



**ROCK COUNTY PACE COUNCIL
MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2016 – 8:30 AM
LAND CONSERVATION OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
440 N US HWY 14
JANESVILLE WI**

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order.
- 2) Adoption of Agenda.
- 3) Approval of minutes from PACE Council meeting September 1, 2016.
- 4) Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.
- 5) Review and discuss 2016 PACE applications (landowners may be present to answer questions regarding their application):
 - A) USDA-NRCS Applications:
 - i. McNall: Johnstown Township, 114 Acres, Primary Target.
 - ii. Lux/Pulera: Harmony Township, 74 Acres, Primary Target.
 - B) 100% Donation Application:
 - i. Oberdeck: Porter Township, 107 Acres, Primary Target – 100% Donation.
 - C) Rock County Funded Applications @ 50% Easement Value:
 - i. Francis: Union Township, 112.5 Acres, Primary Target.
 - ii. Oberdeck Farms, Inc: Fulton Township, 121 Acres, Primary Target.
- 6) Make recommendation of approval or non-approval to Rock County Land Conservation Committee for each 2015 PACE application.
- 7) PACE Council – Recommendation to Land Conservation Committee for PACE Council Membership.
- 8) Future Meeting Date and Time.
- 9) Adjournment.

It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of other governmental bodies of Rock County may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information: any governmental body at the above-stated meeting will take no formal action.

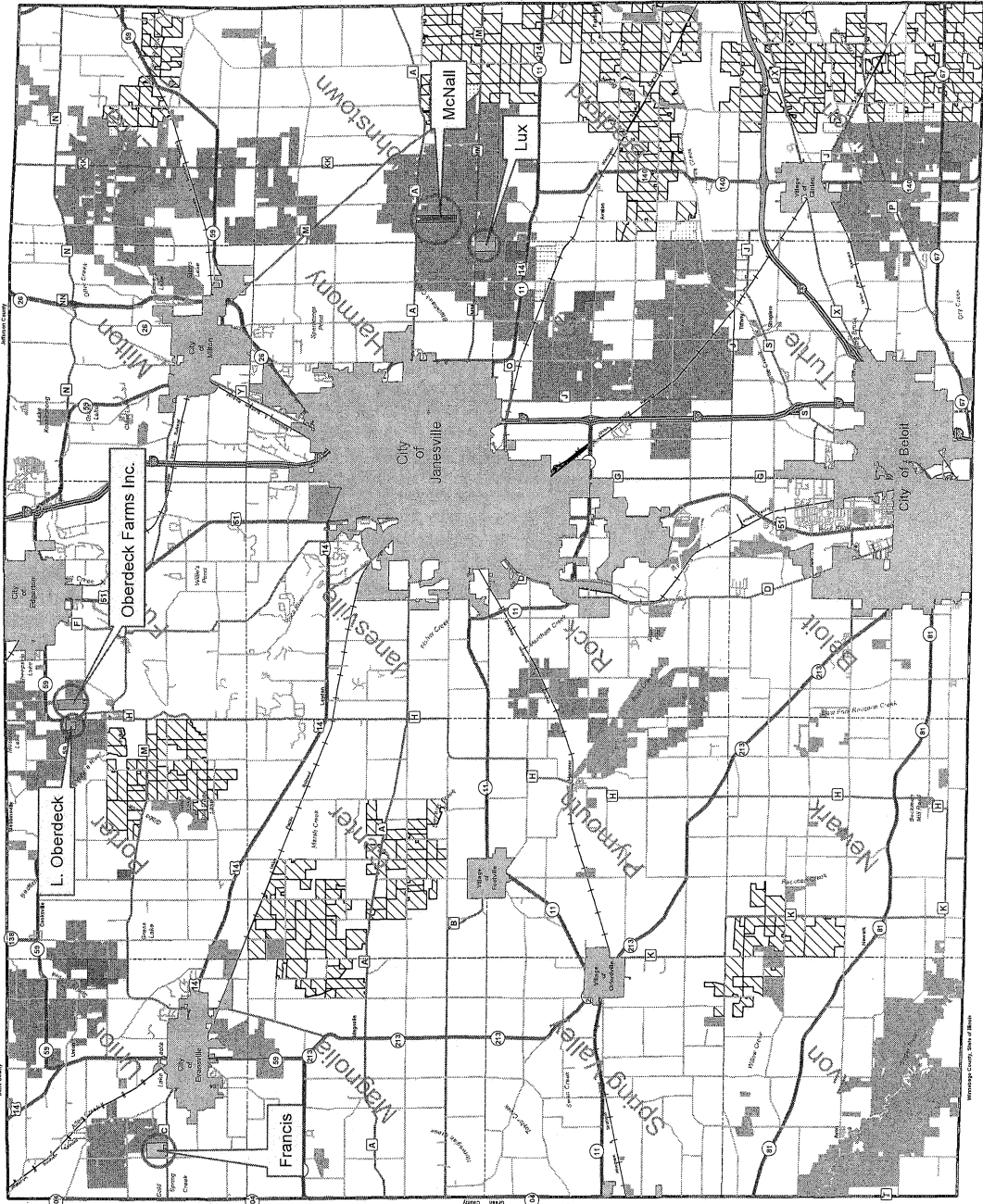
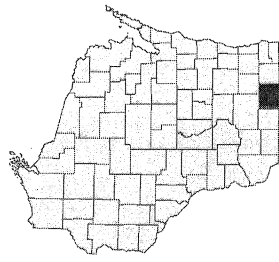
ROCK COUNTY PACE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS - 2016

