

ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE PLAN - 2013 UPDATE

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List of Abbreviations

AEA – Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection Agricultural Enterprise Area
COCS – Cost of Community Studies
CP – Canadian Pacific Railway
DATCP – Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
DNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
DOT – Wisconsin Department of Transportation
EPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency
ESA – Environmentally Sensitive Area
FEMA – United States Federal Emergency Management Agency
FRPP – United States Farm and Ranchland Protection Program
FSA – United States Farm Service Agency
GIS – Geographic Information System
HUD – United States Housing and Urban Development Agency
JAMPO – Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
LCC – Rock County Land Conservation Committee
LCD – Rock County Land Conservation Department
LESA/LUSE – Land Evaluation and Site Assessment/Land Use Suitability Evaluation
LWRMP – Rock County Land and Water Resources Management Plan
NRCS – United States Natural Resources Conservation Service
PACE – Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements
PAL – Priority Agricultural Lands
PAS – Priority Agricultural Soils
POWTS – Private onsite wastewater treatment system
SLATS – Stateline Area Transportation Study
SSS – Soil Suitability Score
TAC – Rock County Agriculture Plan – 2013 Update Ad Hoc Technical Advisory Committee
UP – Union Pacific Railroad
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USFW – United States Fish and Wildlife Service

SECTION I – PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This section provides a summary of the Rock County Agriculture Plan – 2013 Update: Toward Preserving Resources, and Sustaining and Enhancing Communities and Economies (Plan).

Plan Intent and Purpose

Agriculture is vital to the identity, economy and physical environment of Rock County. Preserving and sustaining the agricultural resources of both the rural and urban sectors of Rock County, while enhancing agricultural communities and economies are essential in responsible growth and development. The profile of Rock County estimates 17,000 new residents and 10,000 new housing units in the County from 2015 to 2035. Additionally, the geographic proximity of the County to U.S. Interstates 90/39 and 43, as well as the growing urban areas enveloping Madison, Wisconsin; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rockford, Illinois and Chicago, Illinois suggest that Rock County will continue to grow. This Plan, focusing on farmland preservation, serves as one of many guides to be used in proceeding towards the goal of preserving these agricultural resources.

The intent of this Plan is to:

- Conform to and be consistent with State of Wisconsin Statute - Chapter 91- Farmland Preservation Planning
- Conform to and be consistent with the Rock County Comprehensive Plan: 2035
- Promote coordinated and consistent agricultural activities in Rock County in terms of agricultural resource preservation, and agricultural community and economic development across governmental boundaries and through governmental layers
- Inventory and analyze existing, historical and future development conditions in Rock County in terms of agricultural resource preservation, and agricultural community and economic development issues
- Identify tools, timelines and indicators to implement and achieve goals, policies and objectives
- State goals, objectives, and policies to guide Rock County agricultural resource, preservation and agricultural development until the year 2022

Plan Structure and Content

This Plan is organized in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 91.10 – Farmland Preservation Planning, containing eight sections as follows:

- Section I – Plan Executive Summary
This section is a summary of the Plan.
- Section II – Plan Introduction and Overview
This section provides an introduction to and overview of the Plan which includes enabling legislation, purpose, intent and use, structure and content, development process and future directions.
- Section III – A Rock County Profile
This section identifies existing, historical and future conditions in Rock County in the following profile categories:
 - Geography and History
 - Agriculture Community, Economy and Resources
 - Growth and Development
- Section IV – Agriculture Resources
This chapter identifies the valuable agricultural resources, including productive agricultural soils and lands.
- Section V- Programs for Plan Implementation
This chapter lists the government agencies and various programs that can assist in the implementation of this plan.
- Section VI- Plan Goals, Objectives, Policies, Timelines, and Indicators
This Section contains this Plan’s goals, objectives, policies, timelines, indicators, and associated information. It provides general information on a plan’s goals, objectives, policies, time lines, and indicators, including the process utilized to develop these vital components for this Plan. Also delineates the integration of this Plan’s goals, objectives, and policies with various other relevant plans, policies, and regulatory measures. It states this Plan’s goals, objectives, policies, time lines, and indicators.
- Section VII- Maps
This Section contains all of the town farmland preservation maps.
- Section VIII – Appendices
This Section contains appendices to this Plan, including:

- Appendix A: Plan Formation Resolutions
- Appendix B: Plan Ad Hoc Technical Advisory Committee/Public Meeting Agendas
- Appendix C: Plan Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade & Consumer Protection Statement of Certification
- Appendix D: Rock County Board of Supervisors Public Hearings Agendas and Minutes and Adoption Resolution
- Appendix E: Land Use and Annexation Projection Sources and Formation Methodology
- Appendix F: Definitions
- Appendix G: State of Wisconsin Statute Chapter 91 – Farmland Preservation

Plan Development Process

Rock County first developed and adopted a comprehensive agricultural plan (Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan) in 1977. This plan was updated in 1985 and again in 2005. These previous plans ensured availability of the Tax Credit to qualifying landowners in Rock County in accordance with State of Wisconsin Statute Chapter 91 – Farmland Preservation (Statute). To ensure continued tax credit eligibility for qualifying landowners, the 2005 Plan required an update and re-certification by the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) at the end of a 10 year period in 2015.

Chapter 91 was substantially revised in 2009 (2009 Wisconsin Act 28). The revised Chapter 91 required the Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency (Agency) to propose an update of the 2005 Plan prior to 2015 (subject to grant funding from DATCP). This requires new Farmland Preservation text and an updated Farmland Preservation County Map.

The Rock County Board of Supervisors (Board), through Resolution 10-5B-049 (May 27, 2010), authorized acceptance of grant funding from DATCP to develop the Plan and tasked the Agency with coordinating Plan development. In accordance with the Resolution, Plan oversight is provided by the Rock County Planning and Development Committee. Plan administration is provided by the Agency.

The Agency coordinated development of the Plan over approximately two years (March, 2011 to April, 2013). An initial step in Plan development was the formation of the Rock County Agriculture Plan – 2013 Update Ad Hoc Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC reviewed Plan drafts and recommended a final draft for review, certification at DATCP and adoption by the Board.

Consistency between this Plan and the applicable zoning ordinance(s) and comprehensive plan(s) is required in accordance with Statute. The County does not have zoning jurisdictional authority over the towns and the towns have developed their own zoning

ordinances and comprehensive plans. This required Agency staff to meet with each town in Rock County on multiple occasions to confirm that the Plan is consistent with their current zoning and comprehensive plan and to allow input to the Plan for their towns.

After the draft Plan was approved by the TAC, it was sent to DATCP for review and certification and was also presented for review and comment at a public open house. The draft Plan was reviewed by the Rock County Planning and Development Committee (Committee). The Committee recommended the draft Plan for approval to the Board. The draft Plan was then presented at two public hearings. The Board reviewed and adopted the Plan through the Resolution (#_____, _____, 2013). All stakeholders, including elected/appointed officials, County residents and all other interested parties, were encouraged to attend and provide input at all Plan meetings/workshops and hearings.

In accordance with Statute, the Plan will be updated and recertified by DATCP and re-adopted by the Board a minimum of every ten years. This update, recertification and re-adoption process ensures the Plan will continue to reflect the most current information; data; and agriculture goals, objectives and policies of the County. This will also ensure that qualifying land owners will have the ability to receive the Tax Credit, help preserve valuable agricultural lands and foster agricultural economic development.

SECTION II – PLAN INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

This Section provides an introduction and overview of the Rock County Agriculture. The intent of this plan is to:

- Promote coordinated and consistent agricultural resources preservation, as well as agricultural community and economy development activities in Rock County. To serve as Chapter 13 of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan: 2035, to conform and be consistent with that plan.
- Conform to the State of Wisconsin Statute Chapter 91.10 – Farmland Preservation Planning, ensuring the availability of the State of Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credit to qualifying landowners in Rock County
- Inventory and analyze existing, historical, and future conditions in Rock County. Identify County agricultural resources preservation, agricultural community and economy development issues.
- State goals (including Rock County Agriculture Vision Statement), objectives, and policies to guide County agricultural resources preservation and agricultural community.

Rock County Agriculture Vision Statement

Rock County, comprised of vibrant and diverse urban areas, bucolic rural communities, productive agricultural lands, and environmentally significant open space areas, will maintain and enhance its high quality of life and continue to serve as an exceptional community in which to live, work and recreate. Preservation of the County’s agricultural, natural and cultural resources and orderly, responsible, and appropriate growth and development is vital in achieving the end. Thus the county will utilize thoughtful, comprehensive and participatory planning practices that balance private property rights with communal well-being, local authority with regional oversight, and preservation with growth, to ensure a stable, vibrant, diverse, and sustainable community for present and future County residents. (Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035 pg I-1) Utilization of Plan:

This Plan will be utilized as a visionary policy document to identify agricultural resource preservation, and agricultural community and economic development goals of Rock County from 2013 to 2023. This Plan will also be used as a policy document to provide clear and consistent direction to achieve those goals.

Chapter 91

State of Wisconsin Statute Chapter 91 – Farmland Preservation (Statute) stipulates that to ensure that landowners within a county are eligible for the State of Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credits. Rock County must develop and certify a Farmland

Preservation Plan and Map with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The Farmland Preservation Plan and Map then is adopted by the County. All of the following must be certified by DATCP:

- Farmland Preservation Text
- Farmland Preservation County Map
- Zoning Ordinance in farmland district

State of Wisconsin Statute Chapter 91– Farmland Preservation Planning mandates the aforementioned plan, identifies and/or analyzes all of the following:

- Agricultural resources including available land, soil, water, and agriculture infrastructure including processing, storage, transportation, and supply facilities.
- Agricultural land use, land use conversion, enterprise, production, processing, supply, distribution trends and projections.
- Population, economic growth, housing, transportation, utilities, communications, business development, community facilities services, energy, waste management, municipal expansion, and environmental preservation trends and projections;
- A Farmland Preservation Areas Map (Map) identifying areas to be preserved for agriculture and agriculture-related uses including areas of Agricultural resources preservation, and agricultural community and economic development. The map must clearly delineate the boundary of all land use areas. Areas to be preserved for agriculture and agriculture-related uses may include undeveloped natural resource and open space areas, but may not include any area that is planned for non-agricultural development within 15 years of the plan’s adoption date

10-year Planning Horizon

To maintain the Tax Credit certification, the Rock County Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency (Agency) must update and re-certify the Plan with DATCP every 10 years. The County has developed this Plan for a 10-year planning horizon to remain consistent with the re-certification timeline.

Zoning Authority

According to Statute, consistency between this Plan, the applicable zoning ordinance(s) and comprehensive plan(s) is required. The County does not have zoning jurisdictional authority over the towns and the towns have developed their own zoning ordinances and comprehensive plans. Each Town may choose to adopt and certify a farmland preservation zoning ordinance. This will ensure that landowners are eligible to claim the farmland preservation tax credits.

If a town re-zones an area out of farmland preservation the town must notify the County. The Farmland Preservation Map (County Maps) are a composite of those maps (Town Maps) developed by the 20 Towns in Rock County. As such, the Town Maps, and subsequently the County Maps, are subject to change and amendment, per statutory requirements, dependent on Town land use policies.

Technical Advisory Committee

Technical advisory committee (TAC) was formed by the Rock County Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency (Agency) in March 2011. TAC helped formulate, review, and recommend a final draft Plan. The TAC consisted of nine members, selected by the Agency and met five times during the Plan development process (TAC members are listed on the first page of this Plan). The general public was invited and encouraged to attend the TAC meetings/workshops as well.

Public Meetings/Workshops

Public meetings/workshops offer stakeholders an opportunity to review and comment on a plan. This helped the plan development in its formative stages, ultimately shaping the content and structure. The Agency held a Plan Open House (October 18, 2012) at which the Plan's status and drafts were presented for public review and comment. All stakeholders, including elected/appointed officials, County residents, and all other interested parties, were encouraged to attend and provide input.

Farmland Preservation Program Administration

The Farmland Preservation program will be administered by the Rock County Land Conservation department. To claim a tax credit, landowners must be located in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation or have a farmland preservation agreement and be located in an agricultural enterprise area. Landowners must be residents of Wisconsin and must meet other eligibility criteria to claim the credit, including compliance with state soil and water conservation standards.

Tax credit amounts are:

- \$5.00 per acre for farmers with a farmland preservation agreement signed after July 1, 2009 and located in an agricultural enterprise area
- \$7.50 per acre for farmers in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation
- \$10.00 per acre for farmers in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation and in an agricultural enterprise area, with a farmland preservation agreement signed after July 1, 2009

Claimants must have \$6,000 in gross farm revenue in the past year or \$18,000 in the past three years. Income from rental receipts of farm acres does not count toward gross farm revenue. However, gross farm revenue produced by the renter on the landowner's farmland can be used to meet this eligibility requirement.

Historical Overview/Time Line

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SECTION III – A ROCK COUNTY PROFILE

History

Rock County has a rich history. The Lake Koshkonong area was inhabited for thousands of years by various Native American groups. Native American groups including the mound building societies, later the Winnebago, Potawatomi, Sauk, Fox, and Menominee tribes. The Winnebago, in particular, figure prominently in the history of the area. The name Koshkonong is Winnebago meaning, "the lake we live on". The largest Native American settlement in the State of Wisconsin in the early 19th century was a Winnebago settlement on the western side of the Lake, just northwest of the County's north central border.

The first Europeans exposure occurred in 1778 when French fur trader Charles Gautier de Verville passed through Wisconsin. In the next decade, French traders settled in the area now known as Charley Bluff on the southern end of the Lake in the present-day Town of Milton.

Two major events began the European settlement of Rock County. The year 1832 saw the return of U.S. soldiers from the Black Hawk War and the Federal Public Land Survey was conducted in the area between 1833 and 1836.

John Inman and William Holmes left Milwaukee in 1835 to explore the area that was to become Rock County. The pair reached the site of the present-day City of Janesville and set up camp, deciding to return in the fall to begin a permanent settlement. The two men along with four others returned in November of 1835 and built a log house on the banks of the Rock River, becoming the County's first official settlers. The settlements of Janesville, Beloit, and Milton soon sprung up, with other settlements following. Rock County, originally within Milwaukee County (one of six original counties of the Wisconsin Territory), was incorporated by territorial legislation in 1836. The City of Janesville was selected as the County seat in 1837 and the current boundaries of the County were set in 1839.

Early settlers were greeted by a gently undulating landscape teeming with prairie grasses and wildflowers. Rock's Prairie, the largest in the State of Wisconsin, occupied nearly half the County, extending from the Rock River eastward. They also found extremely productive agricultural soils, particularly in the Rock River Valley.

Urban areas, particularly the Cities of Janesville and Beloit developed quickly due to the productive lands and their geographic location. The Rock River with its capacity for energy generation, transportation and agricultural production figured prominently in the development of these Cities. Rail lines were established by the early 1850's, linking farms in the County to larger, regional urban centers. For example, the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad passed through the northern part of the County, with a branch from Milton to Janesville that eventually continued west to the Mississippi River, as part of the Wisconsin Southern Railroad territory.

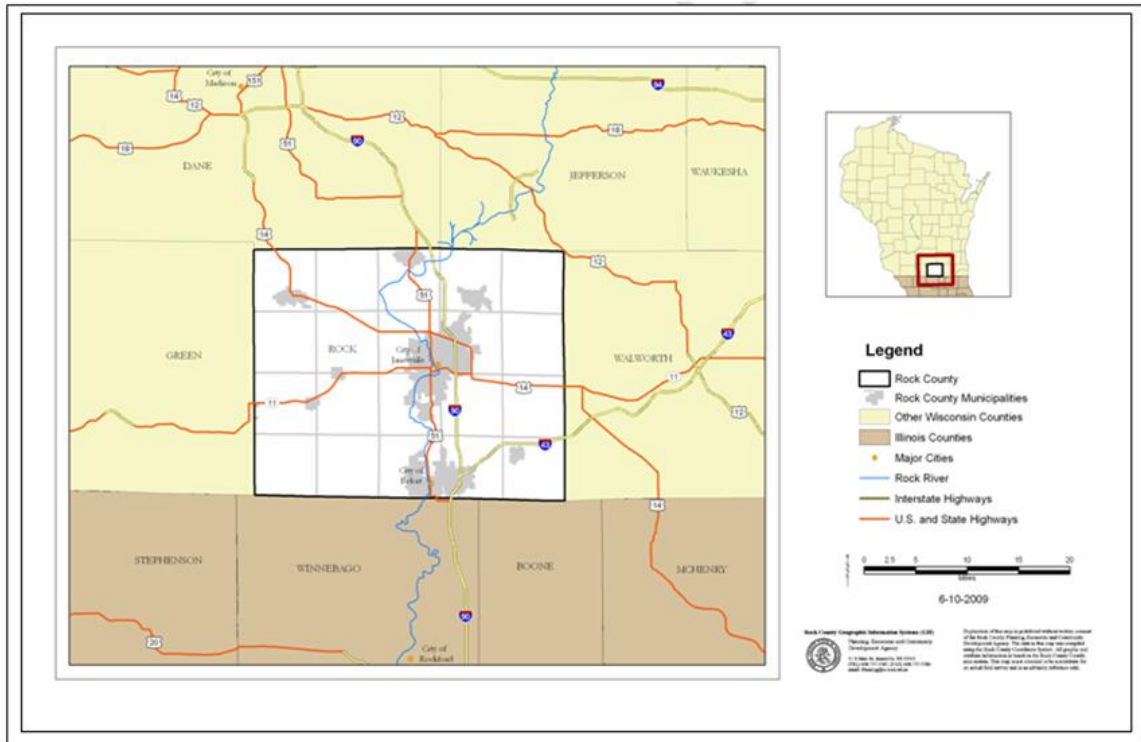
Meanwhile, the Rock River Valley Railroad ran from the Wisconsin-Illinois border in Beloit, along the Rock River and terminated in Madison. Lines also ran from Racine, Wisconsin on Lake Michigan to Beloit and from Janesville to Kenosha, Wisconsin. Eventually, the Milwaukee, St. Paul and Northwestern Railway consolidated many of the rail lines in the County.

Population surpassed 30,000 by 1850. The County, with its balance of rural agricultural production and urban industry, continued to grow throughout the 19th century. Industry also began to expand in the mid 1850s with the increase in population. Prominent manufacturers in the early days included Beloit Reaper and Sickle Works; Merrill and Houston Iron Works (i.e. Beloit Corporation); Rock River Paper Company; D.W. Dake's Creamery; Beloit Plough and Wagon Works and Fairbanks Morse. While agricultural staples, such as wheat, corn, oats and barley; and to a lesser extent wool, potatoes, pork, butter and fruits helped fuel the economy, as well.

By the early 20th century, the County continued to expand upon its forged on the Rock prominence; thereby, cementing its prominence as a recognized regional industrial center. Globally recognized firms, representing a range of ownership structures and industry sectors, called Rock County home. For example, General Motors purchased the Samson Tractor facility in the early 1920's and transformed it into the beginning of nearly 90 years worth of automobile assembly in the City of Janesville.

While other nameplates emerged during this century, such as ABC Supply, HUF COR and Prent Corporation, several notable counterparts did not fare as well during the transition from the 20th Century into the beginning of the 21st Century. For instance, global economics, combined with a volatile mixture of industry specific trends and management, lead to the demise, departure or significant overhaul of firms such as Beloit Corporation, Parker Pen, General Motors and its entire supply chain.

Fortunately, the collective wake created by these activities has been tempered by the (incremental) diversification efforts that have taken place throughout Rock County during the last 25 years. Steady growth within the health care, logistics, food processing sectors, as well as an emerging advanced manufacturing sector, have repositioned the County toward a revitalized economy. Consequently, the County has been and will likely remain a benefactor of steady-to-moderate growth.



Source: Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency - 2012

Geography

The County is located in the south central portion of the State of Wisconsin and forms a portion of the southern boundary. It covers 720 square miles and is located half way between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River. The County is comprised of twenty-nine communities including six Cities, three Villages, twenty Towns and multiple unincorporated hamlets. The cities within the County include Beloit, Brodhead, Edgerton, Evansville, Janesville and Milton. The City of Janesville is centrally located and is the largest municipality. The County is surrounded by both rural and urban areas. It is bordered by the Wisconsin counties Dane and Jefferson to the north, Green to the west and Walworth to the east. The Illinois counties Boone and Winnebago border the County to the south. The County is connected to several urban areas. The Wisconsin State capital, Madison, Wisconsin, lies approximately 30 miles to the north. Milwaukee, the largest city in Wisconsin is 70 miles east. Rockford, Illinois is 30 miles south of the County. Additionally, Chicago, Illinois is 80 miles to the County's southeast.

