



WELCOME!

Farmland Preservation Plan Douglas County, WI

Kickoff Steering Committee Meeting

Amnicon Town Hall

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Farmland Preservation Program

Working Lands Initiative

(2009 Wis. Act 28; Ch. 91, Wi Stats; ATCP 49, Adm Code)

- Repealed and recreated in 2009 by Governor Doyle in response to growing pressures to convert farmlands to nonagricultural use.
- Designed to help local governments and landowners preserve agricultural land, minimize conflicting land uses ,and promote soil and water conservation.
- Douglas County must revise its farmland preservation plan by January 1, 2017 (Follow Ch. 66)
- Requires certification of plans every 10 years by DATCP* instead of the Land & Water Boards
- Certified plans are tied to tax credits and enable participation in FPP programs

**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection*

Plan Certification

- Complete and submit the following to DATCP by **December 31, 2016** (**revised to October 31, 2017**) (extension requested):
 - DATCP application form and cover letter (signed by county corporation counsel and county planning director or chief elected official)
 - The adopted county plan* to be certified; include plan text and maps and spatial location data used to create the maps
 - Copies of any sections of the County Comp Plan that the FPP references
 - DATCP will grant or deny the application within 90 calendar days after the date of receipt.

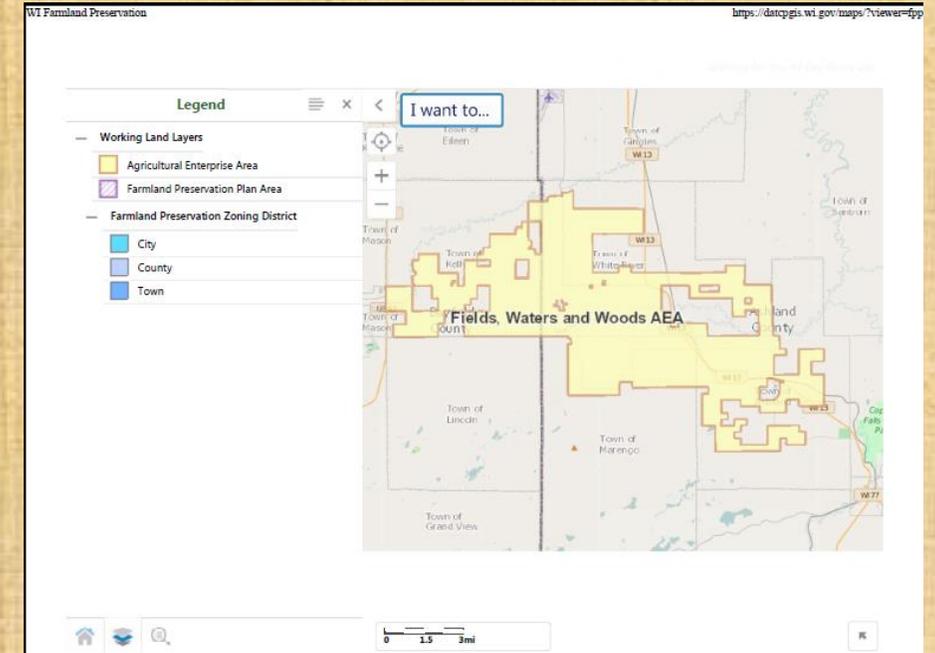
*Follow procedures under s. 66.1001 (4), WI Stats /

The County shall notify DATCP before holding a public hearing on the proposed FPP