Updated 11/29/16

	Oberdeck Farms, Inc.	Francis	Oberdeck	Lux/Pulera	McNall
75% PURCHASE OR 50% PURCHASE OR 100% DONATION	50% Purchase	50 % Purchase	100% Donation	75% Purchase	75% Purchase
ACRES	121	112.5	31.6	74	114
TOTAL LEAS SCORE (County Ave: 6.51)	6.93	7.29	Not Scored	7.37	8.49
TARGET ACQUISITION AREA	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
TOWNSHIP	Fulton	Union	Porter	Harmony	Johnstown
EX TERRITORIAL AREA	Edgerton	Evansville	Edgerton	None	None
TOWNSHIP/VILLAGE OBJECTION	No	No	No	No	No
NOTES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS	2015 Application which was approved by Council and LCC, but not selected for funding by NRCS. Moved into 2016 Application pool for County funded @ 50% of the easement purchase price	2015 Application which was approved by Council and LCC, but not selected for funding by NRCS. Moved into 2016 Application pool for County funded @ 50% of the easement purchase price	Family feels strongly about preserving farmland, as evidenced by submitting applications for two different farms.	2016 Application with approval of Council, LCC and County Board, this application will be submitted to the USDA-NRCS for funding consideration.	2016 Application with approval of Council, LCC and County Board, this application will be submitted to the USDA-NRCS for funding consideration.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	<p>Purchase Applications @ 75%: Due to the limited number of applications for 2016 program staff, being consistent with the priorities outlined in the PACE Program Manual recommends that the PACE Council and the LCC approve the two Primary Target Acquisition Area applications. This consists the Lux/Pulera and the McNall Lee Properties. Approval authorizes staff to begin acquisition process by applying for USDA-NRCS portion of the funding.</p> <p>Purchase Applications @ 50%: Changes with policy and the PACE Program Manual now allow the County of Rock to purchase Agricultural Conservation Easements directly, with or without Federal Funding. Two 2015 applicants Oberdeck Farms, Inc and Francis were moved into 2016 application pool and agreed to a purchase at 50% of the easement purchase value, as defined in the last appraisal. Program staff being consistent with the priorities outlined in the PACE Program Manual recommends that the PACE Council and the LCC approve the two Primary Target Acquisition Area applications without Federal funding. This consists the Oberdeck Farms, Inc. and the Francis Properties. Approval authorizes staff to begin acquisition process by utilizing County funding. Both Applications were submitted to USDA-NRCS for funding in 2015, as approved by the Council, LCC and County Board. Neither Application was selected for Funding.</p> <p>Oberdeck Donation Application: Staff recommends approval as presented. Mr. Oberdeck and staff have worked together to determine an easement area which meets the requirements of the program and the goals of the landowner.</p>				












Rock County PACE Program FY 2016 ALE Applications








Including Recorded PACE Ag Easements and Protected Lands

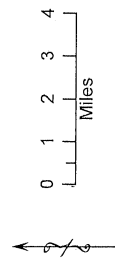


PACE Program Applications

Landowner

-  Oberdeck Farms Inc. 120.6 Acres
-  Lux 80 Acres
-  McNail 114.7 Acres
-  L. Oberdeck 34.3 Acres
-  Francis 112.5 Acres
-  Kraus PACE Ag Easement (federally funded, not closed)
-  Morton PACE Ag Easement
-  Carlson PACE Ag Easement
-  Phelps PACE Ag Easement
-  Sweeney PACE Ag Easement
-  Vanthourout PACE Ag Easement

-  Primary Target Acquisition Areas
-  Tier I Farmland Adjacent to Target Area
-  Secondary Target Acquisition Areas
-  Protected Land
-  Town Boundary
-  City or Village
-  Rail



Data Sources: Rock County Planning and Development.