



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

November 18, 2014

Brian Standing, Senior Planner
Dane County Planning and Development
Room 116 City-County Building
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Brian:

Re: Certification of the Dane's County Farmland Preservation Plan Amendment

Attached is a department order certifying the Dane County's Farmland Preservation Plan Amendment under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats. Please send a letter or resolution confirming County Board adoption of the amendment.

We look forward to working with you in the future on farmland preservation in Dane County. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

AL Volk

Alison Volk, Chief
Land Management Section
608-224-4634

Agriculture generates \$59 billion for Wisconsin

2811 Agriculture Drive • PO Box 8911 • Madison, WI 53708-8911 • 608-224-5012 • Wisconsin.gov

An equal opportunity employer

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

DANE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN AMENDMENT (TEXT AND MAP)	DATCP DOCKET NO. 14-F-70-13-PTMA ARM Division Docket No. 025-00000-P-12 B-1114 ORDER CERTIFYING PLAN MAP THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022
--	--

INTRODUCTION

Dane County has asked the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (“DATCP”) to certify a proposed amendment to the farmland preservation plan pursuant to s. 91.16, Wis. Stats. DATCP has considered the request and adopts the following decision:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- (1) DATCP is an agency of the State of Wisconsin, and is responsible for administering Wisconsin’s farmland preservation law under ch. 91, Wis. Stats., as repealed and recreated by 2009 Wis. Act 28.
- (2) Dane County is a county of the State of Wisconsin.
- (3) In order for a county and its residents to participate in the farmland preservation program, a county must have a state-certified farmland preservation plan. Among other things, the certified plan must clearly designate farmland preservation areas that the county plans to preserve for agricultural use.
- (4) Dane County currently has a state-certified farmland preservation plan. The current state certification is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2022.
- (5) Under s. 91.16(8), Wis. Stats., the certification of a farmland preservation plan does not cover any subsequent plan revision (adopted after July 1, 2009) unless DATCP certifies that plan revision.
- (6) On September 2, 2014, DATCP received from Dane County a request to certify an amended farmland preservation plan map under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats. The county submitted the application in the form required under s. 91.20, Stats. The application included the certifications required under s. 91.20(3), Wis. Stats.
- (7) Under s. 91.16(3)(a), Wis. Stats., DATCP may certify a county plan based on the county’s certification under s. 91.20(3), Wis. Stats., that the plan meets applicable certification standards under s. 91.18, Wis. Stats.
- (8) DATCP may certify a farmland preservation plan if the plan meets applicable statutory standards under s. 91.18, Wis. Stats. DATCP may certify based on the representations contained in the county’s application, but may conduct its own review and verification as it deems appropriate.
- (9) Under s. 91.10(2), Wis. Stats., the farmland preservation plan must be consistent with the

county comprehensive plan, if the county has a comprehensive plan.

(10) Under s. 91.16(2)(b), Wis. Stats., the certification of an amendment to a certified farmland preservation plan expires on the date that the certification of the farmland preservation plan expires.

(11) Under s. 91.16(9), Wis. Stats., DATCP may withdraw its certification at any time if DATCP finds that the certified plan materially fails to meet applicable certification standards under s. 91.18, Wis. Stats.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

(1) Based on Dane County's certification that the attached county farmland preservation plan amendment meets applicable certification requirements under s. 91.18, Wis. Stats., DATCP may certify that plan map amendment until December 31, 2022, the date that the Dane County farmland preservation plan expires.

(2) Certification does not apply to plan amendments made after the certification date, unless DATCP certifies those amendments.

(3) DATCP may withdraw its certification at any time if DATCP finds that the certified plan materially fails to meet applicable certification standards under s. 91.18, Wis. Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan amendment text (dated November 11, 2014) and maps (dated October 2, 2014, except the City of Fitchburg map which is dated November 4, 2014) are hereby certified under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats.

(2) The certified farmland preservation plan area for Dane County is titled "Farmland Preservation Area."

(3) This certification expires at the end of the day on December 31, 2022.

Dated this 17th day of Nov., 2014.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

By Ben Brancel
Ben Brancel, Secretary

Parties for Purposes of Review Under s. 227.53, Wis. Stats.:

Brian County

Copies to:

Brian Standing, Senior Planner
Dane County Planning and Development
Room 116 City –County Building
Madison, WI 53703