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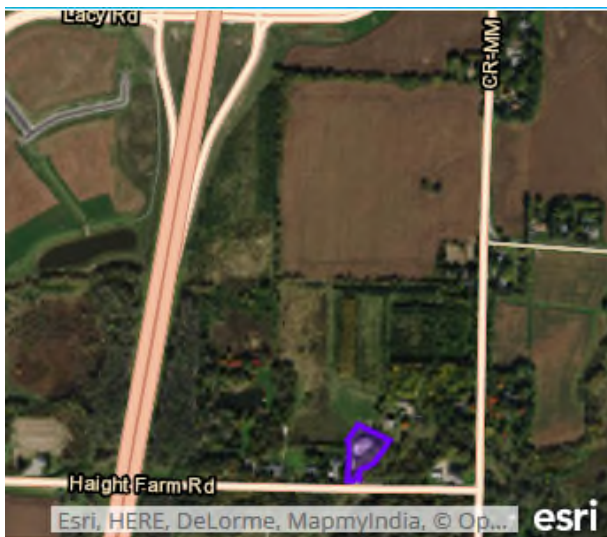
Greetings Tom and Susan,

We appreciate living in Fitchburg. As you know from working with us on historic matters these last 25 years, Sonjia and I saw value for the community in protecting some old farm buildings. In 1993, we successfully nominated structures on our property to the State and National Register of Historic Places and as a Fitchburg's Landmark site, which is located within our 52-acre Spooner's 1852 Swan Creek Farm parcel. For the historic site, we chose the name of Nicholas Haight Historic Farmstead, and the State Historic Society committee changed it to **Nicholas Haight Farmstead**. We are currently working to add the first owners of the farm, the Spooners, to the name as well. The Spooners had owned and developed the property beginning in 1852, 15 years prior to Nicholas Haight's purchase in 1867.

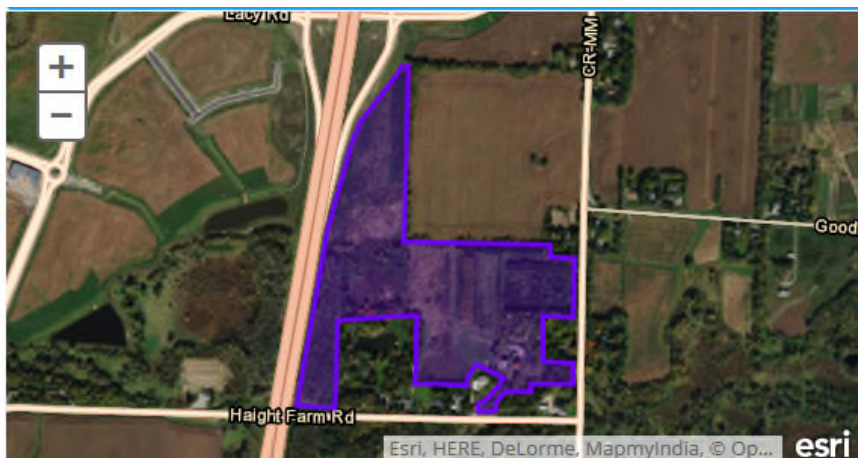
We think our proposed parcel updates help further Fitchburg's goals of agricultural preservation and economic development. As a continuation of our most recent land use discussion meeting, Sonjia and I request a pre-conference to discuss these parcel changes with the Plan Commission. We are not requesting any additional residences at this time.

Existing parcels:

- two parcels, each with a dwelling unit. (please see AccessDane and DCiMap screen grabs)
 1. Parcel number 225/0609-123-9796-2 is zoned R-L Low Density Residential, 1.316 acres



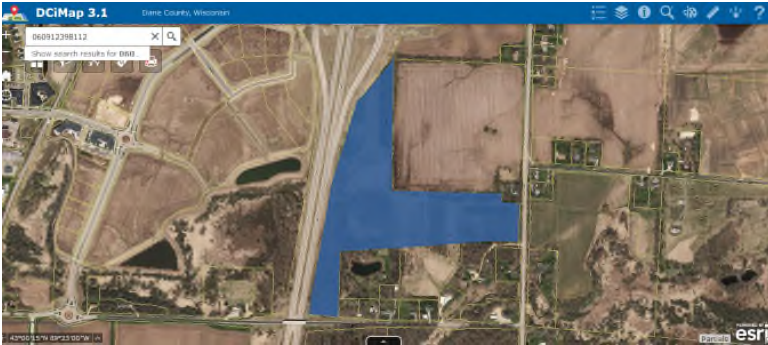
2. Parcel number 225/0609-123-9811-2 is zoned A-T Ag Transitional, 52.82 acres



The following shaded areas of proposed acreages are approximate and may change.

Proposing 3 parcels (no additional residences)

New parcel #1 (blue). About 40 acres, remain zoned A-T. This parcel contains the City's 2010 Northeast Neighborhood Plan Phase 3 development areas.



Proposed new parcel #2 (white). About 7 acres, absorbs existing Lot 1 R-L parcel. Probable zoning changes from R-L and A-T to R-R. Driveway access remains to south.



On this parcel we propose to construct a small barn in the approximate location shown. An area exists outside the 300-foot wetland buffer area but that location is not desirable, so we propose locating in a small area within the 300 foot wetland setback area.



Proposed new parcel #3 (red). The southeastern parcel would also be about 7 acres. Probable zoning change from A-T to R-R. Contains the Fitchburg Landmark site. Existing driveway access remains to the northeast at Hwy MM.



Thank you, and we look forward to further discussions.

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