



DANE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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TO: County Board Supervisors
County Executive Melissa Agard
Town Clerks
All Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: County Board Ordinance Amendment 2025 OA-11
Amending Chapter 82 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, Amending the
Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan

DATE: September 23, 2025

CC: Todd Violante, Director of Planning & Development
Roger Lane, Zoning Administrator
Cecely Castillo, County Board Staff

I. SUMMARY

If adopted, 2025 OA-11 would:

- Make minor map amendments to the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan Map* to account for any municipal boundary changes, Urban Service Area amendments and adopted changes to town, village, city, and extraterritorial plans.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Ordinance and Plan Amended: If adopted, 2025 OA-11 would amend Chapter 82, Subchapter II of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

B. Development.

The Dane County Department of Planning & Development undertakes an annual review of the Farmland Preservation Plan map to make sure areas identified as "Farmland Preservation Areas" remain consistent with adopted county, city, village, town, and extraterritorial comprehensive plans, and with the requirements of Section 91.18, Wisconsin Statutes. All communities within Dane County that participate in the state Farmland Preservation program were given an opportunity to submit any proposed changes to maps for inclusion in 2025 OA-11.

C. ZLR public hearing: The Zoning and Land Regulation Committee (ZLR) advises the County Board on proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. The ZLR Committee has scheduled a public hearing on 2025 OA-11 for **October 28, 2025**.

III. DESCRIPTION

A. *Farmland Preservation Plan Map Amendments.*

1. 2025 OA-11 would include amendments to the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan Map* that would reclassify a total of 68.919 acres from “Farmland Preservation” to “Not Farmland Preservation” to reflect annexations that occurred in 2024 and 2025. These changes would affect land in the Town of Deerfield and Town of Verona.
2. 2025 OA-11 would include amendments to the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan Map* that would reclassify 209.331 acres from “Farmland Preservation” to “Not Farmland Preservation” in the Town of Cottage Grove. This reflects map corrections in areas within the Town’s Agricultural Transition Area, Neighborhood Development Area, and Commercial Development Area in its Comprehensive Plan.
3. 2025 OA-11 would include amendments to the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan Map* that would reclassify 287.383 acres from “Farmland Preservation” to “Not Farmland Preservation” in the City of Fitchburg to reflect changes to this municipality’s Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Plans.

IV. COMMENTS BY OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR STATE AGENCIES

Town Governments

No town governments have formally commented on the proposed amendment as of the date of this memo.

City and Village Governments

As of the date of this report, no city or village governments had commented on this amendment.

Other agencies

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)

The Dane County Department of Planning and Development will submit the plan amendments to the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for certification under Chapter 91, Wisconsin Statutes.