The physical geography of the County is varied. The Rock River bisects the County from north to south, running from Lake Koshkonong in the north-central portion of the County through the Cities of Janesville and Beloit. The County is located in twelve base watersheds, all components of the Lower Rock Basin, which in turn is part of the Mississippi River Basin. The defining glacial feature is the Johnstown End Moraine north of County Highway A, a remnant of the last glacial advance (Wisconsin Glaciation)

approximately 10,000 years ago. The glacially formed kettle moraine landscape is characterized by varying topography and drainage patterns, uneven hills and ridges, and a sizeable expanse of prairie.

Transportation

U.S. Interstate 39/90 bisects the County from north to south, running through the Cities of Janesville and Beloit. U.S. Interstate 43 runs east to west, joining Interstate 39/90 in the City of Beloit and extending east to the City of Milwaukee. U.S. Highway 51 roughly parallels Interstate 39/90 to the west, running through the Cities of Edgerton, Janesville and Beloit. Meanwhile, U. S. Highway 14 bisects the County from east to west, running through the Cities of Janesville and Evansville.

State Highway 26 stems off of Interstate 39/90, in the northeast portion of the City of Janesville, extending northwest through the City of Milton and toward Wisconsin's Fox Valley, serving as an important truck route and connecting cities to Interstate 39/90, 94 and 43. These corridors provide access to major midwestern markets (including those in Canada) that extend outward from Rock County in all directions. To the north and northwest, these routes connect the County to Madison, WI and Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN. To the east and northeast, these roadways provide connection points to Milwaukee, WI. Then to the south and southeast, this corridor provides Rock County with connections to Rockford and Chicago, IL.



Rail corridors also figure prominently in the transportation system. Three distinct providers move freight to and from the County toward the Mississippi River, the Great Lakes and various other locations.

- The Class II Wisconsin and Southern Railroad (WSOR), owned and operated by Watco LLC, provides freight linkages between rural and urban communities. While bulk agricultural commodities provide much of WSOR's traffic, the carrier also services industries engaged in alternative fuel, chemical and plastics manufacturing, as well as lumber distribution. To facilitate local truck rail car transfers, WSOR operates a small cross docking facility in the City of Janesville. A consortium of member counties, which includes the Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission (supported by Rock County) and the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, own over 700 miles of WSOR operated track throughout Wisconsin.

- The Class I Union Pacific Railroad (UP) track bisects the County northwest to southeast, running through the Cities of Evansville and Janesville, and the Village of Clinton. UP also operates a large rail yard in the City of Janesville, which was heavily utilized by General Motors. While no longer moving automobiles and their related parts, the UP yard is still used by area aggregate producers and bulk commodities, such as food. UP also operates a regional intermodal facility, known as Global III, located 45 miles south of the County in Rochelle, IL.
- The Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) operates on tracks running through the Cities of Beloit and Janesville. Commonly referred to as a short line track, the CP provides connections for communities to reach Class I and Class II providers, respectively.

Finally, the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport (KJVL) is located in the City of Janesville, offering companies regional transportation for products and personnel alike. This year-round, 24 x 7 General Aviation airport is equipped with modern instrument landing systems. Beginning in 2012 and continuing through 2014 (pending available funding), the airport's terminal building is undergoing a significant renovation project to enhance its functionality and usability.

Community Facilities, Utilities and Waste Management

A community's utilities and facilities, and the associated services they provide, fill the basic, vital needs of a community's residents. A clean water supply, reliable energy supplies, communication infrastructure and adequate recreational areas are some of the many amenities provided by a community's utilities and facilities.

Water and Wastewater

The County's water is supplied by various water systems and well types. Three municipal sanitary sewer systems, serving over 10,000 residents, are located in the County, including the City of Janesville, City of Beloit, and Town of Beloit. These systems, commonly called 208, are required by the WDNR to plan their service capabilities in conformance with current groundwater quality standards.

Several other smaller municipal sanitary sewer systems, serving less than 10,000 residents, are located in the County, including the City of Evansville, City of Milton, City of Edgerton, Village of Clinton, Village of Orfordville, Village of Footville, Hanover, and Consolidated Koshkonong (Newville area and Indianford).

The wastewater of County residents and businesses not residing within the boundaries of any of the aforementioned municipal sanitary sewer systems is treated by on-site waste disposal (septic) systems. The State of Wisconsin adopted a revised private on-site disposal system policy in 2000, SPS 383, allowing for conventional (underground) systems and alternative (aboveground) systems. Per SPS 383, soil characteristics

determine suitability for conventional and alternative on-site wastewater disposal (septic) systems.

Solid Waste

Solid waste management in the County, including disposal and recycling, is provided by various Public and Private entities.

The City of Janesville owns and operates the City/County demolition and sanitary landfill located in the City. The landfill is available to all residential, commercial, and industrial waste generators in the County, and also offers drop-off recycling services. This landfill reached capacity in 2005 and was expanded to ensure continued service to County residents.

Most County municipalities contract with private service providers to offer solid waste and recycling collection services to their residents. Some County municipalities have recycling centers that provide drop-off services.

Energy

Various entities generate and deliver energy (electricity and natural gas) in the County, including:

Alliant Energy Corporation (Wisconsin Power and Light)-This entity generates electricity, from both renewable and non-renewable resources, and delivers it in the County. Alliant operates the Rock River Generating Station, an electrical power station located between the Cities of Janesville and Beloit. This station, in operation since the early 1950's, is completely natural gas fired.

Calpine Corporation- This entity, per Wisconsin Public Service regulations, generates electricity for purchase and delivery by other power entities located both within and outside of the County. Calpine owns and operates the Riverside Energy Center, an electrical power station located adjacent to the Rock River Generating Station. The Center, a combined cycle natural gas facility and intermediate load merchant plant, began operations in 2004. Wisconsin Power and Light (WPL) has a ten-year contract to purchase and deliver the majority of electricity produced at the Center. Surplus electricity produced at the Center not needed by WPL is available for purchase by other energy entities.

- WE Energies (Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Electric Gas Operations, and Wisconsin Gas Company)- This entity delivers electricity and natural gas in the County.
- Rock Energy Cooperative (REC)-This entity, a member of the nationwide Touchstone Energy alliance, purchases and delivers electricity and natural gas to REC members in the County. This entity, a member of Wisconsin Public Power

Incorporated (WPPI), purchases electricity from WPPI and delivers it to City of Brodhead residents.

- Evansville Water and Light-This entity, a member of WPPI, purchases electricity from WPPI and delivers it to City of Evansville residents.
- American Transmission Company (ATC)-This entity delivers electricity in the County. Currently, ATC has two major lines in the County, the 15-mile Wempleton-Paddock line, and the 18-mile Turtle to West Darien line. ATC recently completed improvements on the Wempleton-Paddock line, connecting the south-central Wisconsin (Janesville/Beloit) and the north-central Commonwealth Edison (greater Rockford, Illinois) systems to improve capacity and relieve overloading on nearby lines. The Turtle to West Darien line has also recently been upgraded to provide for expanded capacity and continued reliability, including conversion to a 138-kilovolt line and addition of new steel poles and lines. Additionally, ATC will be implementing various other transmission lines, system conversions, and substation modifications over the next five years. Specifically, ATC will be constructing a new 35-mile, 345-kilovolt line, running from the County's south to southeastern Dane County, paralleling the existing 345-kilovolt line along the U.S. Highway 51 corridor.
- ANR Pipeline Company- This entity delivers natural gas in the County.
- Northern Natural Gas-This entity delivers natural gas in the County.

Communications and Media

Multiple communication and media facilities are present in the County, offering various services including cellular/land-line telecommunication, internet, cable television, and radio. Multiple cellular telecommunications towers managed by various providers are located throughout the County, providing complete cellular telecommunication coverage. CenturyTel provides landline telecommunication service throughout the County. Dial-up/high-speed internet service is also provided throughout the County by various providers. High-speed internet service is provided predominately in the County's urban areas by Charter Communications. Cable television service is provided predominately in the County's urban areas by Charter Communications. Satellite television service, including DISH Network and DirectTV, is available to most rural County residents. Radio stations broadcasting from the Cities of Janesville, Madison, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Rockford, Illinois, among others, are accessible throughout the County.

Parks and Recreation Areas

The County has extensive park, recreational and open space areas located within its borders, including properties and facilities owned/managed by the County and other

entities, offering a variety of outdoor recreational and educational opportunities. The County Park system consists of 20 properties comprising approximately 1,200 acres, offering hiking, biking, fishing, sports fields, lake/river access, picnic facilities, and environmental interpretation.

The Cities of Janesville and Beloit both have extensive park, recreation area, and open space systems including portions of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, a Statewide trail commemorating the State's geologic history. Additionally, the WDNR and United States Fish and Wildlife Service own tracts of land in the County dedicated to public recreational use. The County's fairgrounds, owned by the County and operated by the 4-H Fair Board Association, rests on approximately 19 acres of land in the City of Janesville. The fairgrounds consists of eight barns, a grandstand, administrative offices, historical buildings including a 4-H museum and the Frances Willard School, restroom facilities, and various pole-shed buildings that host community events and club activities, and provide storage space.

Other County Facilities

The County owns and operates various other community facilities, providing valuable services to its residents.

The County Courthouse, located in the City of Janesville, houses the County's administrative departments in addition to serving as the judicial center. The Courthouse was recently expanded and upgraded in 2005 to better meet the needs of County residents.

The Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, located in the City of Janesville, is designated as an air carrier/cargo facility, indicating the airport can accommodate all aircraft, up to and including, wide body jets and large military transports. The airport is one of ten in the State carrying this designation, according to the Wisconsin State Airport System Plan 2020.

The County Job Center, located in the City of Janesville, provides resources to assist in enhancing the quality of the County's workforce. The center is nationally recognized, offering a wide range of education, employment, training, and workshop opportunities to those seeking employment. The center also services employers in providing access to a large pool of potential employees and serves as a location for community meetings and conferences.

Population and Housing

Population projection and housing trends offer insight into the growth and development of the County. This information can hint toward potential impact on the County's agricultural communities, economies, and resources. According to the 2010 Census, Rock County has a population of 160,331 individuals (Figure 13.1a). Figure 13.1a indicates modest population numbers with a growth of 14.9%. While the population

projection indicates a growing population, the growth rate will slow from the current 14.9% (Figure 13.1a) to 10.5% (Figure 13.1b).

Figure 13.1a: Rock County: Population: 1990 – 2010				
			Change: 1990-2010	
1990	2000	2010	Number	Percent
139,510	152,307	160,331	20,821	14.90%
Source: United States Bureau of the Census – 1990, 2000, and 2010				

Figure 13.1b: Rock County: Population 2015 – 2035						
					Change: 2015-2035	
2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	Number	Percent
165,354	169,648	174,018	177,855	182,644	17,290	10.50%
Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration – 2004 Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency - 2008						

Housing in the County varies. The Cities and villages within the county contain a mix of housing types which included single and multi-unit structures of varying quality, value and age. A housing unit is defined as any structure capable of serving as a residence and a household is defined as any housing unit occupied or otherwise inhabited. The figure below displays housing units and households in Rock County from 1980 to 2005. The housing units and households have continued to increase over the last 25 years. The highest amount of growth accrued in the 90s, and has slowed in more recent years.

Figure 13.2a Rock County: Housing Units and Households							
1980		1990		2000		2005	
Housing Units	House-Holds	Housing Units	House-Holds	Housing Units	House-Holds	Housing Units	House-Holds
52,103	51,360	54,840	52,252	62,200	58,631	66,403	61,101
Source: Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency – 2008							

Agriculture Community, Economy and Infrastructure

Rock County is one of many communities in the State that derive a substantial element of their identity from agriculture. The agriculture community is comprised of many unique components which integrate and foster mutually beneficial relationships between rural and urban communities in addition to a supportive agricultural infrastructure. Elements of each Agricultural infrastructure can be found in conjunction with the community and the economy and can be defined as follows:

- **Rural Specialty Businesses.** Rural specialty businesses are establishments that sell, principally at retail, agricultural products, foods or traditional handicrafts produced on the premises together with accessory recreational or educational

activities and, which may also sell a limited amount related goods produced off-premises.

- **Ag Businesses and Rural Businesses.** Larger agricultural research companies (such as Monsanto) and larger scale rural businesses (such as Larson Acres) are included.
- **Grain Elevators & Primary Transport Routes.** Grain elevator locations are specified and major truck routes to and from these elevators.
- **Ethanol Plant Sites.**
- **Agricultural Auction & Fairground Sites.** Local auction and fairground sites include.
- **Plant Nurseries.** Larger retail/commercial plant nursery locations are included.

This section anticipated changes in the nature, scope, location, and focus of agricultural production, processing, supply, and distribution within Rock County all of which is supported by agricultural infrastructure.

Smaller cities and rural towns provide the core of agriculture communities. The City of Evansville and the towns that surround it in the northwest corner of the County are home to large concentrations of soybean fields. The City of Evansville has been designated as the Soybean Capital of Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Soybean Association. The City of Edgerton and the surrounding towns in the north-central portion of the County have a history rich in tobacco production. The City of Milton, in the County's northeast portion, is home to a large ethanol producer, United Ethanol, and a large livestock feed producer, Cargill. The Towns of La Prairie, Harmony, Johnstown, and Bradford in the City's east central portion are home to the Rock Prairie, containing the Plano Silt Loam soil type, a highly productive agricultural soil. Soil, seed, crop, and grain research facilities and distributors, including Pioneer (DuPont), Monsanto, Tracy Seeds L.L.C., and Gavilon Grain, are located throughout these Towns.

In addition to those agriculture commodities identified in Figures 13.3a, 13.3b, and 13.3c, other smaller, niche agriculture commodities produced in Rock County include mint, tobacco, and pheasants. Rock County also ranks first in the nation in pheasant production.



Figure 13.3a identifies prominent crops in Rock County by acres harvested, and their rank among all Wisconsin Counties, from 1987 to 2007.

Figure 13.3a: Rock County: Prominent Crops By Acres Harvested: 1987 – 2007									
Crop	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007		
	Acres	State Rank	Acres	State Rank	Acres	State Rank	Number	Percent	State Rank Change
Corn (Grain)	128,834	3rd	142,138	2nd	160,866	2nd	32,032	24%	1
Soybean	35,122	1st	86,326	1st	65,652	2nd	30,530	86%	-1
Sweet corn	8,676	5th	3,197	11th	2,688	7th	-5,988	-69%	-2
Green peas	4,720	5th	3,141	4th	772	9th	-3,948	83%	-4
Wheat	4,648	10th	5,814	9th	11,126	10th	6,478	139%	0

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007



Figure 13.3b: Rock County: Prominent Crops By Bushel Harvested: 1987 – 2007

Crop	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007		
	Number	State Rank	Number	State Rank	Number	State Rank	Number	Percent	State Rank Change
Corn (Grain)	14,433,643	2nd	19,241,169	2nd	25,072,225	2nd	10,638,582	73.7%	0
Soybean	1,468,370	1st	3,739,951	1st	3,065,267	2nd	1,596,897	108.7%	-1
Sweet corn	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,688	7th	N/A	N/A	N/A
Green peas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	772	9th	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wheat	224,443	8th	345,868	7th	816,583	9th	592,140	263.8%	-1

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007

Figure 13.3c identifies prominent livestock types in Rock County, and their rank among all Wisconsin Counties, from 1987 to 2007.

Figure 13.3c: Rock County: Prominent Livestock: 1987 - 2007

Livestock	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007		
	Number	State Rank	Number	State Rank	Number	State Rank	Number	%	State Rank Change
Cattle & Calves	72,114	23rd	50,810	29th	39,319	37th	32,795	45.5%	-14
Hogs & Pigs	42,117	8th	23,930	11th	20,613	7th	21,504	51.1%	1
Sheep & Lambs	4,452	3rd	3,010	4th	3,210	6th	-1,242	27.9%	-3

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007

A large portion of the Town of La Prairie and a few holdings in the Town of Turtle are designated as an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). AEA’s are designated by DATCP statewide and are designed to fortify and enhance the state’s agricultural economy by offering additional state tax incentives to qualifying agricultural landowners within an AEA. The LaPrairie AEA covers over 21,000 acres and has a stated goal to “continue to support a viable agricultural economy while at the same time maintain a high rural quality of life.”

Private enterprise also contributes to the agricultural economy of Rock County. The DeLong Company with its main office in the Village of Clinton and various other offices located throughout the County is a domestic and international leader in food grain distribution. Landmark Services Cooperative with locations in the Cities of Brodhead and Evansville is a member-owned cooperative business providing agronomy, energy, animal nutrition, grain, and transportation products and services to more than 15,000 members. Landmark was recently named one of the 100 largest cooperatives in the nation. Applied Ecological Services (AES), headquartered in the Town of Avon and with office locations throughout the world is an international leader in ecological consulting. AES provides land-use solutions that balance cultural needs, cost efficiencies and ecological sustainability. This company has one of the most diverse native seed and plant nurseries in the nation. Similarly, Agrecol, Inc. with its main office in the Town of Porter and Tall Grass Prairie Restoration with an office in the Town of Milton provide various ecological restoration services. Finally, three Confined Animal Feed Operations, defined by DATCP as an agricultural operation consisting of 1,000 or more head of livestock are located throughout the County in the Towns of Magnolia, Bradford, and Clinton. In addition a number of family owned dairies.

The Cities of Janesville and Beloit are home to large agriculture-related industries. These include companies that produce and supply to the agriculture industry, such as Seneca Foods Corp., Blaine Supply, Inc., Frito-Lay, Inc., Kerry Foods America, Diamond Foods, and Hormel Foods (Figure 13.3d). Additionally, MacFarlane Pheasants, Inc., the largest pheasant production facility in the United States, is located in Rock County.

Figure 13.3d: Rock County: Prominent Agriculture-Related Employers By Persons Employed: 2007			
Employer	Location	Type	Persons Employed
Frito-Lay, Inc.	City of Beloit	Food processing – Snack foods	700
Seneca Foods Corp.	City of Janesville	Food processing - Vegetables	700
Blain Supply, Inc.	City of Janesville	Wholesale distribution	482
Kerry Americas	City of Beloit	Food processing – Ingredients, flavoring, and dehydration	330
Source: Rock County Planning, Economic, & Community Development Agency - 2012			

Figure 13.3d identifies prominent agriculture-related employers by persons employed in Rock County in 2007. Of the top 21 private employers in Rock County in 2007, the employers in Figure 13.3d represent 16.6% (2,212 of 13,303) of all persons employed.

Various events exhibit and promote the agricultural identity and character of the County. The Rock County Fair, held annually in the City of Janesville in early July, is the showcase of agriculture events in the County. Nearly 80,000 people visited the Fair in 2012. The County is also home to six farmers’ markets held seasonally which provide agricultural products for purchase and also serve as a social gathering event for various communities throughout the County. The Rock County Farmers Market is held weekly in the Town of Janesville, while the Cities of Beloit, Edgerton, Evansville, Janesville and Milton also sponsor weekly markets.

The interdependence of rural and urban communities and their mutual reliance on agriculture takes many forms in Rock County. Agricultural landowners in rural towns provide cost-efficient raw products to the industries located in the Cities. Rural communities have advantageously utilized proximity to urban communities to fortify their agriculture resources, community and economy. As an example, the Town of La Prairie which is adjacent to the City of Janesville to the southeast has entered into a cooperative agreement with Seneca Foods Corp., a large vegetable processing facility located on the City’s southeast edge. Seneca disperses the water used to wash vegetables at its facility on lands in the Town. This provides Seneca with a cost efficient wastewater disposal option and provides the landowners in the Town with an additional revenue stream and irrigation resource.

The broader region derives an important segment of its identity from agriculture communities and economies. Dane and Jefferson Counties and Winnebago and Boone Counties are leading agricultural counties in the States of Wisconsin and Illinois, respectively. These counties contain prominent agricultural histories, productive agricultural soils and lands, large urban markets, and geographic attributes conducive to agriculture.