Farmland Preservation Zoning

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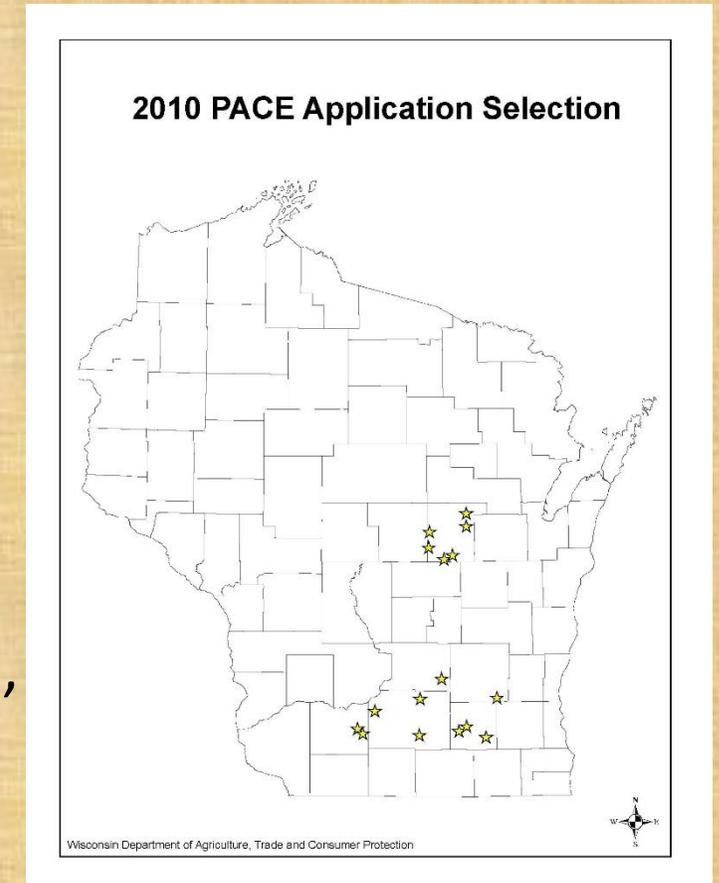
Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEAs)



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Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE)

- State provides up to 50% of the cost of purchasing agricultural conservation easements, including transaction costs to cooperating local governments or non-profits to purchase easements from willing landowners.
- Land with an agricultural conservation easement cannot be developed for any purpose that would prevent its use for agriculture.
- Landowners may not apply for PACE funding directly. Instead, DATCP will work with cooperating entities to purchase permanent easements from willing landowners.
- **The PACE program is not currently accepting applications.**



Farmland Preservation Planning

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Farmland Preservation Plan

Required Elements

- 1. A county policy related to farmland preservation and agricultural development and enterprise.**

Definitions

(Summaries from ATCP 49; Ch 91)



- “Farm” means all land under common ownership that is primarily devoted to agricultural use.
- “Prime farmland” ([See Map](#)) means any of the following:
 - An area with a class I or class II land capability classification as identified by the natural resources conservation service of the federal department of agriculture.
 - Land, other than land described in par. (a), that is identified as prime farmland in a certified farmland preservation plan.

Definitions

(Summaries from ATCP 49; Ch 91)



Photo: Newhorse.com

- “Ag Use” - Any of the following activities conducted for the purpose of producing an income or livelihood:
 - Crop or forage production (cultivated plants: field crops, fruit, vegetables, ornamental and medicinal, plants for energy production, textile use)
 - Keeping livestock
 - Beekeeping
 - Nursery, sod, Christmas tree production, or Floriculture
 - Aquaculture
 - Fur farming
 - Forest management (any with written forest management plan)
 - Enrolling land in a federal agricultural commodity payment program or a federal or state agricultural land conservation payment program

Definitions (Summaries from ATCP 49; Ch 91)



- "Accessory use":

- building, structure, or improvement integral to an agricultural use.
- Activity or business operation integral to an agricultural use.
- A farm residence.
- Any activity conducted by the farmer, that requires no buildings, structures, or improvements other than those described in par. (a) or (c), that employs no more than 4 full-time employees annually, and that does not impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of the farm or of other protected farmland.
- Any other use that the department, by rule, identifies as an accessory use.

Definitions (Summaries from ATCP 49; Ch 91)

- “Ag Related Use”
 - agricultural equipment dealership
 - Facility for agricultural supplies
 - Facility for storing or processing agricultural product
 - Facility for processing agricultural wastes.
 - Facility for providing veterinary services (primarily livestock), pharmaceuticals related to animal husbandry



Farmland Preservation Plan

Required Elements

2. Identification of the development trends that may affect farmland preservation:

- **Population**
- **Housing**
- **Energy**
- **Waste management**
- **Environmental protection**
- **Community facilities and services**
- **Economic**
- **Utilities**
- **Transportation**
- **Municipal expansion**
- **Business growth**

