supervisors on August 18, 2016. We anticipate that amendment will be referred to the Zoning and Land Regulations (ZLR) Committee, which will hold a public hearing on October 25, 2016. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Violante". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Todd Violante, AICP
Director of Planning and Development

cc: Josh Wescott, Chief of Staff
Dave Gault, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Mary Kolar, Chair, Zoning and Land Regulations Committee