Figure 13.3e: Rock County: Farms and Farmland Acres: 1987 - 2007

	1987	1997	2007	Change: 1987-2007	
Farms	1,518	1,324	1,556	38	2.50%
Organic	N/A	N/A	16	N/A	N/A
Farmland Acres	357,751	351,013	344,361	-13,390	-3.70%
Organic	N/A	N/A	1,492	N/A	N/A

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007

Figure 13.3f identifies farm types in Rock County by the North American Industry Classification System, from 1987 to 2007.

Figure 13.3f: Rock County: Farm Type By North American Industry Classification: 1987 - 2007

Farm Type	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Oilseed & grain	415	27.3%	596	45%	463	29.8%	48	2.5%
Other crop	172	11.3%	97	7.3%	452	29%	280	17.7%
Beef cattle	119	7.8%	123	9.3%	156	10%	37	2.2%
Animal aquaculture & other animal*	N/A	N/A	92	7%	120	7.7%	28	0.7%
Dairy cattle & milk	359	23.7%	201	15.2%	114	7.3%	-245	16.4%
Poultry & egg	12	1.00%	12	1%	49	3.2%	37	2.2%
Cattle feedlot*	N/A	N/A	77	5.8%	47	3%	-30	2.8%
Greenhouse, nursery, & floriculture production	13	1%	31	2.3%	39	2.5%	26	1.5%
Sheep & goat*	N/A	N/A	25	1.9%	36	2.3%	11	0.4%
Vegetable and melon	32	2.1%	23	1.7%	33	2.1%	1	0.4%
Hog & pig*	N/A	N/A	32	2.4%	32	2.1%	0	0.3%
Fruit & tree nut	17	1.1%	15	1.1%	15	1%	-2	0.1%
TOTAL	1,518	100%	1,324	100%	1,556	100%	N/A	N/A

*The United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture changed farm type classification categories between 1987 and 1997, therefore, change for those farm types denoted with an asterisk in Figure 13.3f was tracked only from 1997 – 2007.
Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007

Figure 13.3g: Rock County: Farm Ownership: 1987 - 2007

Farm Ownership	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Individuals or families	1,230	81%	1,084	81%	1,319	84%	89	3.8%
Family partnerships	188	12%	138	10%	125	8%	-63	-4.4%
Family corporations	85	5%	89	6%	93	6%	8	0.4%
Non-family corporations and other	15	1%	13	1%	19	1.2%	4	0.2%
TOTAL	1,518		1,324		1,556		N/A	N/A

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007

Figure 13.3h identifies farm operators in Rock County by age, from 1987 to 2007.

Figure 13.3h: Rock County: Farm Operator Age: 1987 - 2007

Age	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 25	33	2.20%	16	1.20%	13	1.00%	-20	-1.20%
25 to 34	209	13.80%	97	7.30%	76	4.90%	-133	-8.90%
35 to 44	311	20.50%	292	22.10%	211	13.60%	-100	-6.90%
45 to 54	344	22.60%	337	25.50%	472	30.30%	128	7.70%
55 to 64	340	22.40%	273	20.60%	392	25.10%	52	2.70%
65 and over	281	18.50%	309	23.30%	392	25.10%	111	6.60%
TOTAL	1,518	100.00%	1,324	100.00%	1,556	100.00%	N/A	N/A
Average Age	50.6		53.1		55.7			10.10%

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007

According to DATCP, agriculture is a \$60 billion a year industry in the State of Wisconsin, providing goods, services and jobs. Agriculture is an integral part of the economy of Rock County as well. For the purposes of this Plan, Rock County’s agriculture economy consists of the following:

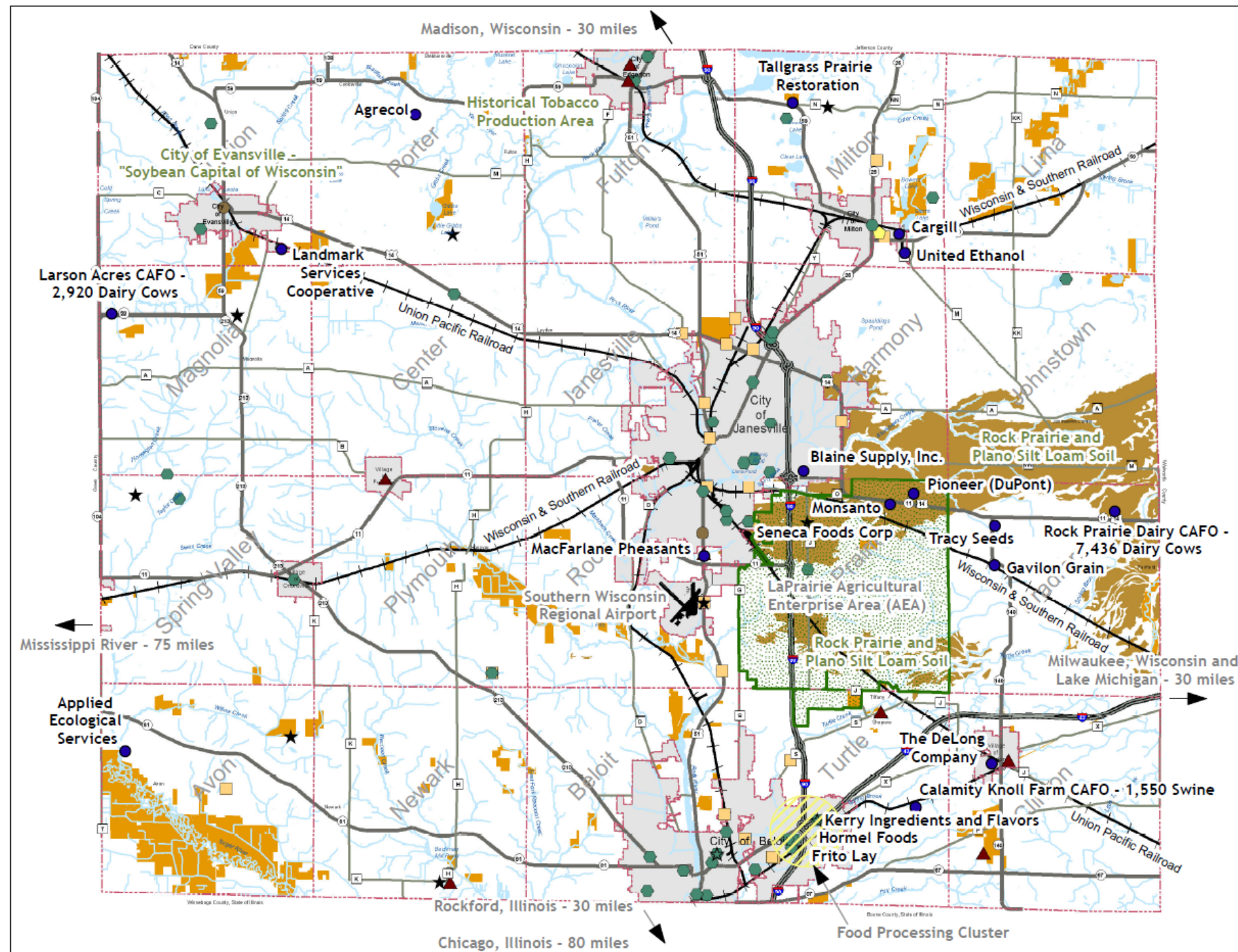
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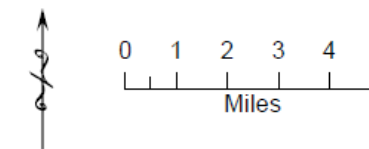
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- City, Village or Town Boundary
- City or Village
- Food Processing Facility
- Dairy Plant Facility
- ▲ Meat Plant Facility
- Food Warehouse Facility
- ◆ Ethanol Production Facility
- ☆ National Organic Program Business
- ★ National Organic Program Farm
- Protected Land
- Surface Water
- Rail Line
- Roads
- County Trunk
- Highway
- Interstate



Data Sources: Rock County Planning and Development

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Employment and Business Sales

Michael Porter of Harvard University has defined economic clusters as “geographic concentrations of interconnected companies, specialized suppliers, service providers, and associated institutions in a particular field that are present in a nation or region”. Porter states clusters arise because they increase the productivity with which companies can compete.

Similarly, location quotients are utilized to determine industry sector representation and significance in a given economy. Location quotients provide insight into an economy’s strengths and weaknesses, and its overall competitiveness in terms of growth, prosperity and sustainability. A location quotient between 0.90 and 1.10 indicates employment concentration by a specified industry type that is relatively consistent with national level concentrations. A location quotient at or above 1.10 indicates an employment concentration that is higher than national levels. Figure 13.4a identifies location quotients for industry sectors, by North American Industry Classification System type, in Rock County that were above 1.10 in 2008.

Figure 13.4a: Rock County: Leading Industry Location Quotients By North American Industry Classification System Type: 2008

Industry Type	Location Quotient
Manufacturing	2.01
Wholesale trade	1.34
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	1.26
Retail trade	1.24
Transportation and warehousing	1.22
Utilities	1.21
Educational services	1.12
Health care and social assistance	1.11

Source: EMSI Complete Employment - Fall 2008

Agriculture in Rock County is classified as a High Location Quotient/Low Employment Growth industry, indicating an industry type that is mature, slow-growing and subject to acquisition, consolidation, and/or mergers as businesses attempt to maintain or gain new market share.

Figure 13.4b: Rock County: Agriculture-Related and Farm Employment: 1987 - 2007

Employment	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007	
	Number	% of Total County Employment	Number	% of Total County Employment	Number	% of Total County Employment	Number	% of Total County Employment
Agriculture-related	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,265	7.6%	N/A	N/A
Farm	2,273	3.3%	2,063	2.5%	1,779	2.1%	494	-1.2%
TOTAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,044	9.7%	N/A	N/A

Source: University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension – Rock County – 2007

Figure 13.4c identifies agriculture business sales in Rock County in 2007.

Figure 13.4c: Rock County: Agriculture Business Sales: 2007

Dollars	% of Total County Business Sales	Dollars Generated In Other Parts of County Economy
\$1.4 billion	9.20%	\$0.27 for every dollar of agriculture business sales

Source: University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension – Rock County – 2007

Figure 13.4d: Rock County: Agriculture Business Sales By Farm: 1987 - 2007

Agriculture Business Sale By Farm	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
\$2,499 or less	219	14.40%	321	24.20%	624	40.10%	405	25.70%
\$2,500 to \$4,999	120	7.90%	106	8.00%	100	6.40%	-20	-1.50%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	199	13.10%	122	9.20%	102	6.60%	-97	-6.50%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	229	15.10%	160	12.10%	156	10.00%	-73	-5.10%
\$25,000 to \$49,000	188	12.40%	119	9.00%	116	7.50%	-72	-4.90%
\$50,000 to \$99,000	206	13.60%	169	12.80%	120	7.70%	-86	-5.90%
\$100,000 or more	357	23.50%	327	24.70%	338	21.70%	-19	-1.80%
TOTAL	1,518	100.00%	1,324	100.00%	1,556	100.00%	N/A	N/A

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007

Figure 13.4e identifies prominent agriculture commodities in Rock County by business sales, and their rank among all Wisconsin Counties, from 1987 to 2007.

Figure 13.4e: Rock County: Prominent Agriculture Commodities By Business Sales: 1987 – 2007

	1987		1997		2007		Business Sales		State Rank
	Business Sales (Millions)	State Rank	Business Sales (Millions)	State Rank	Business Sales (Millions)	State Rank	Business Sales (Millions)	State Rank	State Rank Change
All crops	\$42.70	3rd	\$73.80	3rd	\$121.60	3rd	\$78.90	184.80%	0
Corn (Grain)	\$24.10	2nd	\$40.80	2nd	\$76.40	2nd	\$52.30	217.00%	0
Soybean	\$7.00	1st	\$22.50	1st	\$24.60	2nd	\$17.60	251.40%	-1
Nursery and greenhouse	N/A	N/A	\$2.20	18th	\$8.30	7th			N/A
Wheat	\$0.50	6th	\$1.10	8th	\$4.80	5th	\$4.30	860.00%	-1
All livestock	\$74.70	21st	\$55.90	30th	\$74.00	36th	(\$0.70)	1.00%	-15
Milk and dairy	\$38.50	32nd	\$29.40	38th	\$43.60	39th	\$5.10	13.30%	-7
Cattle and calves	\$23.20	6th	\$16.00	14th	\$17.20	20th	(\$6.00)	-25.90%	-14
Hogs and pigs	\$7.90	8th	\$4.50	11th	\$4.70	6th	(\$3.20)	-40.50%	2
Organic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0.80	30th	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Per Farm	\$77,374	13th	\$97,906	21st	\$125,720	26th	\$48,346	62.50%	-13

Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007

Figure 13.4f identifies tax revenue generated by agriculture in Rock County in 2007.

Figure 13.4f: Rock County: Agriculture Tax Revenue: 2007	
Agriculture Tax Revenue Type	Revenue (Millions)
Income tax	\$5.10
Sales tax	\$7.50
Property tax (Excluding those paid to local schools)	\$9.90
Other fees and charges	\$14.00
TOTAL	\$36.50

Source: University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension – Rock County – 2007

Figure 13.4g identifies the number of farms in Rock County receiving government payments, from 1987 to 2007.

Figure 13.4g: Rock County: Farms Receiving Government Payments: 1987 – 2007									
1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007			
Farms	% of Total County Farms	Farms	% of Total County Farms	Farms	% of Total County Farms	Farms Number	%	% of Total County Farms	
773	51%	813	61.4%	1,116	71.70%	343	44.4%	21.7%	
Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007									

Figure 13.4h identifies total and average government payment to farms in Rock County, and the rank among all Wisconsin Counties, from 1987 to 2007.

Figure 13.4h: Rock County: Total and Average Government Payment to Farms: 1987 – 2007										
	1987		1997		2007		Change: 1987-2007			
	Payment	State Rank	Payment	State Rank	Payment	State Rank	Number	%	State Rank Change	
Total	\$13.9 million	2nd	\$5.5 million	3rd	\$7.1 million	5th	-\$6.8 million	-48.9%	-3	
Average	\$17,981	1st	\$6,744	5th	\$6,357	3rd	(\$11,624)	-64.6%	-2	
Source: United States Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture – 1987, 1997, and 2007										



Anticipated Changes

Geography, industry and transportation linkages coupled with lower cost of living indicators continue to position Rock County as a benefactor of growth and investment. Below is a list of anticipated changes in the agricultural industry for Rock County:

- The number of small, independent family farms will continue to decline while the number of larger, corporate farming operations will likely remain steady throughout the County. Some expansion has occurred. For example, Rock County recently saw the construction of a 7,400 dairy cow milking operation in Bradford Township. There is a potential for the construction of biodigesters for electrical generation facilities in conjunction with these types of confinement operations. This is a method for dealing with animal waste.
- With the number of large scale corporate farming operations increasing, removal of lands from nonproduction and conversion of previously unfarmed land due to prices paid for corn and soybeans, it is anticipated production of these commodities will increase. As exemplified by the recent expansion of the Gavilon Grain storage and shipment center (rail) within the last year will help move this new supply to markets. Similarly, Landmark Services Cooperative in Evansville enhanced their storage and rail service for corn and soybean distribution.
- The number of hobby farms, ranging from grains to animals, will moderately increase throughout the County as more farmsteads transition into non-full time farming operations. This is driven by the larger operations purchasing production land and shedding the outdated agriculture buildings. Land division requests during the last three years have fallen off except for the focus on parceling of existing agriculture buildings.
- Small scale agricultural operations will increase as local farmers' markets increase and the shift in general population desire to consume of locally produced food. This is also reflected in the desire by local government units revamping their agricultural zoning districts of all sizes to be Farm Land Preservation eligible.
- The number of residential subdivisions particularly those more rural in nature versus urban, will likely not increase due to an adequate supply of residential lots existing throughout the County. Therefore, conversion of production land into housing will stabilize for the near future.
- The number of commercial and/or industrial operations is projected to incrementally increase throughout the County; however, these increases will occur within land that has already been annexed and/or designated for these uses. These increases will have little impact on the supply of agriculture land.

- The number of infrastructure projects, representing the public and private sectors, is expected to incrementally increase throughout the County. This increase will not necessarily equate to large farmland takings, as most of these corridors have already been identified and/or secured, accordingly. The only notable exception might be any (future) approved alternatives to the 39/90 Interstate Highway expansion project, as well as those future highway and/or railroad corridor enhancement projects.
- Rock County's location to major hubs such as Chicago and Milwaukee, in addition to the expansion of the 39/90 Interstate will make Rock County an ideal location for distribution of raw and processed agricultural goods. The primary
- Agricultural related supplies such as agricultural equipment dealerships will begin to increase to meet the needs of the larger size farms.
- Industries that process Rock County agricultural products will show growth. For example, Seneca Food Corporation (vegetables) is expected to invest in an additional 80,000 square feet of processing space for up to 5 new production lines. In addition, they will spend \$3.3 million in wastewater pretreatment infrastructure.

Stabilization and incremental growth continue to represent the most accurate depiction of Rock County's economy. Agriculture is currently Rock County second leading Industry (Figure 13.4a), second only to manufacturing.

SECTION IV – Agriculture Resources

Agriculture Resources

The State of Wisconsin has substantial valuable agricultural resources, including productive agricultural soils and lands, and an abundant supply of water and other natural resource features conducive to agriculture. Rock County contains these same agricultural resources. For the purposes of this Plan, Rock County’s agricultural resource data was analyzed and interpreted to include the following:

- Priority Agricultural Soils (PAS)
- Priority Agricultural Lands (PAL)
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) and Woodlands

Priority Agricultural Soils (PAS)

Rock County contains highly productive agricultural soils. For the purposes of this Plan, Rock County’s priority agricultural soils (PAS)* were identified utilizing a Soil Suitability Score (SSS). A soil type’s SSS identifies its potential for total yield/gross economic return of suitable crops and the approximate economic and environmental cost of producing a crop on that soil type. SSS were developed utilizing Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) land evaluation scores for State of Wisconsin soil types, normalized to Rock County. NRCS formulated a land evaluation score for all soil types located in Rock County utilizing the following criteria and formula:

- Prime Farmland: A soil type’s major physical and chemical properties affecting agriculture utilization
- Land Capability: A soil type’s risk of environmental damage (e.g. erosion, etc.), the degree of management concerns, and its limitations for agriculture utilization
- Productivity: A soil type’s potential yield of agricultural crops

(Prime farmland score (0-10) x 0.15)

+

(Land capability score (0-10) x 0.30)

+

(Productivity score (0-10) x 0.55)

SSS score

For the purposes of this Plan, soil types in Rock County receiving a SSS of 90 or higher are designated as Priority Agricultural Soils (PAS).

Priority Agricultural Lands (PAL)

Rock County contains highly productive agricultural lands. For the purposes of this Plan, Rock County's priority agricultural lands (PAL)* were identified utilizing the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program and Town of Fulton Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Systems, and Town of Porter Land Use Suitability Evaluation (LUSE) System.

*It is important to note there are agricultural soils and agricultural land suitable for productive agricultural use in Rock County that may not have been identified as PAS or PAL in this Plan, utilizing the methodology described herein.

The LESA/LUSE system concept was first developed by the NRCS in the early 1980's as a tool local governments could utilize to aid in land use decision making. A LESA/LUSE system provides a comprehensive synthesis of vital land use information, ensuring objectivity and consistency in land use decision making. Furthermore, the LESA/LUSE system concept is adaptable, allowing system modification by communities to meet their specific land use goals and objectives.

A LESA/LUSE system develops a LESA/LUSE score (0-10) for all designated land parcels, evaluating suitability for various uses. A parcel's LESA/LUSE score is then utilized to guide land use decisions regarding the parcel. The higher a land parcel's score, the better suited it is for a specified use. A parcel's score consists of various factors, or land characteristics, categorized into multiple groups. Factors evaluate a parcel's soil characteristics, as well as various other socio economic and environmental characteristics. Factors contain both scoring scales, assessing the characteristics of the parcel relative to the factor, and weights, reflecting the relative importance of the factor in comparison to other factors. Factor scoring scales are developed on a scale of 0-10, with higher factor scores indicating lands more suitable for a specified use. Factor weights combine to equal 1, with higher weights indicating a factor more important in determining suitability for a specified use. A land parcel is given a factor score for each factor. Each factor score is then multiplied by the factor weights to produce a factor rating. Factor ratings are then summed to produce a LESA/LUSE score for the land parcel.