Farmland Preservation Plan

Required Elements

3. Identification, description and documentation of:

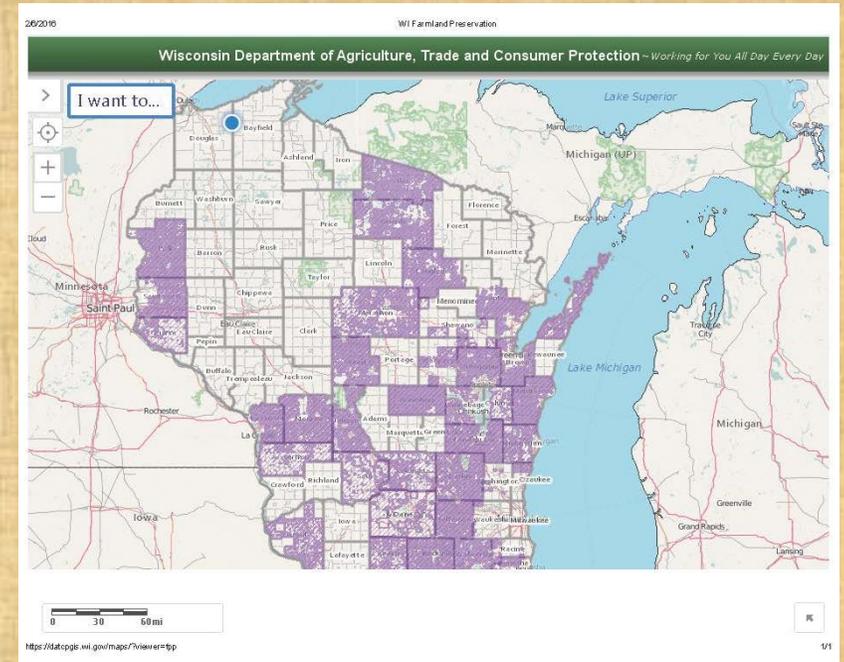
- Agricultural uses and key ag specialties (include maps)
- Key ag resources, including available land, soil, and water resources
- Key infrastructure for ag (Processing, storage, transportation, supply)
 - Significant ag trends (production, enterprises, land conversion)
- Anticipated changes (nature, scope, location, focus, processing, supply and distribution)
 - Key land use issues related to preserving ag and plans to address them
 - Actions the county will take to preserve farmland and promote ag
- Policies, goals, strategies to increase housing density outside farmland preservation areas

Farmland Preservation Plan Required Elements

4. Clearly identifies farmland preservation areas that will be preserved for ag related uses for 15 years following adoption.

5. Describes rationale used to identify farmland preservation areas and how they were mapped

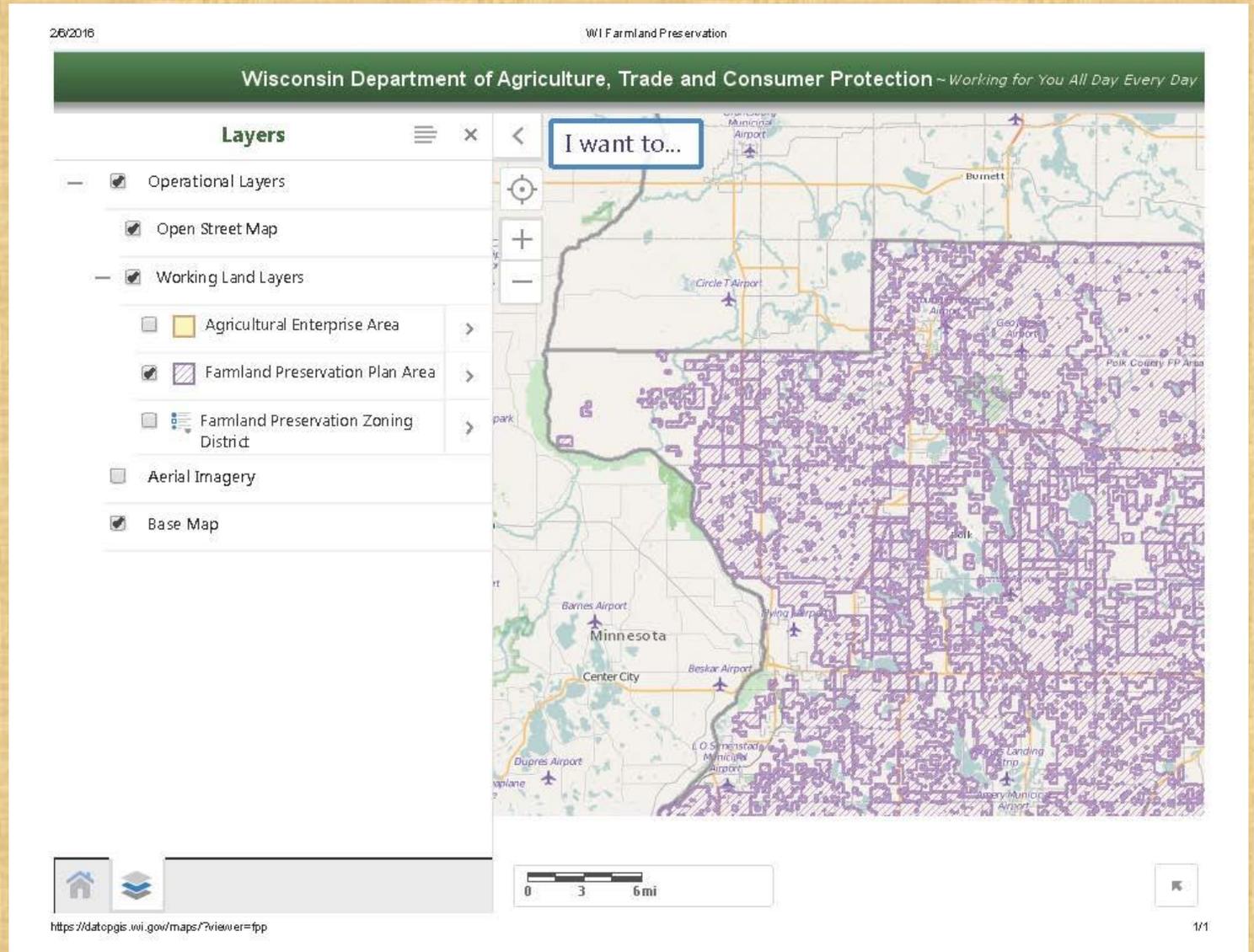
(May include: topography, productivity, current ag use, ag infrastructure, proximity to incorporated areas, major roads and rural subdivisions)



