

DESCRIPTION: Landowner wishes to rezone 14.4 acres from the RR-8 zoning district to the RM-8 zoning district to allow for the construction of an agricultural accessory building on a parcel without an existing residence. The shed will be used to support a mushroom, berry and industrial hemp farming operation. At the same time, the landowner seeks to rezone an adjacent 5.5 acres from the RR-4 zoning district to the UTR district to better reflect the uses permitted under a Dane County Land and Water Conservation Easement recorded on this particular lot.

OBSERVATIONS: The landowner will need to establish a farm operation, to the satisfaction of the zoning administrator, before a zoning permit will be issued for an agricultural accessory building on the proposed RM-8 lot. The recorded conservation easement on the proposed UTR lot allows only for agricultural uses (including agricultural accessory uses), and limited recreational improvements. Residential, commercial or other non-farming or non-recreational uses are strictly prohibited under the terms of the easement. The UTR (Utility, Transportation and Right-of-Way) district allows for a similar set of restricted uses.

TOWN PLAN: Although the Town of Springdale / Dane County Comprehensive plan limits land divisions for residential development in this area, no new land division or potential homesite would be created with this petition.

RESOURCE PROTECTION: Deer Creek, a perennial stream, runs through the existing CSM 8286, Lot 1, which is proposed to be rezoned to the UTR district. Portions of CSM 8286, Lot 2 (proposed RM-8 zoning) fall within 300' of Deer Creek. Any development or land disturbance within these areas will be subject to shoreland zoning standards.

STAFF: Recommend approval with no conditions.

TOWN: No town action report received as of August 17, 2020.