Figure 13.5a identifies the process utilized to develop LESA/LUSE scores in Rock County.

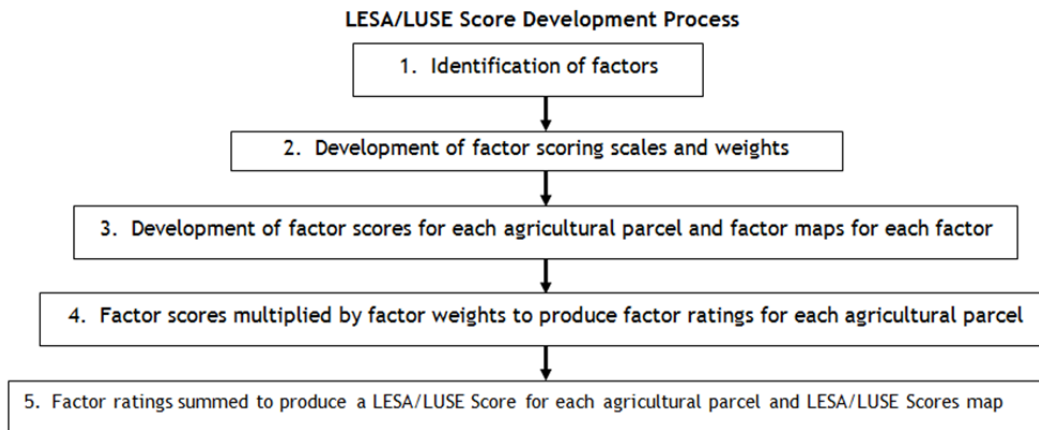


Figure 13.5a LESA/LUSE Score Development Process

LESA/LUSE scores were developed only for those agricultural parcels that met certain eligibility criteria*. After scores were developed, they were subjected to statistical analysis, with all scores subsequently grouped into one of three Agricultural Suitability categories. LESA/LUSE score maps were then developed, identifying LESA/LUSE scores as well as Agricultural Suitability categories.

For the purposes of this Plan, Priority Agricultural Lands (PAL) are those lands designated by the Rock County PACE Program as Target Acquisition Areas in the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Manual, those lands designated as Tier I Farmland in the Town of Fulton Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Manual, and those lands in the Agricultural Community and Enterprise Overlay Zoning District on the Town of Porter Official Zoning Map.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA), Woodlands Water Resources*

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) are natural resource features, in accordance with Sec. 38-9. (3) of the Rock County Land Division and Development Ordinance (Chapter 38 – Code of Ordinances, County of Rock). ESA include all of the following:

- Floodplain – Lands identified as floodplain by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as delineated in accordance with the most current FEMA floodplain maps adopted by the Rock County Board of Supervisors;
- Groundwater protection areas – Lands identified as groundwater protection areas, as delineated by the Agency;
- Hydric soils – Lands with soils identified as hydric, as delineated by the Agency;

- Kettles and depressional topography – Lands identified as kettles and/or depressional topography, as delineated by the Agency;
- Natural areas – Lands with scores of five (5) or higher, in accordance with the Rock County Natural Areas Survey – 2001;
- Shallow bedrock – Lands identified with bedrock within twenty (20) inches of the surface, as delineated by the Agency;
- Shorelands – Lands identified within seventy-five (75) feet of the ordinary high water mark of a surface water feature, as delineated in accordance with Chapter 44 – Zoning, Code of Ordinances, Rock County;
- Steep slopes – Lands identified with slopes sixteen percent (16%) and greater, as delineated by the Agency;
- Wetland – Lands identified as wetland, as delineated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or another qualified entity;
- Wetland buffers – Lands identified within fifty (50) feet of wetlands, as delineated by the Agency;

Surface water and groundwater ESA are particularly vital to agriculture in Rock County. Rock County is home to approximately 3,550 acres of surface water, including the Rock River/Lake Koshkonong, the Yahara River, the Sugar River, various first order streams, and approximately 70 impounded lakes/ponds. These surface waters irrigate the County's agricultural lands, fortify the County's drinking water supply, offer opportunities for outdoor recreation and tourism, and serve a crucial role in the County's ecosystem health.

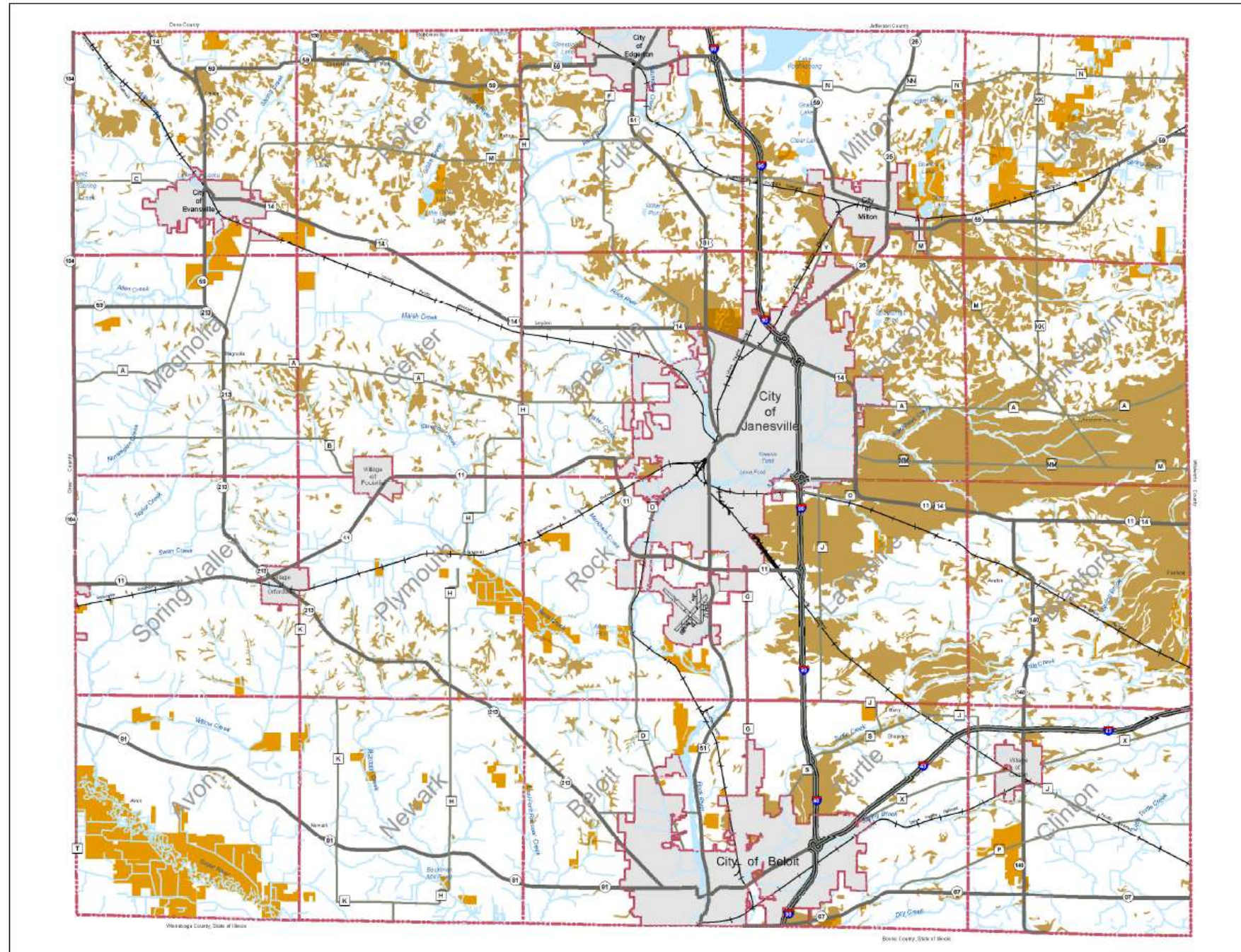
Similarly, Rock County depends on groundwater aquifers for its drinking water supply and to irrigate the County's agricultural lands. According to the Rock County Land and Water Resources Plan (2009), Rock County uses 20 million gallons of groundwater daily, the third highest total among all Counties in the State of Wisconsin after Dane County (48 million gallons daily) and Waukesha County (27 million gallons daily). Rock County has between 14,000 and 15,000 private wells within its borders, dependent on these aquifers, and supplying water to County residents and businesses.

Woodlands, in accordance with Sec. 38-9. (4) of the Rock County Land Division and Development Ordinance (Chapter 38 – Code of Ordinances, County of Rock), are lands comprising five (5) acres or more of contiguous deciduous and/or coniferous vegetation, as delineated by the Agency.

*The location of ESA and woodlands shall reflect the most current and best data and information available to the Agency.

Priority Agricultural Soils (PAS)

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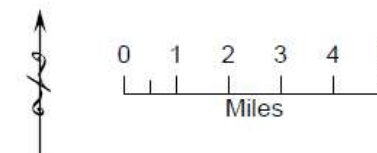
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Rock County, Wisconsin (5/1/2012)

- City, Village or Town Boundary
- City or Village
- Priority Agricultural Soils*
- Protected Land
- Surface Water
- Rail Line
- Roads
- County Trunk
- Highway
- Interstate

*Please refer to the Rock County Agriculture Plan - 2013 Update, Section III - A Rock County Profile, Part II. Agriculture Community, Economy, and Resources for further information on the definition of and methodology utilized to determine Priority Agricultural Soils (PAS) as identified on this map.

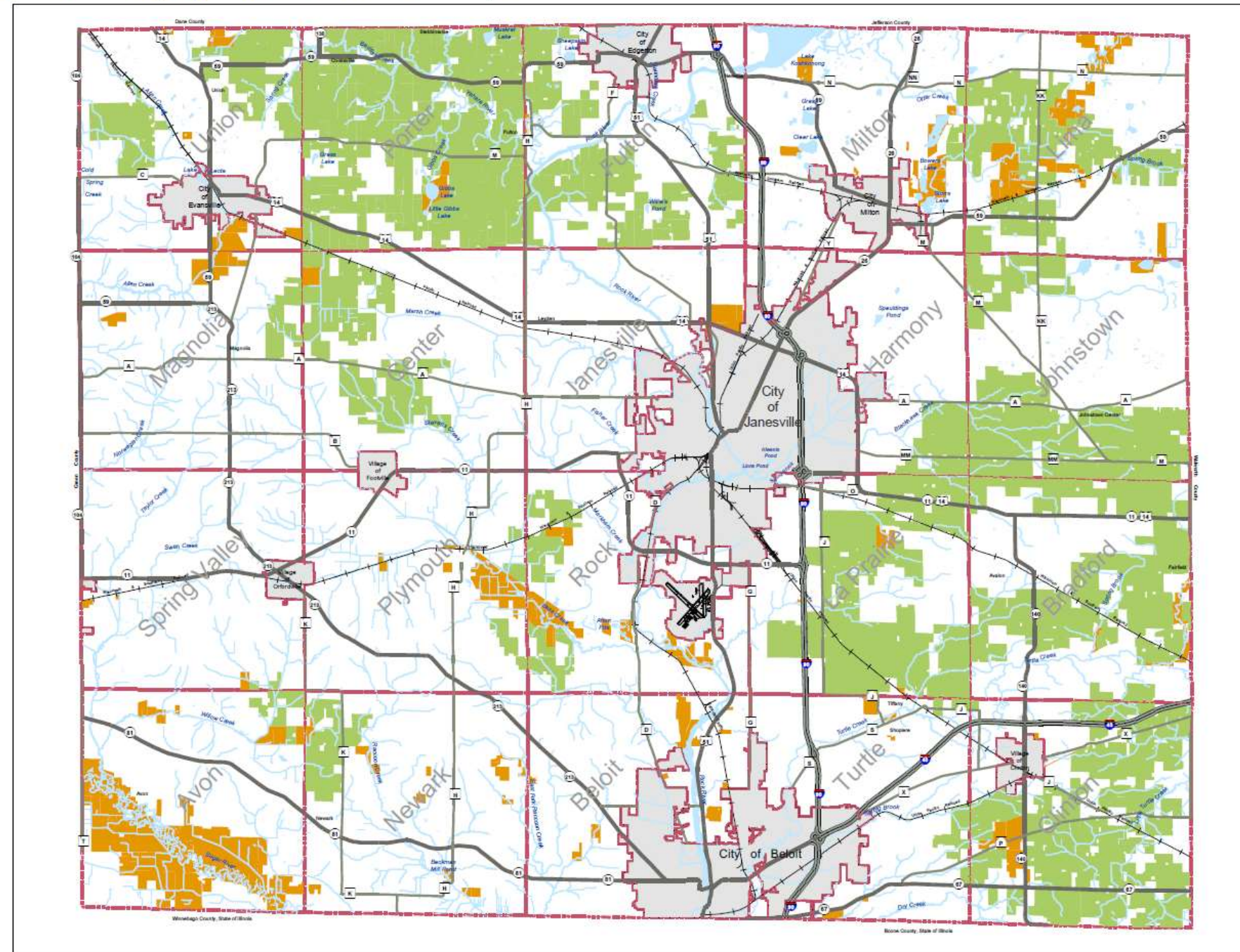


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Priority Agricultural Lands (PAL)

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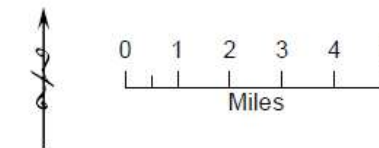
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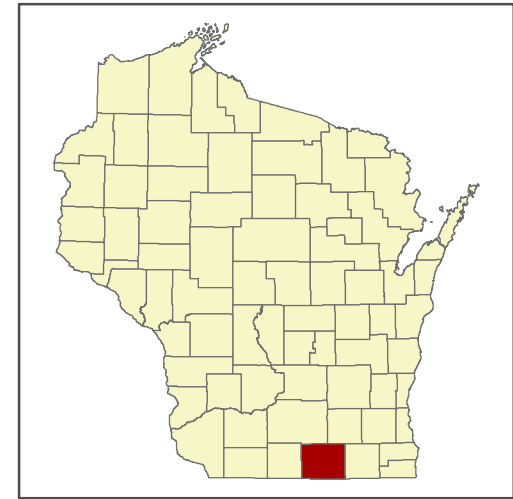


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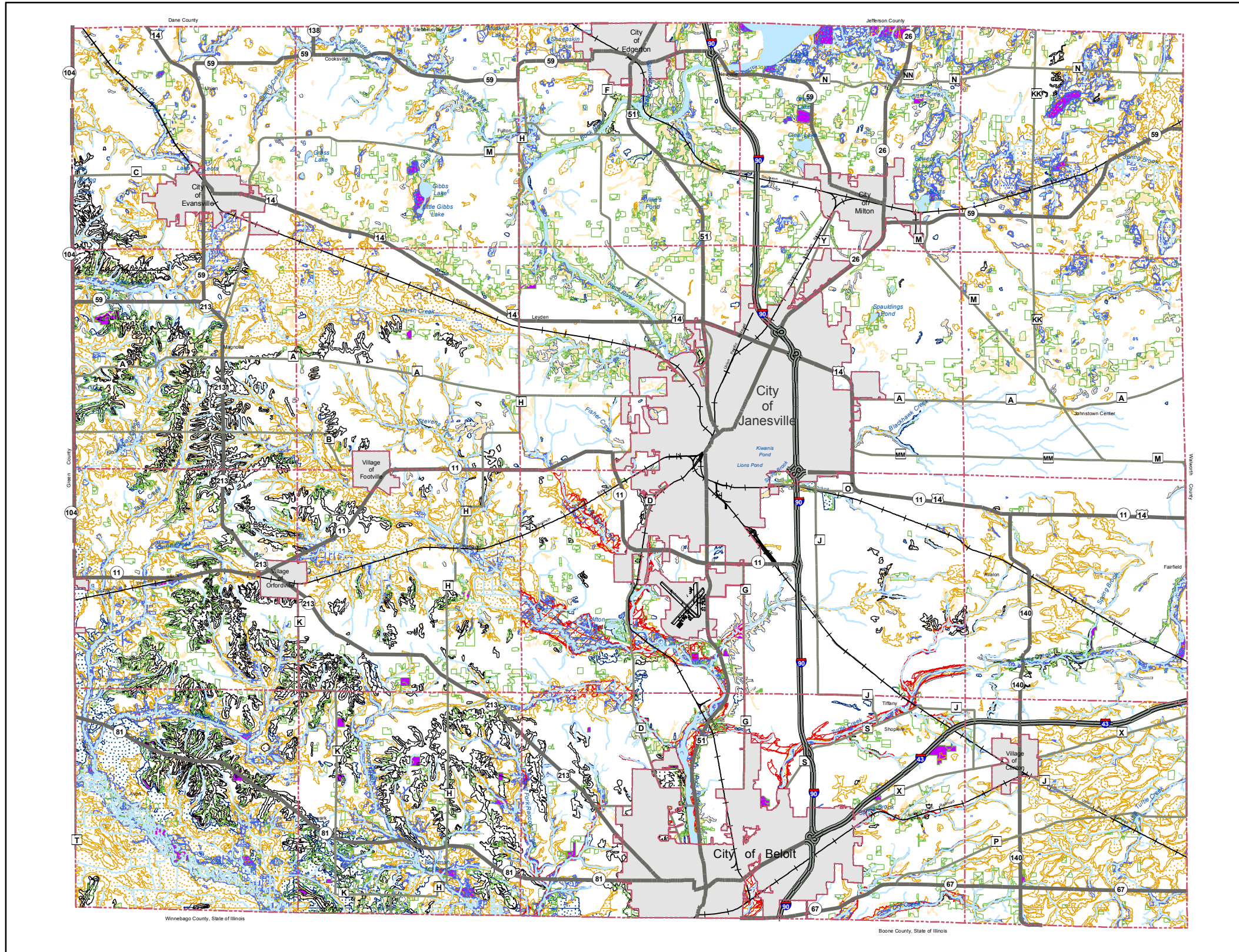
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Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) and Woodlands

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- City or Village
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- Woodlands

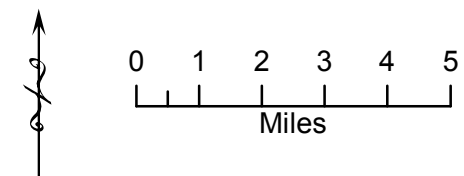
Environmentally Sensitive Areas*

- Bedrock Within 20" of Surface
- Steep Slope (12% or greater)
- Hydric Soil
- Natural Area
- Potential Groundwater Protection Area
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Surface Water and 75-Foot Buffer
- Rail Line

Roads

- County Trunk
- Highway
- Interstate

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Land Use and Agricultural Land Conversion

Agriculture is the predominant land use in Rock County, given the County’s productive agricultural soils and lands, and an abundant supply of water and other natural resource features conducive to agriculture. Agricultural land is being converted to other uses, including residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation, to accommodate growth and development in the County.

For the purposes of this Plan, and in accordance with the Rock County Land Use Inventory – 2010, Rock County’s existing land use is classified into seven general categories, as follows:

- Agriculture
- Open Space and Vacant
- Residential
- Transportation
- Enterprise (not including Agriculture or Residential)
- Institutional
- Mixed and Other (including Religion and Cemeteries)

Figure 13.6a displays Rock County’s land use (excluding land in Cities or Villages) by the aforementioned categories in 2010.

Figure 13.6a: Rock County: Land Use Category (Excluding Land in Cities or Villages): 2010		
Land Use Category	Acres	Percent
Agriculture	310,490	74.50%
Open Space and Vacant	62,190	14.90%
Residential	19,246	4.60%
Transportation	11,924	2.90%
Enterprise (not including Agriculture or Recreation)	10,022	2.40%
Institutional	2,369	0.60%
Mixed and Other (including Religion and Cemeteries)	287	0.10%
COUNTY TOTAL	416,528	100.00%
Source: Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency - 2012		

Figure 13.6b displays a projection of acres gained or lost by land use category in Rock County (excluding lands in Cities or Villages) from 2015 to 2035.

Figure 13.6b: Rock County: Land Use Category Acres Gained or Lost (Projection and Excluding Land in Cities or Villages): 2015 – 2035

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	Change: 2015-2035
Land Use Category	Acres					Numbers
Agriculture, Open Space, and Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-4,140
Residential	1,288	714	725	693	720	3,134
All other categories (not to include Transportation)	314	174	177	170	175	1,009

Source: Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency – 2012

Figure 13.6c identifies acres of land annexed out of Towns and into Cities and Villages in Rock County, from 1990 to 2010.