Farmland Preservation Plan

Required Elements

6. Clearly understandable maps and text



Farmland Preservation Plan Required Elements

7. Identification of other county actions and programs used to help preserve farmlands

(Comprehensive plans, land and water plans, watershed plans, etc.)

Douglas County
Comprehensive Plan
2010-2030



Prepared by: Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Adopted: December 17th, 2009

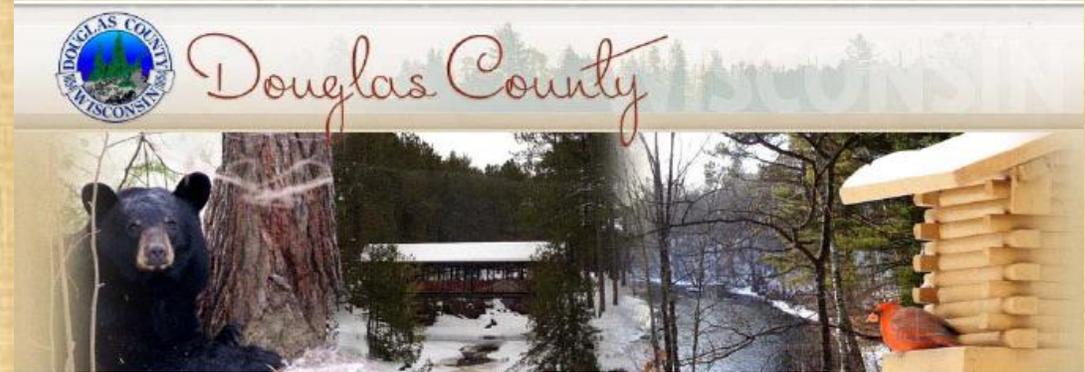


Role of the Steering Committee



- Help direct the planning process
- Identify agriculture/farmland issues to include in the plan
- Identify and help gather resources (data, documents, maps) that will help assess the condition of agriculture/farmlands in Douglas County
- Help us reach the right people and achieve broad participation during the public input phase
- Review and finalize the draft meeting schedule; identify best meeting times and locations for public input sessions.
- Steering committee members are welcome but not be required to attend the public information sessions, LCC or County Board meetings.

Open Meeting Law and Agenda/Minutes Policies



- Public notice and agenda issued by County Clerk's office one week prior to meeting (clerk needs 2 days prior; include action items)
- Agendas may be amended if necessary
- County staff assigned to take minutes (brief as possible)
- Steering committee meetings open to the public
- Public may be allowed to comment on agenda items, but not guaranteed
- Minutes are public at time of completion; become record once approved by steering committee

Robert's Rules of Order

Set of rules for conducting the meetings

1. Call to order
2. Roll call of members present
3. Read minutes from last meeting
4. Reports
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

Making a Motion

Steps to propose something to be acted on

1. Address the chair and state your motion (I move that...)
2. Chair will call for second (motion is lost if no second)
3. Discussion and debate
4. Move to vote (in favor yes/opposed no)



Questions?

Source: <http://www.litchkefarms.com/about-us.php>