

## PLANNING DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Mr. Jackson:

Attached please find proposed amendments to the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan Map*. Dane County would like to request certification of this map amendment under s. 91.16, Wisconsin Statutes. Changes from the 2023 certified *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* include Farmland Preservation Plan map amendments as shown below.

| Municipality             | Farmland<br>Preservation<br>Category | Proposed FPP<br>Category     | Notes                               | Acres  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| City of Fitchburg        | Farmland<br>Preservation             | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 41.09  |
| Town of Albion           | Not Farmland<br>Preservation         | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 88.20  |
| Town of Blue Mounds      | Farmland<br>Preservation             | Not Farmland Preservation    | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 749.83 |
| Town of Cottage<br>Grove | Farmland<br>Preservation             | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Annexation                          | 50.79  |
| Town of Cottage<br>Grove | Farmland<br>Preservation             | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 53.18  |
| Town of Cottage<br>Grove | Not Farmland<br>Preservation         | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 51.01  |
| Town of Cross Plains     | Not Farmland<br>Preservation         | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 1.82   |
| Town of Deerfield        | Not Farmland<br>Preservation         | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 27.69  |
| Town of Dunkirk          | Farmland<br>Preservation             | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 32.41  |
| Town of Dunkirk          | Farmland<br>Preservation             | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Urban Service Area expansion        | 0.97   |
| Town of Dunn             | Farmland<br>Preservation             | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Urban Service Area expansion        | 7.17   |
| Town of Dunn             | Not Farmland<br>Preservation         | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency | 4.72   |

| Town of Medina              | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Urban Service Area expansion                      | 30.25  |
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| Town of Montrose            | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency               | 11.02  |
| Town of Oregon              | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency               | 203.87 |
| Town of Pleasant<br>Springs | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Urban Service Area expansion                      | 4.06   |
| Town of Pleasant<br>Springs | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency               | 9.84   |
| Town of Rutland             | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Annexation / urban service area expansion         | 36.63  |
| Town of Rutland             | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency               | 9.13   |
| Town of Springfield         | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | City of Middleton /<br>Town of Springfield<br>IGA | 258.74 |
| Town of Verona              | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency               | 3.92   |
| Town of Vienna              | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency               | 196.32 |
| Village of Windsor          | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Amendment for FP zoning consistency               | 49.55  |
| Village of Windsor          | Not Farmland<br>Preservation | Farmland<br>Preservation     | Amendment for FP zoning consistency               | 71.68  |

These changes will bring the *Farmland Preservation Plan* into consistency with changes occurring over the course of 2024, including:

- amendments to town, city, village and extraterritorial comprehensive plans and the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan*, and;
- annexations of land to municipalities that do not participate in the state farmland preservation program.

Aaron Krebs, in our Records and Support Division, will be sending you GIS and PDF files of the proposed changes under separate cover.

The <u>Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan</u> is adopted by the Dane County Board of Supervisors as a component of the <u>Dane County Comprehensive Plan</u> under s.66.1001, Wis. Stats and <u>Chapter 82</u>, <u>Dane County Code</u>.

Ordinance Amendment 2024 OA-15 was introduced to the Dane County Board of Supervisors on August 15, 2024, and would adopt the changes described above. A public hearing before the Zoning and Land Regulations Committee has been scheduled for October 22, 2024. Notification of this amendment has been 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,

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