Figure 13.6c: Rock County: Land Annexation: 1990 – 2010

Municipality	Acres Gained*	Acres Lost*
City of Janesville	6,612	N/A
City of Beloit	677	N/A
City of Brodhead	61	N/A
City of Milton	440	N/A
City of Edgerton	327	N/A
City of Evansville	769	N/A
Village of Clinton	315	N/A
Village of Footville	49	N/A
Village of Orfordville	3	N/A
TOTAL	9,253	N/A
Town of Harmony	N/A	3,001
Town of Janesville	N/A	1,397
Town of Fulton	N/A	327
Town of Milton	N/A	440
Town of Union	N/A	769
Town of Rock	N/A	2,048
Town of La Prairie	N/A	166
Town of Turtle	N/A	677
Town of Clinton	N/A	315
Town of Spring Valley	N/A	64
Town of Plymouth	N/A	49
TOTAL	N/A	9,253

Figure 13.6d identifies a projection of acres of land annexed out of Towns into Cities and Villages in Rock County, from 2015 to 2035.

Figure 13.6d: Rock County: Land Annexation (Projection): 2015 – 2035		
Municipality	Acres Gained	Acres Lost
Cities and Villages	5,877	N/A
Towns	N/A	5,877
Source: Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency – 2012		

*Annexation acreages are approximate. Approximately 1,550 acres annexed out of the Town of Rock into the City of Janesville consisted of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport.

Towns possess zoning authority in Rock County and administer this land use authority through their respective zoning ordinances. As of the adoption date of this Plan update, each of the 20 Towns in Rock County had a farmland preservation zoning ordinance certified by DATCP, enabling eligible landowners within these Towns to qualify for the State of Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax credit, in accordance with Chapter 91 – Farmland Preservation, Wisconsin State Statutes. Lands can be rezoned from the farmland preservation zoning district, and other agricultural zoning districts, to other zoning districts, including residential, business/commercial, or industrial/ manufacturing, in accordance with the procedure identified in these ordinances.

Eight Towns (Beloit, Fulton, Harmony, LaPrairie, Johnstown, Rock, Turtle, and Union) in Rock County also have land division ordinances, regulating the creation of new lots (predominately created for ownership transfer or housing construction or location) within their borders. Rock County also has a land division ordinance (Chapter 38 – Land Division and Development, Code of Ordinances, Rock County) regulating the creation of all new lots within the unincorporated areas (Towns) in the County. Creation of new, smaller lots out of larger agricultural or open space lots is allowed in accordance with the procedure identified in these ordinances.

Agriculture Issues

Identifying issues provides a planning context, offering an answer to the essential question of “What are we planning for?”. The following identifies Rock County’s agriculture issues derived from analysis of I. Geography and History, II. Agriculture Community, Economy, and Resources, and III. Growth and Development of this Section.

- AGRICULTURE IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF ROCK COUNTY'S ECONOMY AND IS INTEGRAL TO THE IDENTITIES OF ITS RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITIES.
 - Agriculture related industries and farms are a substantial employer in Rock County, providing approximately 9.7% of all jobs in the County in 2007. Agriculture will likely continue to be a substantial employer in Rock County.
 - Agriculture related industries are some of the largest employers in Rock County's Cities, and many of these leading employers utilize commodities produced on agricultural lands in Rock County.
 - Agricultural landowners utilize goods and services provided by Rock County's leading employers and provide agricultural commodities to these employers and other large urban markets located within and in close proximity to the County.
 - Rock County has an established agriculture related industry "cluster" consisting of a number of large food processing employers located in the Cities of Beloit and Janesville.
 - Rock County has a burgeoning agriculture related "cluster" consisting of a number of ecological services firms located in the County.
 - Agriculture in Rock County has a location quotient higher than the national level, indicating strong industry sector representation, significance, and employment concentration. Agriculture in Rock County is also classified as a High Location Quotient/Low Employment Growth industry, indicating a mature and slow-growing industry, subject to acquisition, consolidation, and/or mergers as businesses attempt to maintain or gain new market share. This trend is likely to continue.
 - Rock County's transportation network offers sufficient options in connecting the various components of the County's agriculture community, both within and outside of the County, though rail transportation infrastructure has not seen significant improvements or upgrades in recent years.
 - Agriculture business sales account for a substantial amount of total business sales in Rock County, approximately 9% in 2007. Agriculture business sales will likely continue to account for a substantial portion of overall business sales in the County.
 - Agriculture generates millions of dollars in tax revenue in Rock County.
 - The majority of farms in Rock County are under 200 acres.

- Grain (corn and wheat) and other crop (soybean) farming are the predominant farm types in Rock County.
- Rock County is a leader in the State of Wisconsin in crop production, ranking third among all Wisconsin Counties in crop business sales in 2007. Similarly, the County is a state leader in both corn and soybean production, ranking second among all Wisconsin Counties in acres and bushels harvested, for business sales in 2007.
- Rock County is a leader in the State of Wisconsin in livestock rearing, ranking sixth and seventh among all Wisconsin Counties, in number of sheep, lambs, hogs and pigs in 2007. Similarly, Rock County ranks sixth among all Wisconsin Counties in number of hogs/pigs in 2007.
- The large majority of farms in Rock County, approximately 85%, were owned by families or individuals in 2007. This ownership pattern has remained relatively static over the past 20 years and is likely to continue.
- Most farms in Rock County, approximately 75%, receive government payments, an increase of approximately 20% over the past 20 years. Conversely, the amount of total government payments received by farms, as well as the average government payment to a farm, has decreased significantly by approximately 65% and 50% respectively, over this same time period in the County. The County is among the top five of all Wisconsin Counties in total for average government payments received by farms in 2007.
- **ROCK COUNTY HAS VALUABLE AGRICULTURE RESOURCES AND THESE RESOURCES NEED TO BE PROTECTED AND PRESERVED IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE ROCK COUNTY'S COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY.**
 - Specific valuable agricultural resources have been identified in this Plan as Priority Agricultural Soils (PAS), Priority Agricultural Lands (PAL), and Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) and Woodlands.
 - Farmland acres in Rock County have decreased at a moderately steady rate (approximately 4%) over the past 20 years. Approximately 13,000 farmland acres in the County have been lost over this time period, a rate of approximately 650 acres a year. This trend is likely to stay at historical rates or decrease.
 - Cities and villages have annexed approximately 9,250 acres of land out of Towns in Rock County over approximately the past 20 years, a rate of

approximately 460 acres a year. Given the predominance of agriculture land use in Rock County, it is highly likely that the majority of these acres were lands in agricultural or open space use.

- The City of Janesville annexed over 6,600 acres in the County over the past 20 years, the most of any City or Village in Rock County. Approximately 1,550 of these acres consisted of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, annexed out of the Town of Rock. An annexation event of similar size and type is not likely to occur in the near future. The Towns of Harmony, Rock, and Janesville have had the most acres annexed out of their jurisdiction, losing approximately 3,000 acres, 2,000 acres, and 1,400 acres respectively.
- Thousands of acres of lands in agricultural and open space zoning districts in Rock County's Towns have been rezoned to other zoning districts, including residential, business/commercial, and industrial/manufacturing, and thousands of new, smaller lots have been created out of larger agricultural lots in the Towns in the past 20 years.
- Rural residential development is often viewed as an opportunity to increase a community's tax revenue. Cost of community services (COCS) studies examine cost (public services) incurred versus revenue (taxes) generated for various land uses.
- **AGRICULTURE HAS CHANGED IN ROCK COUNTY, AS THE COUNTY'S AGRICULTURE ECONOMY IS INCREASINGLY DEPENDENT ON LARGER ECONOMIES, SUBJECT TO THEIR BROADER TRENDS OF BOTH GROWTH AND DECLINE, SUPPLY AND DEMAND, IN THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE.**
 - The number of farms in Rock County has increased slightly (2.5%) over the past 20 years.
 - Average farm size in Rock County has decreased slightly over the past 20 years, with farms between 10-49 acres exhibiting the highest percent gains over this same time period.
 - A large majority 76% of farm operators in Rock County have operated their farm for over 10 years, an increase of close to 13% over the past 20 years. This trend is likely to continue.
 - Approximately half of the farm operators in Rock County are 55 years or older, a 10% increase over the past 20 years. Similarly, the average age of these operators has increased by over 5 years, from 50 to 55, over this same time period. This trend is likely to continue.

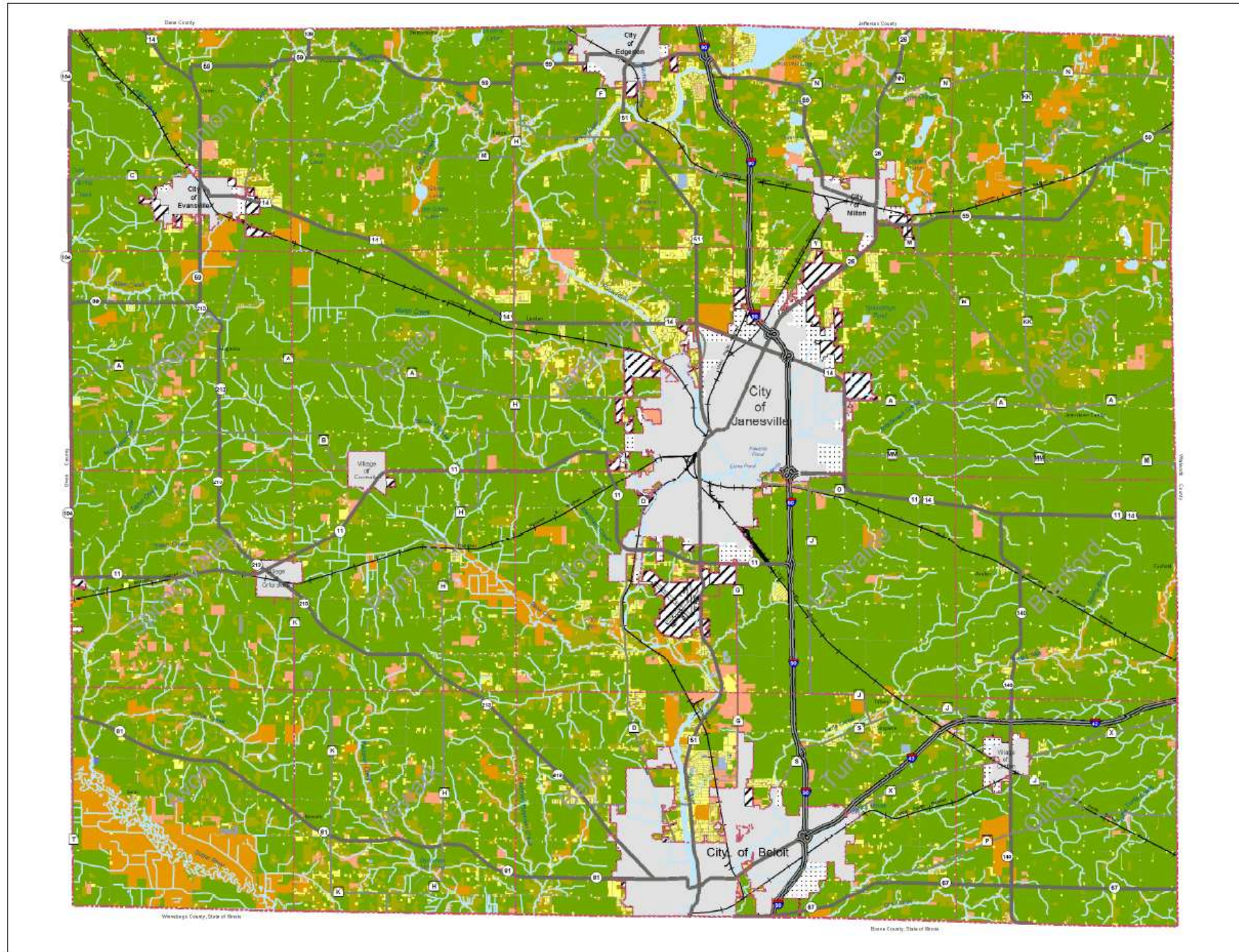
- Farm employment, in both numbers and as a percent of total Rock County employment, has decreased over the past 20 years. The number of people employed on farms in the County has dropped by 500, from approximately 2,300, over this time period. This trend is likely to continue.
- The amount of agriculture business sales per farm in Rock County has decreased substantially over the past 20 years, with approximately 40% of all farms exhibiting sales of less than \$2,500.00, an increase of 16%.
- Grain (corn and wheat), crop (soybean), and beef cattle farming is increasing in Rock County, while dairy, other livestock (hogs, pig, sheep, goats, poultry and eggs, etc.), and specified vegetable (sweet corn and peas) farming is decreasing, over the past 20 years. In 2007, grain and crop farms consisted of approximately 60% of all farms in the County, while dairy and other livestock consisted of approximately 30% of all farms in the County.
- Farmland acres devoted to corn production have increased by approximately 25%, farmland acres devoted to soybean production have increased by approximately 90%, and farmland acres devoted to wheat have increased by close to 140% over the past 20 years in Rock County. Approximately 50% of the County's farmland acres were devoted to corn production and approximately 20% of its farmland acres were devoted to soybean production in 2007. Similarly, corn bushels have increased by approximately 110%, soybean bushels have increased by approximately 74%, and wheat bushels have increased by approximately 265% over the past 20 years in the County.
- Conversely, farmland acres devoted to sweet corn production has decreased by 70% and farmland acres devoted to pea production has decreased by 85% over the past 20 years in Rock County.
- Rock County has dropped from 21st to 36th among 72 Wisconsin Counties in livestock business sales over the past 20 years, with cattle/calves in particular exhibiting a sharp decline. Similarly, head of cattle/calves in the County has decreased by almost half, with the County dropping from 23rd to 37th among all Wisconsin Counties.
- Organic farming is increasing in Rock County. This trend is likely to continue.
- **ROCK COUNTY IS A GROWTH COMMUNITY AND GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE VARIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNTY.**
 - Rock County's geography, including proximity to Interstates 90/39 and 43 and various growing urban areas such as the Cities of Madison, Milwaukee,

and Rockford and Chicago, Illinois has and will continue to contribute to growth and provide opportunities for development in the County.

- Rock County population trends and projections indicate steady growth through 2035, including approximately 17,000 new residents and 10,000 new housing units.
- The agricultural land base of Rock County's Towns will be decreased by annexations by the County's Cities and Villages, and agricultural lands in the Towns will need to be converted to other uses to accommodate additional residential and associated (i.e. commercial, transportation, etc.) development in the Towns. According to projections presented in this Plan, approximately 10,000 acres of agriculture land in the County may be annexed or converted, through re-zoning and land division to land uses other than agriculture over the next 20 years. It is important to note that land annexed by a City/Village may remain in agriculture/open space use. Additionally, certain Cities/Villages have large acreages of vacant land within their borders which would effectively decrease the amount of future acres potentially annexed by said Cities/Villages.
- New residential and associated development could threaten Rock County's agricultural resources. Residential development in the County should be responsible, entailing quality, diverse, affordable, and attractive units located in appropriate, designated locations. The County's transportation system should also be responsible, entailing a safe, affordable, regional, diverse, efficient, and highly connected system. Utilities and community facilities, and associated services, should be provided in the County at adequate levels and in appropriate, designated locations, in a timely, efficient, and affordable manner. Finally, economic development in the County should capitalize on the County's strengths, again ensuring diverse, viable, and responsible economic development in appropriate, designated locations.
- Increased multijurisdictional, communication, cooperation and planning will need to be put forth by governments located within Rock County.

Land Use and Annexation

Rock County Agriculture Plan - 2013 Update



Rock County, Wisconsin (5/1/2012)

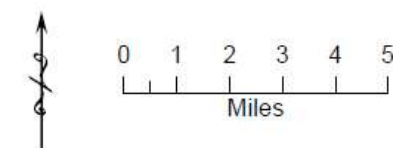
Land Use : 2010

- Agriculture
- Open Space and Vacant
- Residential
- Enterprise (not including Agriculture or Recreation)
- Transportation
- Institutional
- Mixed and Other

Annexation

- City or Village Limits: 1990
- City or Village Limits: 2000
- City or Village Limits: 2010

- City, Village or Town Boundary
- Protected Land
- Surface Water
- Rail Line
- Roads
- County Trunk
- Highway
- Interstate



Data Sources: Rock County Planning and Development

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SECTION V– PROGRAMS FOR PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Plan Implementation

Planning for policy implementation is a key to ensure achievement of a plan’s goals and objectives. Identification of policy tools, timelines and indicators offers a path towards developing an implementation plan. An implementation inventory identifies the framework and path towards full, timely and efficient implementation of a plan. The following inventories information vital to ensure this Plan’s implementation:

Rock County

- A. Planning, Economic, and Community Development Agency: This Agency provides technical assistance and oversight on various planning and development activities in the County. The Agency is comprised of five service Divisions, including:
 - a. Strategic and Comprehensive Planning Division: This Division formulates or assists in the formulation of plans, programs, policies, and ordinances to ensure sustainable development for County residents and municipalities. The Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan - 2005 Update and the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035 were developed by this Division.
 - b. Development Review, Land Divisions, and Enforcement Division: This Division administers and enforces plans, policies, and ordinances to ensure sustainable development for County residents and municipalities. The County’s Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 32 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock) and Land Division and Development Ordinance (Chapter 38 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock) are both administered and enforced by this Division.
 - c. Economic Development Division: This Division provides consultative services to County municipalities. This includes promoting activities and programs that position and prepare the municipalities for economic development opportunities. The Rock County Economic Development Plan – 2020 provides a comprehensive framework in which to guide the County’s economic development, and this Division’s work plan, to the year 2020.
 - d. Housing and Community Development Division: This Division administers the County’s housing programs and loan portfolio (Federal Community Development Block Grants) to ensure the provision of quality and affordable housing for County residents, including aiding those individuals and/or families in the County with low to moderate income in the purchase or maintenance/rehabilitation of housing.

- e. Administrative, Engineering, and Geospatial Support Services Division: This Division provides various products and services vital to community planning and development activities in the County, including transportation and municipal water quality service area development planning, Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping and data development, and administrative support.
 - f. Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035: This Plan, adopted in 2009, states goals, objectives, and policies to guide specified aspects (land use, resources, transportation, housing, utilities and community facilities, economic development, and intergovernmental cooperation) of County community planning and development until 2035, and identifies tools and timelines to implement policies and achieve goals and objectives. This Plan promotes coordinated and consistent planning and development across government boundaries and through government layers.
- B. Land Conservation Department: This Department works to conserve the County’s soil and wildlife habitat, ensure a quality water supply, and provide invasive species abatement and hazardous chemical collection. This Department achieves these ends by administering and enforcing the County’s Construction Site Erosion Control (Chapter 27 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock), Storm Water Management (Chapter 28 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock), Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation (Chapter 31 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock), and Animal Waste Management (Chapter 30 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock) Ordinances, and various Federal and State regulations, and by providing technical assistance, education, and outreach. This Department also administers the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection’s Farmland Preservation Program, as identified in 3.A.a.
- a. Rock County Land and Water Resources Management Plan (LWRMP): This Plan, updated in 2009, serves as a long-term strategic conservation plan for the County. The LWRMP, discusses issues related to land use, physiography, soils, surface water (including wetlands) and groundwater within the framework of watershed management. The LWRMP also includes discussion of other natural resource concerns including threatened and endangered species, forests and woodlands, invasive species, identification of priority farms for agricultural preservation efforts, and State and local regulations used to implement the Plan.
 - b. Rock County Land and Water Resource Management Program: This Program is designed to reduce soil erosion, protect water quality, and conserve natural resources identified in the LWRMP by providing landowners who utilize best management practices on their farm with technical assistance and cost share of up to 70% on qualifying projects.

