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I would like to comment on FP-35 rezoning application pending for My neighbors Levi and Lydia Yoder and another couple acquiring from Joas and Rachael Bontrager. A public hearing was held by BE zoning and another scheduled for public comment to enable them to make recommendations to Dane county.

Originally owned by Connie Lucey (6 splits), John Wilkinson (5) splits, Henry Fogel (5) splits, and Larry Batz (5 splits), these 4 farms have all been split and prime agricultural acreage has been maintained exactly along the FP35 Dane county guidelines. This has preserved the prime Ag acres while at the same time allowed 21 RH homes to be build by my neighbors while maintaining the rural character intended of the FP35 rezoning guidelines.

In the case of splitting the 124 acre Bontrager farm into (3) much more manageable (Amish) farms of at least 35 acres, this continues to maintain the rural character of this valley. At least a half dozen adjoining neighbors and more than a dozen non adjoining neighbor interact with these farmers assisting them and conduct business transactions to their benefit. This is exactly the kind of rural character intended by Dane County zoning guidelines.

There are those who may believe (based on apocalyptic assumptions) that the intention is to start up a huge Amish community or subdivision. Having worked directly with these farmers, I don't believe this to be case at all. The fact is that given their preferred methods of husbanding their land that 35 acres is the ideal size of their farms given their outstanding Agricultural skills and the equipment that they prefer to use to farm and caretake the land.

Thanks for letting me comment,
Thomas Fogel