- c. **Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program:** This Program, adopted in 2010, protects and preserves productive agricultural lands in unincorporated areas of the County by working with willing, eligible agricultural landowners to limit the potential future uses of their land. The Program acquires an agricultural parcel's "development rights" (usually meaning the ability to divide a parcel) through an agricultural conservation easement from willing, eligible landowners. The landowner retains ownership of the parcel, but its future use is bound to the easement terms. The easement terms state the County will hold the parcel's "development rights" to perpetuity, with the parcel to be utilized for agriculture and not developed. The Program utilizes County and Federal funds to purchase easements.
- C. **Public Works Department:** This Department oversees the management of various services and infrastructure vital to County residents. This Department is comprised of three service Divisions, including:
- a. **Highways Division:** This Division maintains all Federal, State, and County highways, in addition to Town roads in which the Division is contracted, by performing routine (snow-plowing, grass cutting, etc.) and major (road repair and expansion, etc.) maintenance. This Division annually lists current and future County road and bridge projects.
 - b. **Parks Division:** This Division manages all County park properties, ensuring adequate and diversify outdoor recreational opportunities for County residents and visitors. This Division manages these properties according to the County's Parks, Outdoor Recreation, and Open Space (POROS) Plan - 2009-2014.
 - c. **Airport Division:** This Division manages the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport. This Division ensures the air transport needs of the area's existing and potential businesses are met. This service is vital in ensuring current and future economic development opportunities in the County.
 - d. **Parks, Outdoor Recreation, and Open Space Plan (POROS): 2009-2014 (Chapter 12-Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035):** This Plan, updated in 2009, outlines policies to ensure the effective and efficient management of the County's park properties, specified environmentally sensitive open space lands and natural features. The Plan also aims to diversify outdoor recreational opportunities. The Rock County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, a component of the Plan, identifies existing and proposed off road bicycle/pedestrian routes, lanes, and trails associated infrastructure in the County, providing existing and potential connections between communities and other social centers in a direct and safe manner.

- e. Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport Land Use Plan & Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 16-Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035): This Plan, completed in 2009, is designed to assist local zoning administrators in the administration and enforcement of the Airport Overlay Zoning District. It is also utilized in conjunction with the Master Plan for the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport located in the City of Janesville.
- D. University of Wisconsin Agricultural Extension – Rock County: This Agency extends the knowledge and resources of the University of Wisconsin to, developing practical educational programs tailored to local needs and based on university knowledge and research. Extension personnel are University of Wisconsin employees with expertise in the areas of agriculture, agribusiness, and natural resources.

Towns, Cities, Villages, and Region

- A. Comprehensive Plans: All Towns, Cities, and Villages in the County have comprehensive plans that provide recommendations on all aspects of community planning and development. This includes land use, resources, transportation, housing, utilities and community facilities, economic development and intergovernmental cooperation.
- B. Area wide Water Quality Management Plans: These Plans identify areas in which municipal sewer service is feasible given topography and landscape conditions, development trends, projections, existing infrastructure and potential infrastructure. In addition to identifying a municipal sewer service area, these Plans also contain goals, objectives, and policies to ensure water quality throughout the sewer service area and broader region. Municipal sewer systems that serve populations over 10,000, or are within this urban region (Cities of Janesville and Beloit and Town of Beloit). These systems are required to develop and adhere to these Plans.
- C. Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (JAMPO): This Organization (JAMPO), comprising the Cities of Janesville and Milton, and portions of the Towns of Harmony, LaPrairie, Janesville, Rock and Milton, is tasked with regional transportation planning within these areas. JAMPO Plans include:
 - a. 2005-2035 – Janesville Area Long Range Transportation Plan: This Plan, adopted in 2006, identifies JAMPO’s “existing transportation conditions and those areas where improvements are needed to adequately provide a cost-effective and efficient transportation system over the next 30 years.”
 - b. 2007-2012 - Transportation Improvement Program - Janesville Planning Area: This Plan, completed in 2006 and updated annually, is a staged six year program of transportation improvement projects within JAMPO areas.

- D. State Line Area Transportation Study (SLATS): This Organization, comprising the Cities of Beloit, Wisconsin, and South Beloit, Illinois, the Village of Rockton, Illinois, the Towns of Beloit and Turtle, Wisconsin, and Rockton Township, Illinois, is tasked with regional transportation planning within these areas. SLATS plans include:
- a. South Central Wisconsin Commuter Study: This Study aims to improve transit options from the Cities of Janesville/Beloit area to the Chicago, Illinois metropolitan area and Dane County, Wisconsin.

State

- A. Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP): This Department is responsible for protecting water and soil, and animal and plant health, ensuring the viability of the State of Wisconsin's agriculture industry both domestically and internationally.
- a. Farmland Preservation Program: This Program administers the State of Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credit. Landowners who meet various qualifying criteria are eligible for the tax credit. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program: This Program protects and enhances lands adjacent to waterways through voluntary easement agreements between DATCP and qualifying landowners. These agreements are administered by the Rock County Land Conservation Department and place term or permanent conservation easements on cropland or pastureland adjacent to rivers, streams or farm drainage ditches. These agreements provide landowners with payments and cost-share on qualifying projects on their lands, including wetland restoration and development of grass waterways, grass filter strips, and wooden buffer strips.
 - b. Grant/Loan/Technical Assistance Programs: DATCP provides a myriad of programs designed to aid local governments and individuals in preserving agricultural lands and bolstering the State's agricultural industry.
- B. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR): This Department is dedicated to the preservation, protection, effective management, and maintenance of the State of Wisconsin's natural resources.
- a. Managed Forest Land Program: This Program is designed to encourage sustainable forestry on private lands by providing property tax incentives to forest landowners. Lands entered in this Program are required to have a written management plan, prepared by a certified plan writer or DNR forester.
 - b. Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program: This Program protects and enhances forests, prairies, and waterways through voluntary agreements between the DNR and qualifying landowners. These agreements provide landowners with technical assistance and cost share on qualifying projects on their lands.

- c. Remediation and Redevelopment Program: This Program and the State of Wisconsin's Economic Development Corporation's Blight Elimination and Redevelopment Program, both have a wide range of financial and liability tools available to assist local governments or private entities in the redevelopment of brownfields, often consisting of a mixture of higher-density residential, commercial, and public uses.
 - d. Wisconsin State Trails Network Plan: This Plan, completed in 2001, provides a long-term, big picture vision for establishing a comprehensive state trail network. This Plan identifies existing and proposed trails and connections that would serve as the main corridors for a Statewide system, focusing on abandoned rail corridors, utility corridors, critical road connections, and natural feature corridors such as the Ice Age National and State Scenic Trail.
 - e. Land and Water Conservation Fund, Federal Recreation Trails, and Stewardship Local Assistance Grant Program: These Programs, administered jointly by the National Parks Service and DNR, offer up to 50% match grants to State and local governments to acquire land for State and local recreation areas, trails, urban green space, river and stream corridors, flowages and lake shores, and to develop and improve visitor amenities at State and local parks and recreation areas.
 - f. State Natural Areas Program: This Program protects outstanding examples of the State's native landscape of natural communities, and significant geological formations and archeological sites. Areas are included in the Program by several methods, including land acquisition, donations, conservation easements, and cooperative agreements. Areas owned by other government agencies, educational institutions, and private conservation organizations are brought into the Program by formal agreements between the DNR and the landowner.
 - g. Natural Heritage Inventory Program: This Program conducts field surveys for rare species and natural communities throughout the State that provide, or potentially provide, critical landscape functions including movement corridors, undisturbed habitat, and ecosystem support. This Program initially inventories sites to determine their ecological significance. Some sites determined to be ecologically significant are designated as State Natural Areas while others are purchased by private land trusts or conserved through State and local government planning efforts.
- C. Wisconsin Department of Revenue: This Department administers state tax laws, manages the state's lottery system, and provides economic and tax policy research.
- a. Use Value Assessment Law (Statute 70.32): This Statute (a component of the 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, the 1995-97 Biennial Budget Act) states the assessment of agricultural land for property tax purposes shall be based on the land's ability to produce farm income as opposed to its full market value (estimated sales price

at full market value). This assessment practice is intended to provide property tax relief for agricultural landowners.

- D. Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT): This Department promotes and financially supports auto, air, rail, and water transportation, as well as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, in the State of Wisconsin including planning, building, and maintaining the State's highways and Interstate highway system, and sharing the costs of building and operating County and local government transportation systems. DOT plans and programs relevant to the Plan include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. Connections 2030 Plan (A Multi-Modal Transportation Plan): This Plan, adopted in 2009, is a multi-modal policy plan addressing long-range transportation issues, including highways, local roads, and air, water, rail, bicycle/pedestrian, and public transit options. This Plan's policies pertain to specific transportation corridors throughout the State, five of which incorporate portions of the County, including:
 - Alpine Valley Corridor – Janesville/Beloit to Milwaukee
 - Blackhawk Corridor – Madison to Chicago via Beloit
 - Rock River Corridor – Janesville/Beloit to Oshkosh
 - Southern Tier Corridor – Janesville/Beloit to Kenosha/Racine
 - Cheese Country – Dubuque to Rock County
 - b. Wisconsin State Highway Plan 2020: This Plan, completed in 1999, focuses on State managed highways and bridges, developing policies for improvement over the next 20 years. This Plan identifies Interstate 90/39 as a "Corridors 2020 Backbone route," classifying it as a connector of major population and economic centers, providing economic links to national and international markets.
 - c. Rustic Roads Program: This Program, created by the State of Wisconsin Legislature in 1973, aids citizens and local governments in preserving the State's scenic, lightly traveled country roads. These roads allow for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian travel in a leisurely manner. Rustic roads have a scenic, aesthetic appeal, and can be linked with off road bicycling/pedestrian trails to create a regional trail network to stimulate economic development from home buyers, auto tourists, and outdoor recreational users.
 - d. Wisconsin Rail Issues and Opportunities Report: This Plan, completed in 2004, inventories State rail infrastructure and identifies rail transportation issues and opportunities. This Plan is intended to direct the rail element of the Connections 2030 Plan.
 - e. Wisconsin State Airport System Plan 2020: This Plan, completed in 2000, inventories State airport facilities and identifies air transportation issues and opportunities.

- f. Wisconsin Bicycle Transportation Plan 2020: This Plan, completed in 1998, aims to “establish bicycling as a viable, convenient, and safe transportation choice throughout Wisconsin.” A map identifying existing Rock County bicycling conditions is a component of this Plan.
 - g. Wisconsin Pedestrian Policy Plan 2020: This Plan, completed in 2002, outlines State and local government measures to increase walking as a viable transportation mode, including promoting pedestrian safety.
 - h. Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads: This Internet-accessible System aids local governments and DOT in managing local road data, ultimately improving decision making and meeting State statute requirements. This System combines local road data with interactive mapping functionality, allowing users to produce maps and tables specifying the location of road related data to identify trends in road use and volume.
 - i. Local Government Programs: DOT provides a myriad of programs designed to aid local governments in maintaining and developing their transportation systems. The programs are grouped into five categories, and include Highways and Bridges, Public Transportation, Specialized Transit, Transportation Coordination, and Other Aid. Additionally, the Local Roads and Streets Council, an advisory body of local officials, is tasked with addressing the continuing impact of Federal and State policy changes on local government transportation.
- E. Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation: This entity promotes safe and healthy communities by ensuring the State of Wisconsin is a viable place to live and do business. This entity strives to retain and create quality jobs in the State by providing development assistance in areas such as marketing, business and community finance, exporting, small business advocacy, and manufacturing assessments. Department programs relevant to this Plan include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. Grant/Loan/Technical Assistance Programs: This Department provides a myriad of programs designed to aid local governments in encouraging and promoting economic development.

Federal

- A. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA): This Department manages the Nation’s agricultural resources by expanding markets both domestically and internationally for agricultural products, providing financing to expand rural housing, utilities, infrastructure, and job opportunities, reducing foodborne hazards, improving health through food assistance and nutrition education, and managing agricultural lands cooperatively with other levels of government and the private

sector. USDA programs relevant to this Plan include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. **Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program:** This Program provides matching funds to local government units or land conservation organizations to aid in the purchase of development rights, via conservation easements, on productive agriculture and ranch land by these government units/organizations.
 - b. **Environmental Quality Incentives Program:** This Program protects soil and water quality through voluntary agreements between the USDA and qualifying landowners. These agreements are administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and provide landowners with technical assistance and cost share on qualifying projects that protect and enhance soil and water quality on their lands.
 - c. **Wetland Reserve Program:** This Program restores and protects drained wetlands through voluntary easement agreements between the USDA and qualifying landowners. These agreements are administered by the NRCS and place term or permanent conservation easements on restored wetlands. These agreements provide landowners with payments, technical assistance, and wetland restoration project cost share, as well as allowing for easement management and monitoring by the NRCS.
 - d. **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program:** This Program develops or enhances fish and/or wildlife habitat through voluntary agreements between the USDA and qualifying landowners. These agreements are administered by the NRCS and provide landowners with technical assistance and cost-share on qualifying projects that enhance fish and/or wildlife habitat on their lands.
 - e. **Conservation Reserve Program:** This Program establishes and enhances vegetation through voluntary contract agreements between the USDA and qualifying landowners. These agreements are administered by the Farm Service Agency and provide landowners with technical assistance and cost share on qualifying vegetation projects that minimize erosion, provide windbreaks, enhance water quality, and/or provide wildlife habitat on their lands.
 - f. **Forestry Incentives Program:** This Program develops and enhances forest lands through voluntary agreements between the USDA and qualifying landowners. These agreements are administered by the NRCS and provide landowners with technical assistance and cost-share on qualifying projects on their lands. This including tree planting, timber stand improvements, and site preparation for natural regeneration of nonindustrial forest lands.
- B. **Housing and Urban Development Agency (HUD):** This Agency is responsible for policy and programs that address the Nation’s housing needs, thereby improving and

developing the Nation's communities. HUD programs relevant to this Plan include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Grant/Loan/Technical Assistance Programs: HUD provides a myriad of programs, including Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), designed to aid local governments in maintaining existing and developing new housing.
- C. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): This Agency implements Federal regulatory laws through enforcement and by setting national standards that States enforce through their own regulations to protect human health and the environment. Almost half of this Agency's budget goes towards grants to State environmental programs, various nonprofits organizations, and other entities. Additionally, this Agency works with various partners, including State and local governments, to conserve water and energy, minimize greenhouse gases, and reuse solid waste. EPA programs relevant to this Plan include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. Grant/Loan/Technical Assistance Programs: EPA provides a myriad of programs designed to aid local governments in maintaining and improving environmental health.
- D. United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW): This Service conserves, protects, and enhances the Nation's fish and wildlife resources, by enforcing Federal wildlife laws, conserving and restoring wildlife habitat such as wetlands and fisheries, providing educational and outreach opportunities, and distributing aid to State fish and wildlife agencies. USFW programs relevant to this Plan include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. Grant/Loan/Technical Assistance Programs: USFW provides a myriad of programs designed to aid local governments in maintaining and improving fish and wildlife resources.
- E. United States Economic Development Administration (EDA): This Administration works to promote innovation and competitiveness in the Nation's economic development, preparing it for growth and success in the worldwide economy. This Administration works to generate jobs, retain existing jobs, and stimulate industrial and commercial growth in economically distressed areas experiencing high unemployment, low income, or other severe economic distress. This Administration works with the state and local governments, regional economic development districts, and public and private nonprofit organizations, empowering them to develop and implement economic development and revitalization strategies. EDA programs relevant to this Plan include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. Grant/Loan/Technical Assistance Programs: EDA provides a myriad of programs designed to aid local governments in encouraging and promoting economic development.

Potential Government Agencies/Departments, Programs, Plans, and Regulations

A. Rock County, Towns, Cities, and Villages

- a. **Impact Fee Program:** This program imposes a fee on new development, utilized to aid in paying for the cost of public services, including parks, schools, roads, sewer, water treatment, utilities, libraries, and public safety buildings, as required by the new development.
- b. **Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Programs:** This program utilizes future gains in tax revenue to pay for current development that will create those gains, within a designated geographic area (district).

Existing Government Regulations

A. Rock County

- a. **Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 32 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock):** This Ordinance, administered by the Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency, regulates land use in specific areas of the County including its shore lands, lowlands/wetlands, and County owned property including the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport. The County's Shoreland Overlay Zoning District (SO) regulates the use or alteration of shore lands, those lands within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high-water mark of any navigable lake, pond, or flowage, or within 300 feet of the ordinary high-water mark of any navigable river or stream.
- b. **Land Division and Development Ordinance (Chapter 38 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock):** This Ordinance, administered by the Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency, regulates any land division and associated development activities in unincorporated areas of the County. This Ordinance identifies development models and patterns that can be utilized in the Towns to increase housing densities in appropriate locations and preserve agricultural lands and natural resources.
- c. **Storm Water Management Ordinance (Chapter 28 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock):** This Ordinance, administered by the Rock County Land Conservation Department, manages storm water in the County's unincorporated areas by establishing long-term requirements to reduce post construction storm water and associated pollutants. This Ordinance requires a permit for any activity disturbing more than one acre of land.
- d. **Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance (Chapter 31 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock):** This Ordinance, administered by the Rock County Land

Conservation Department, regulates all active non-metallic mine sites in the County, requiring compliance with standards relating to re-grading, re-vegetating, and post mining land use conversion.

- e. Construction Site Erosion Control Ordinance (Chapter 27 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock): This Ordinance, administered by the Rock County Land Conservation Department, manages erosion on construction sites in the County’s unincorporated areas by establishing requirements entailing best management practices to minimize the runoff of sediment and other pollutants, resulting from land disturbing activities, to waterways or adjacent properties.
 - f. Animal Waste Management Ordinance (Chapter 30 – Municipal Code of the County of Rock): This Ordinance regulates the location, design, construction, installation and alteration of animal waste storage facilities, and the use of waste from these facilities. This ordinance requires a permit be obtained prior to installation or alteration of an animal waste storage facility, with the permittee required to develop a Storage Facility Plan and Nutrient Management Plan.
- B. Towns, Cities, Villages, and Region
- a. Zoning Ordinances: These ordinances identify zoning districts, stipulating allowable uses on lands in local government units, including agricultural, residential, business/commercial, industrial, special and unique, and environmentally sensitive/open space area preservation. The update/revision process will incorporate various methods to increase housing densities in appropriate locations and preserve agricultural lands and natural resources.
 - b. All twenty Towns in Rock County have Farmland Preservation zoning ordinances certified by DATCP as of the date this Plan was adopted. Although the level of activity varies across the Towns, generally Towns vigorously support farmland preservation goals and strategies through the use of their Farmland Preservation zoning ordinances. Some Towns, such as the Town of LaPrairie go above and beyond statutory requirements to include their own innovations to preserve farmland.
 - c. Land Division Ordinances: These ordinances are applicable to land divisions creating new parcels of land and often require a preliminary application and an approved certified survey map, subdivision or condominium plat.
 - d. Extraterritorial Jurisdiction: This jurisdiction, authorized by Sec. 236.02 (5) Wisconsin Statutes, allows a city or village to review and approve or object to land divisions within a specified area, provided each have enacted an official map or subdivision control ordinance. This jurisdiction extends to any lands within one and one half (1 ½) miles of the boundary of a village or fourth class city, or within three (3) miles of the boundary of a first, second, or third class city, in

accordance with Sec. 62.05 (1) and 236.02 (5), Wisconsin Statutes. Eleven cities and villages hold this jurisdiction in Rock County.

- e. Cooperative Boundary Agreements: These agreements, enabled by State of Wisconsin Statute 66.0307, are between adjacent local government units and identify future growth and development areas and/or revenue or municipal service sharing opportunities, and can encourage increasing housing densities in appropriate locations and preservation of agricultural lands and natural resources. These agreements contain 20 year terms. The City of Janesville and Town of Rock, and the City of Beloit and Town of Turtle, currently have cooperative boundary agreements in Rock County.

SECTION VI – GOALS, TIME LINES, AND INDICATORS

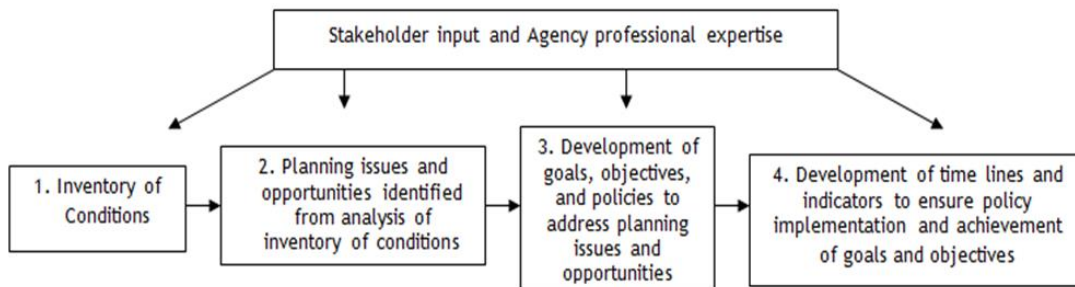
Goal, Objective, Policy, Timeline, and Indicator Development

Development of goals, objectives, policies, time lines, and indicators is vital in both providing a plan with direction and focus, and ensuring plan implementation. The following provides information on Plan goal, objective, policy, time line, and indicator development.

Goals, objectives, policies, time lines, and indicators provide a plan with its ultimate worth. Goals address major, essential issues and are ideas and values in the public interest that provide an end in which to direct the planning process. Objectives are more specific, providing detailed direction towards achievement of goals. Policies consist of rules or courses of action utilized to ensure plan implementation through achievement of goals and objectives. Time lines delineate a specified time period in which a policy should be implemented, whereas indicators gauge progress towards policy implementation and achievement of goals and objectives. Indicators gauge progress towards policy implementation and achievement of goals and objectives.

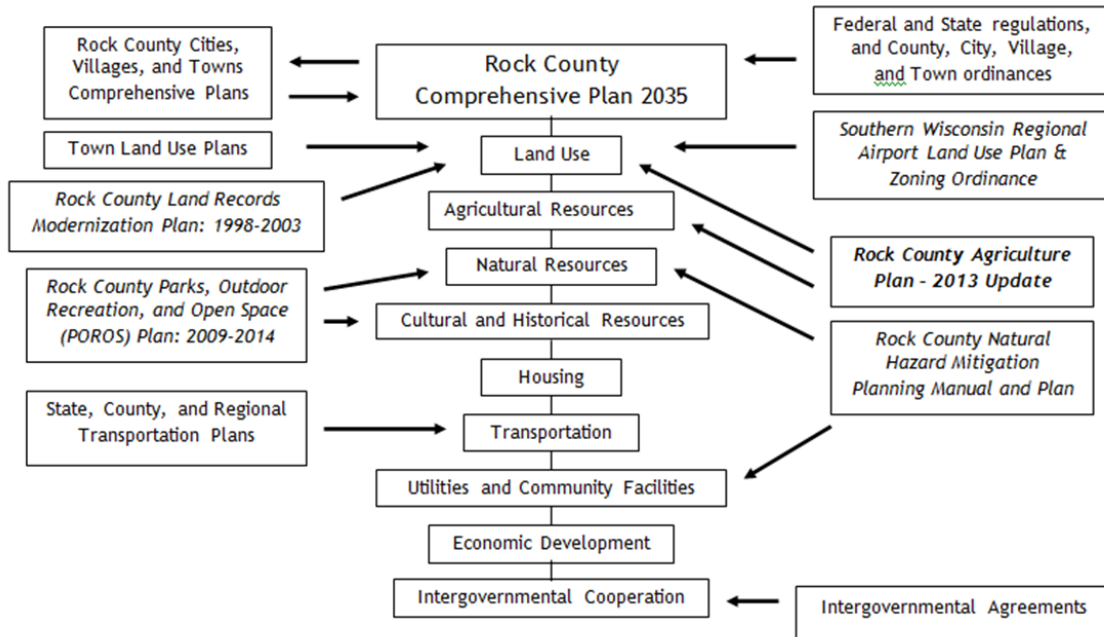
Figure 13.7a displays the process utilized to develop this Plan’s goals, objectives, polices, time lines, and indicators. This process utilized input gathered from stakeholders, including County residents and elected/appointed officials, and other interested parties, in addition to the professional expertise of Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency (Agency) staff.

Figure 13.7a:
Plan Goal, Objective, Policy, Time line, and Indicator Development



The goals, objectives, and policies stated in this Plan are consistent with goals, objectives, and polices stated in various other planning documents and regulatory measures at the Federal, State, County, and City/Village/Town level. Additionally, the goals, objectives, and policies of certain planning documents and regulatory measures are restated herein and thus identified as goals, objectives, and polices of this Plan. Figure 13.7b provides a conceptual overview of the integration of this Plan’s goals, objectives, and policies with these various other planning documents and regulatory measures.

Figure 13.7b Plan’s Goals, Objectives, and Policies



As previously stated, this Plan’s policy time lines vary, dependent on each individual policy. All policies in this Plan contain one of two time lines:

- Ongoing, 2013-2022 Implementation to be completed throughout the life of this Plan, through collective actions and interactions with County customers on a daily basis;
- 2013–2017 Implementation to be completed by December 31, 2017;

A five year time line (2013-2017) has been developed for those policies that do not have an ongoing, 2013-2022 time line. The Agency will prioritize implementation of those policies with a 2013-2017 time line through formulation of an Agency work plan, ensuring incremental and consistent implementation of these policies throughout the five year period. The Agency has set a benchmark of implementation of 80% of those policies with a 2013-2017 time line by December 31, 2017.

Again, it is important to note that all policy time lines and indicators presented herein are intended to serve as a guide, providing only an indication of the possible future date of policy implementation. These time lines and indicators cannot account for the myriad of future factors, including but not limited to, additional workload, resource limitations, new and unforeseen planning issues, opportunities, trends, and concepts, and political and public sentiment, that will affect implementation of this Plan’s policies.

GOAL 13.1. – ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE VISION STATEMENT

Rock County’s unique agricultural resources, its productive agricultural soils and lands, have bolstered the County’s economy, providing an identity to its urban and rural communities for generations. Agriculture in the County is further fortified by proximity to urban markets and a multi-modal transportation system. Farms producing diverse commodities, innovative agricultural research facilities, and agricultural support and food processing industries are all vital components of agriculture in Rock County.

Preservation of the County’s unique agricultural resources, through sound community development planning and implementation activities, and reliant on the expertise and contributions of all stakeholders, will ensure a continued high quality of life, a collective community identity, and economic and ecosystem health and well-being throughout the County, for present and future generations.

GOAL

The planning process establishes goals and objectives to provide a framework for the development of policies.

- Goal: an ideal future condition to which the community aspires
- Objectives: a tangible, measureable outcome leading to the achievement of a goal
- Policy: a statement of action or requirement to judged to be necessary to achieve goals and objectives

Goal:1

Promote EXISTING communication and cooperation within the agricultural community. (This includes but is not limited to: various government units, departments, businesses, non-profits, agricultural landowners.)

Objective 1:

Rock County shall adhere to all goals, objectives, and policies stated in the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035 and Rock County Land and Water Resource Management Plan applicable to the County's agriculture community, economy, and resources.

- Policy 1:
Tax Credit certification, and recertify the Plan with DATCP every 10 years.

Objective 2:

Rock County shall utilize its Future Land Use Map (Map 5.3, Section II: Chapter 5, Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035) in reviewing and evaluating all conditional use, rezoning, land division, and other development proposals, with approval of said proposals under the County's jurisdiction dependent on consistency with the maps.

- Policy 2:
Maintain the lands in all Land Use Categories, as identified on Map 5.3 of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035, in their planned land use;

Objective 3:

Rock County shall utilize its Agricultural Resources - Farmland Preservation Map in review and evaluation of all conditional use, rezoning, land division, and other development proposals, with approval of said proposals under the County's jurisdiction dependent on consistency with the maps.

- Policy 3:
Maintain Agricultural Preservation Areas Maps and subsequently Town Zoning Maps;

Objective 4:

Rock County shall utilize its Priority Agricultural Soils Map, Priority Agricultural Lands Map and Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) and Woodlands Map, in reviewing and

evaluating all conditional use, rezoning, land division, and other development proposals, with approval of said proposals under the County's jurisdiction.

- Policy 4:
Maintain Priority Agricultural Soils, Priority Agricultural Lands, and Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and Woodlands maps;

Objective 5:

The Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency shall engage in activities that maintain and enhance the County's existing agricultural processing and eco-services clusters, and promote and encourage new agriculture and agriculture related clusters in Rock County.

- Policy 5:
Map the County's agricultural processing and eco-services clusters by December 31, 2013;

Objective 6:

The Rock County University of Wisconsin Extension Department shall provide programming that contributes to agricultural sustainability which includes profitability, productivity and protects the resource base.

- Policy 6:
Continue to provide 4-H youth development, horticulture education, agriculture education, and nutrition education

Objective 7:

The Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency shall facilitate rail infrastructure redevelopment discussions between Cities, Villages, and Towns, and private sector rail interests.

- Policy 7:
Host a Rock County Rail Summit/Conference by December 31, 2014;

Objective 8:

The Rock County University of Wisconsin Extension Department shall provide programming that protects the resource base by increasing compliance with NR51 and ATP50, specifically as it relates to nutrient management planning.

- Policy 8:
Annual increase in the number of new acres included in a certified 590 Nutrient Management Plan in the Land Conservation Department, Rock County.

Goal :2

Promote NEW communication and cooperation within the agricultural community. (This includes but is not limited to: various government units, departments, businesses, non-profits, agricultural landowners.)

Objective 1:

The Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency shall continue development of its Municipal Consulting Services Center. It shall encourage increased housing densities in appropriate locations, preservation of agricultural lands and natural resources, by providing technical assistance to communities located within the County. Services include but not limited to the following:

- Policy 1:
 1. Hold two workshops annually;
 2. Assist in the submission of Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) applications to DATCP
 3. Complete 10 Town Comprehensive Plan updates;
 4. Execute Land Division and Development Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) with Towns;
 5. Complete 16 Town zoning ordinances updates/ revisions, including recertification of farmland preservation zoning districts with DATCP;

Objective 2:

The Rock County Land Conservation Department shall consider formulating a study identifying funding mechanisms and other alternatives to ensure the long term viability of the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program.

- Policy 2:

Present the Rock County PACE Program long-term viability study prospectus to the Rock County Land Conservation Committee and Planning and Development Committee by December 31, 2014

Objective 3:

Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency shall work in conjunction with the Rock County University of Wisconsin Extension to formulate a study examining the feasibility of developing any of the following: Local agriculture marketing program; A year-round permanent farmers market; Education and outreach strategy targeting the next generation of potential farmers; Innovative technologies to address agriculture waste issues; Crop and agriculture industry diversification, including development of organic/niche agriculture;

- Policy 3:

Rock County shall hold education workshops and distribute written material for farmers, developers, landowners and the general public. In addition to presenting the Rock County PACE Program long term viability study prospectus to the Rock County Land Conservation Committee and Planning and Development Committee.

SECTION VII – PLAN MAPS

Farmland Preservation Areas - Identification Criteria

The Rock County Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency (Agency) relied on a series of data sets for mapping the Farmland Preservation areas including: Town Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Future Land Uses, United States Department of Agriculture soils; 2010 Rock County Land Use Inventory along with citizen input to delineate those tax parcels eligible for Farmland Preservation credits. These Farmland Preservation Maps were developed by the Towns with technical assistance provided by the Agency.

First, the Agency looked at current Town agricultural zoning classifications across the county to determine potential Farmland Preservation areas (A-1, A-2 & A-3 Zoning Districts). Second, mapped highly productive agricultural soils were included in the equation. A further refinement of those soils was conducted by the Towns of Fulton and Porter by utilizing the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) and Land Use Suitability Evaluation (LUSE) scoring system (Section IV of this document), to identify the best soils for Farmland. The 2010 Rock County Land Use Inventory (page 48 of this document) was used to help determine if an area zoned for agriculture and had agricultural soils were clearly being farmed. The Agency made extensive use of the Rock County Geographic Information System in its analysis of these critical data sets to create a preliminary Farmland Preservation maps for each Town.

Next, the Agency informed the Towns that Chapter 91 of the Wisconsin State Statutes had changed and there was no longer any reference to a “35 acres” minimum lot size eligibility requirement. Agricultural operations such as smaller orchards, berry patches, and u-pickums that would have been eligible for the Farmland Preservation Program under the income requirements were precluded from participation because of lot size. Given this opportunity each Town decided which agriculturally zoned districts would be included in the Plan map and therefore eligible for Farmland tax credits.

The Agency then removed areas that were planned for development on Town’s Future Land Use maps from the preliminary Farmland Preservation maps. Between 2000 and 2010 the population and development in many of these areas have slowed dramatically showing only modest growth (see Figure 13.1a in Section III). As a result many areas that were originally projected to develop most likely will not. Furthermore, many of the Towns’ Future Land Use maps were constructed looking at possible development over the next 30 years as required by State Comprehensive Planning Law. The Farmland Preservation Maps only require a 15 year planning horizon. These two factors have resulted in areas where development will not take place in the next 15 years. Areas on the map that have the potential for development beyond the 15 year horizon have been colored in dark green to explain the discrepancy between the Future Land Use maps and the Farmland Preservation Maps.

Land on the Farmland Preservation Maps labeled as Farmland Preservation Area (colored green) may be eligible for the State of Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credit and for participation in other aspects of the Farmland Preservation Program. Land labeled as Ineligible for Farmland Preservation, (colored grey) is land that is ineligible for the State of Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credit. The ineligible land can still be agricultural zoned areas; however the reason for ineligibility varies from size restrictions to potential development in the next 15 years as determined by the Towns. In addition, infrastructure corridors and zoning that is not consistent with farmland preservation, such as rural residential district is ineligible.

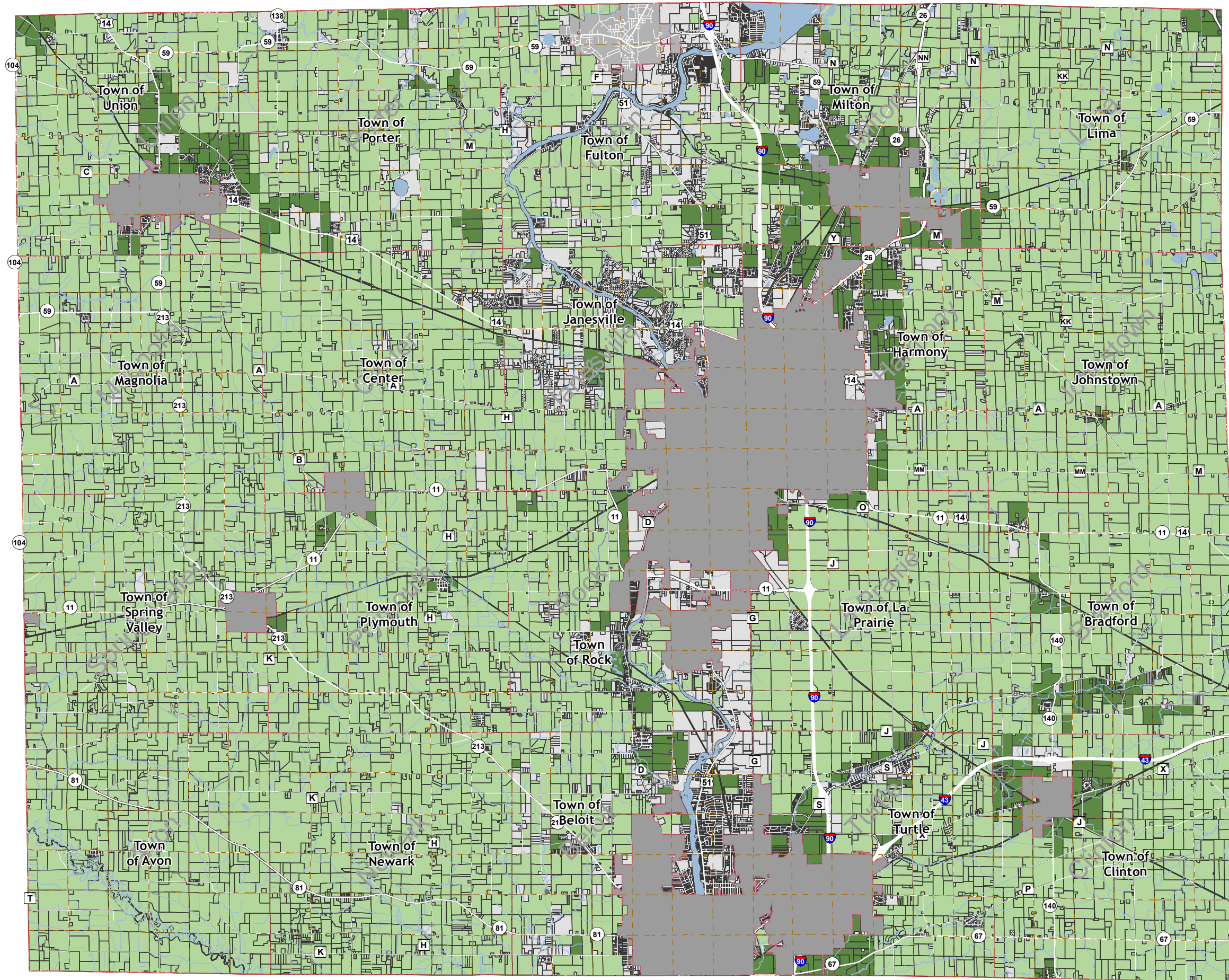
It should be noted that the City of Edgerton has 5 parcels that are eligible for Farmland Preservation and can be located on the Town of Fulton's Farmland Preservation Map in this Plan.

Finally, these maps were then checked to ensure the Farmland Preservation Plan certification requirements set by DATCP, such as following parcel boundaries, were compliant. Additionally, the Agency will continue to work with Towns on re-certification of Town zoning ordinances so that areas planned for Farmland Preservation are zoned in districts certified as Farmland Preservation zoning districts.

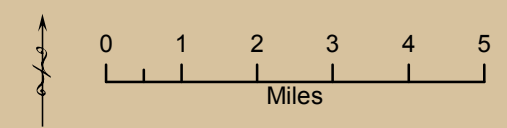
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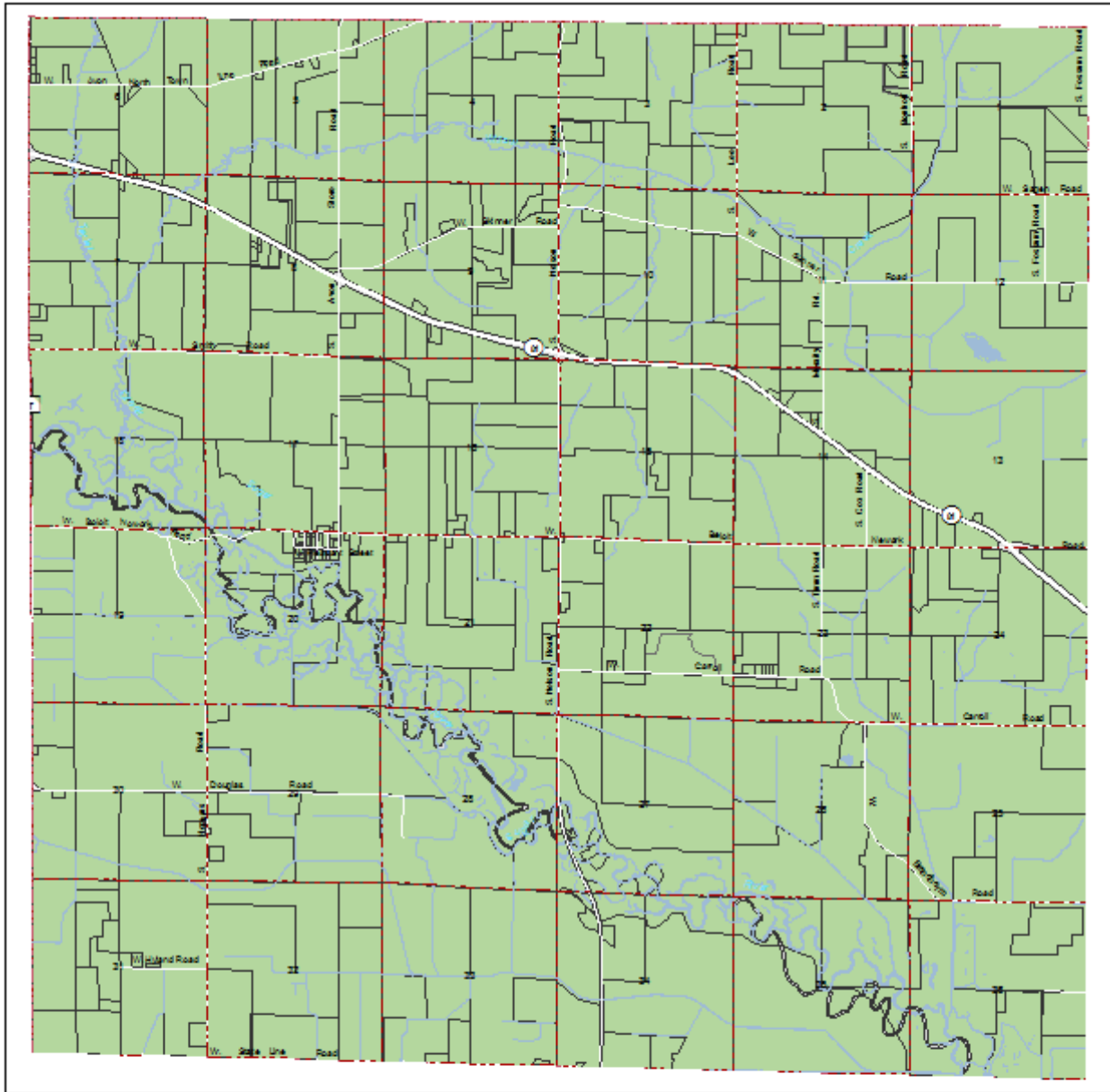
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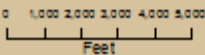














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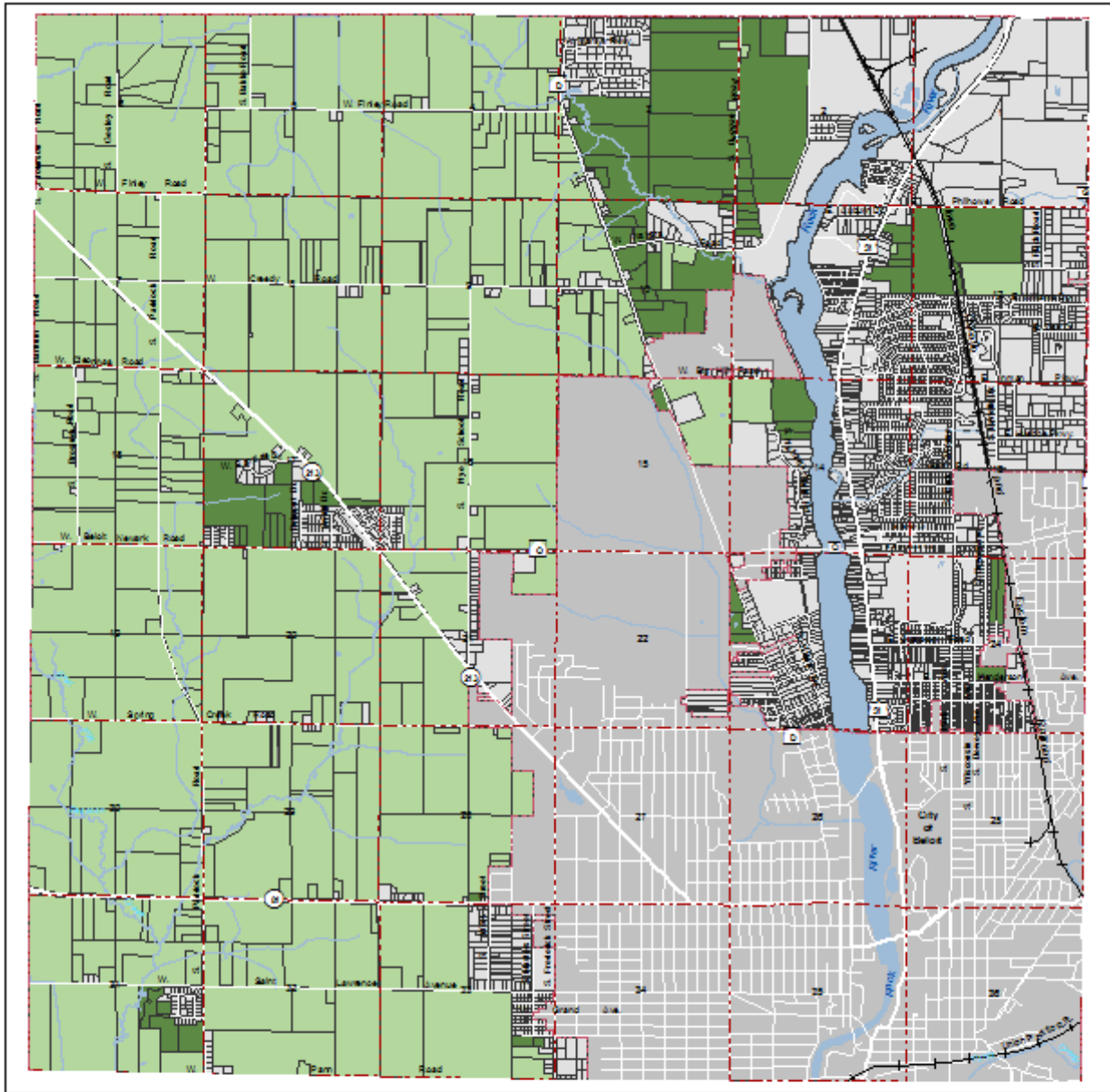
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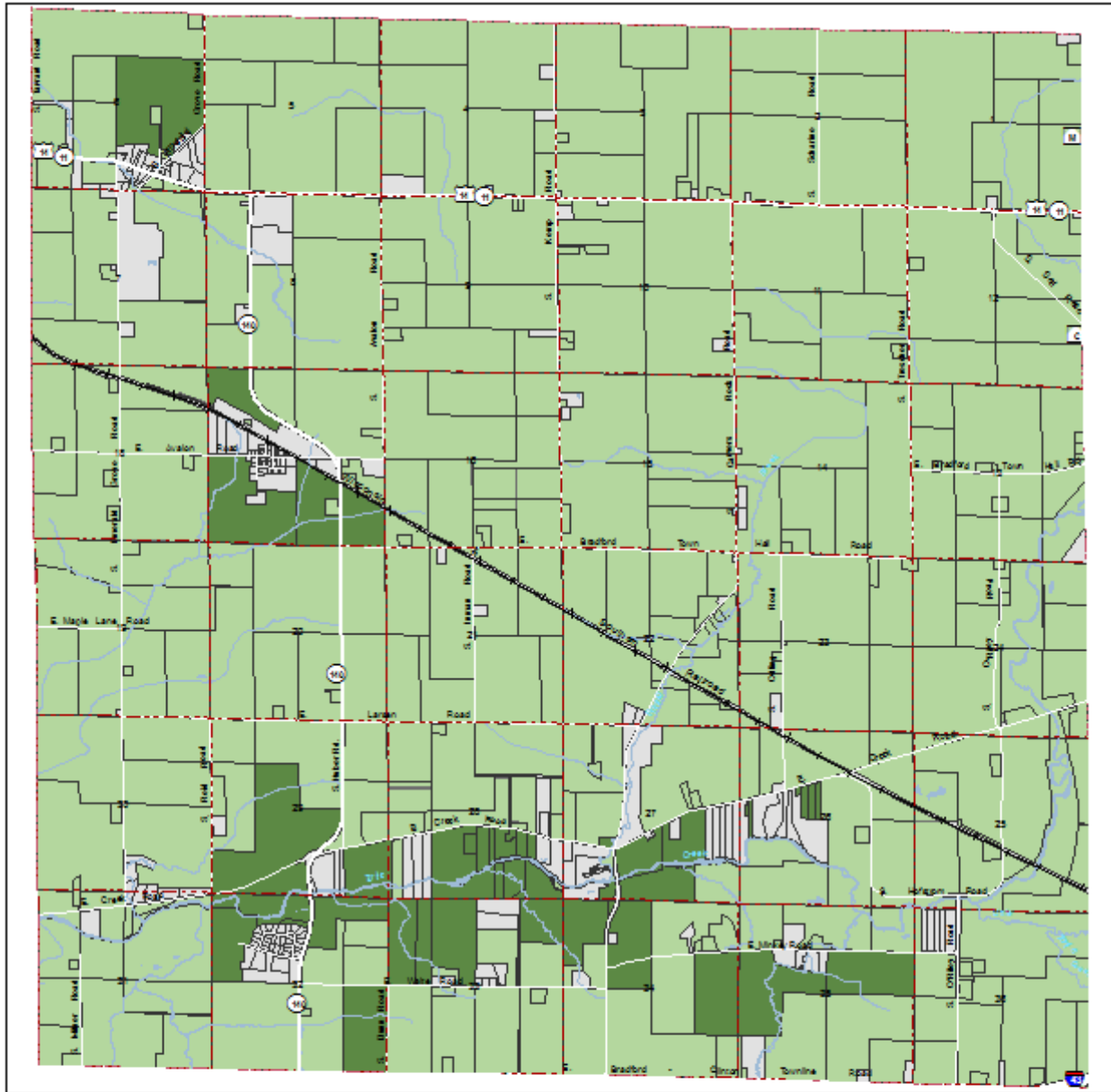
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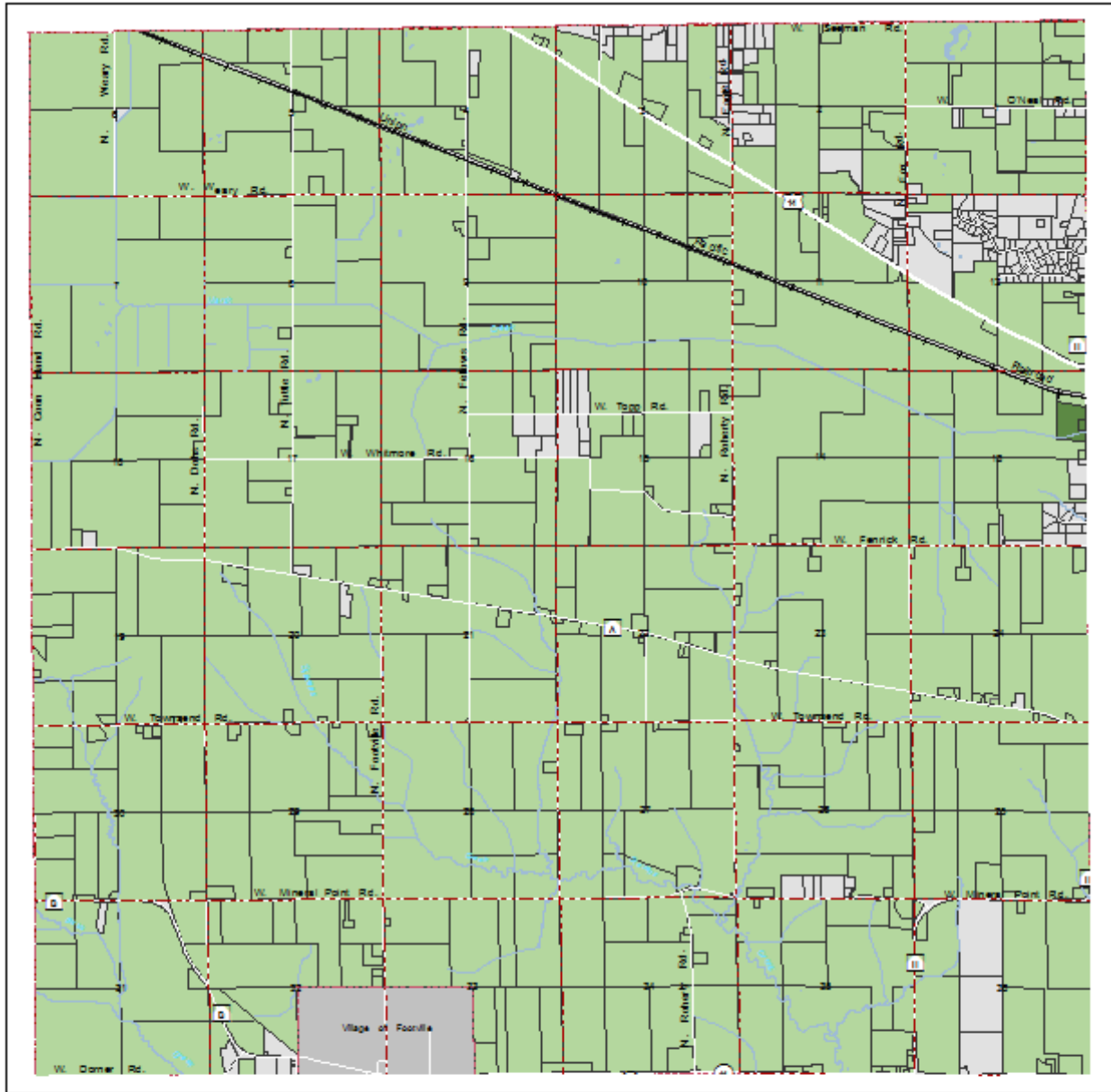
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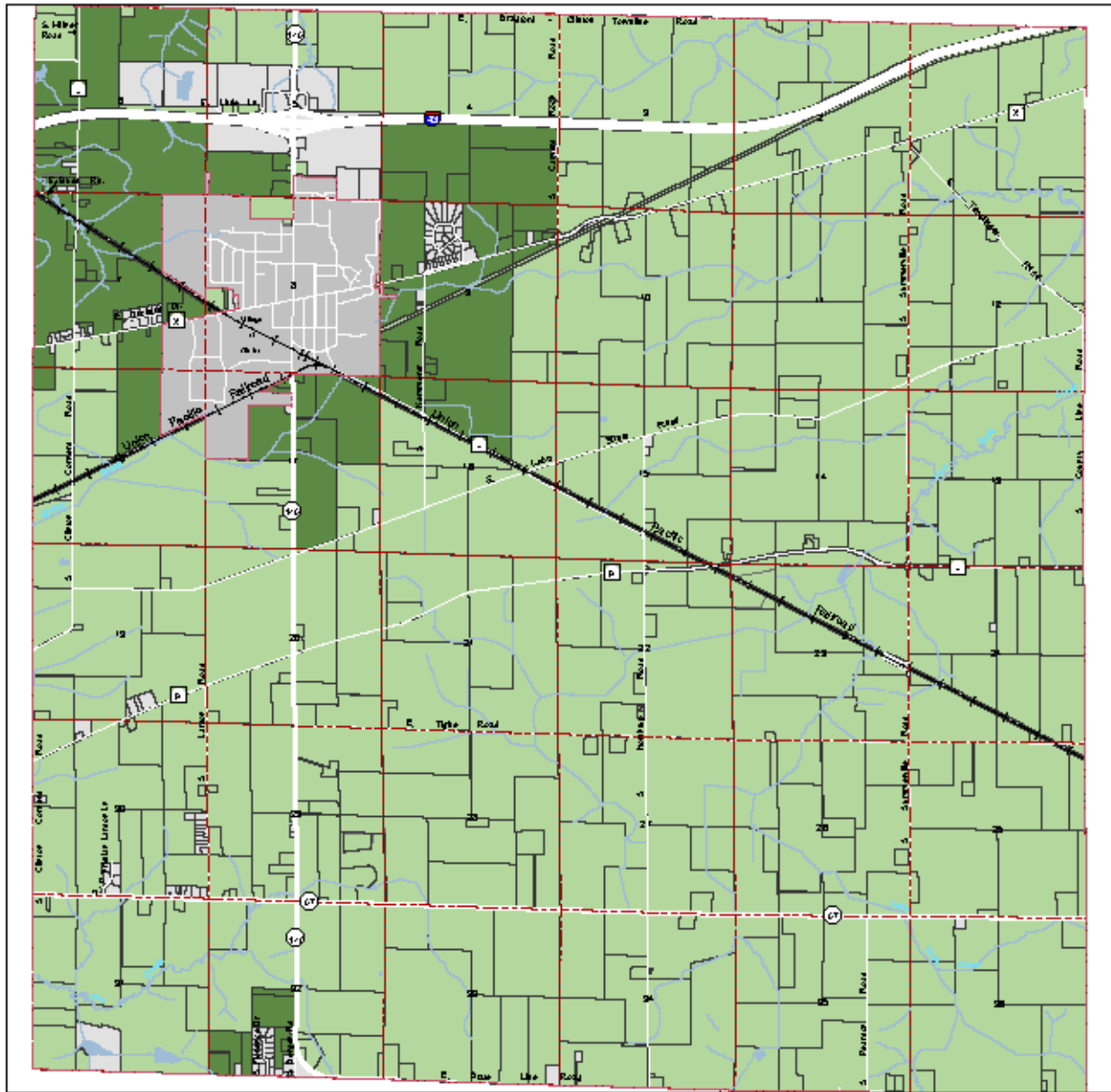
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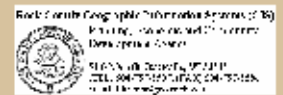
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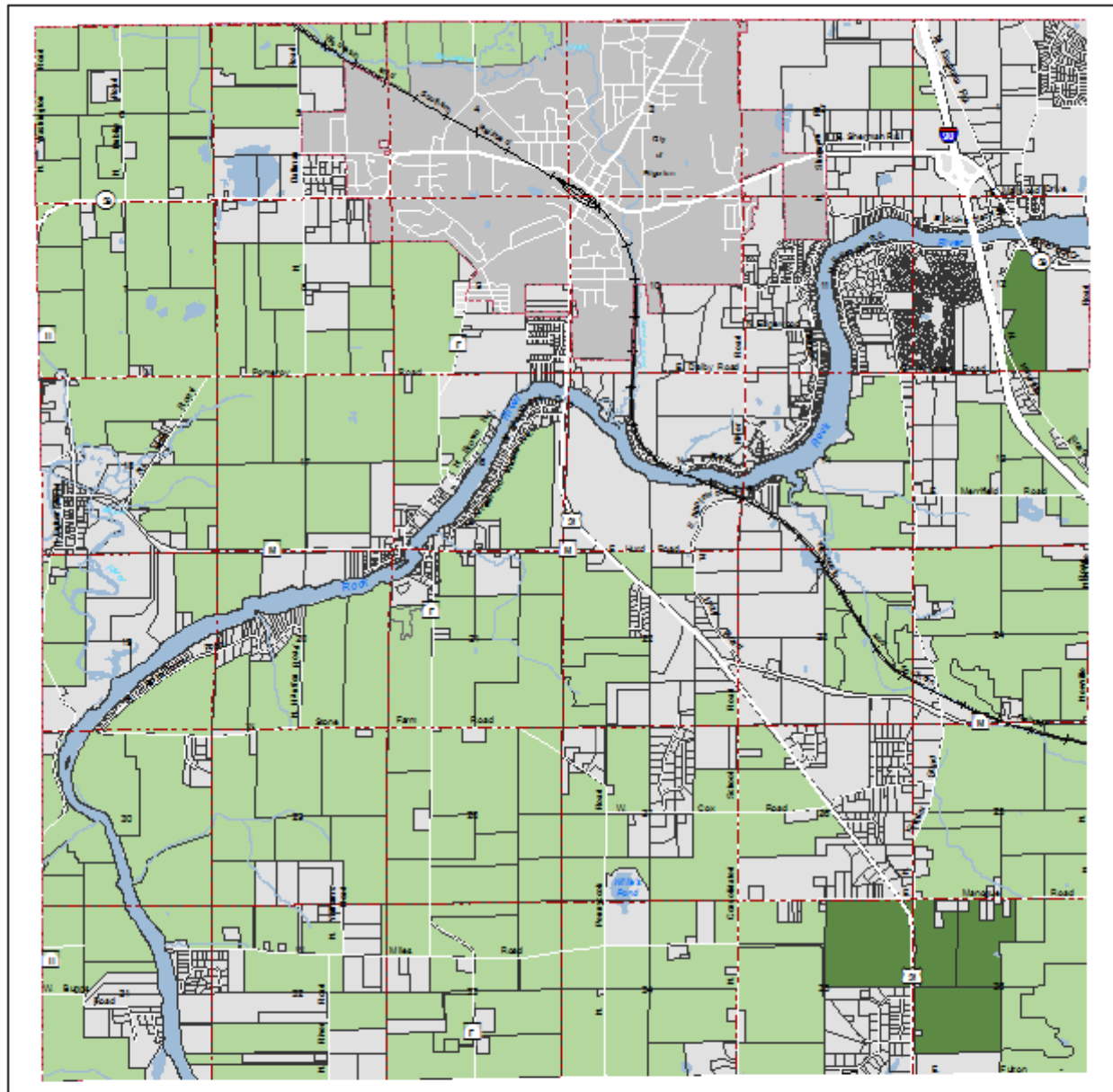
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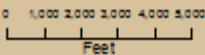














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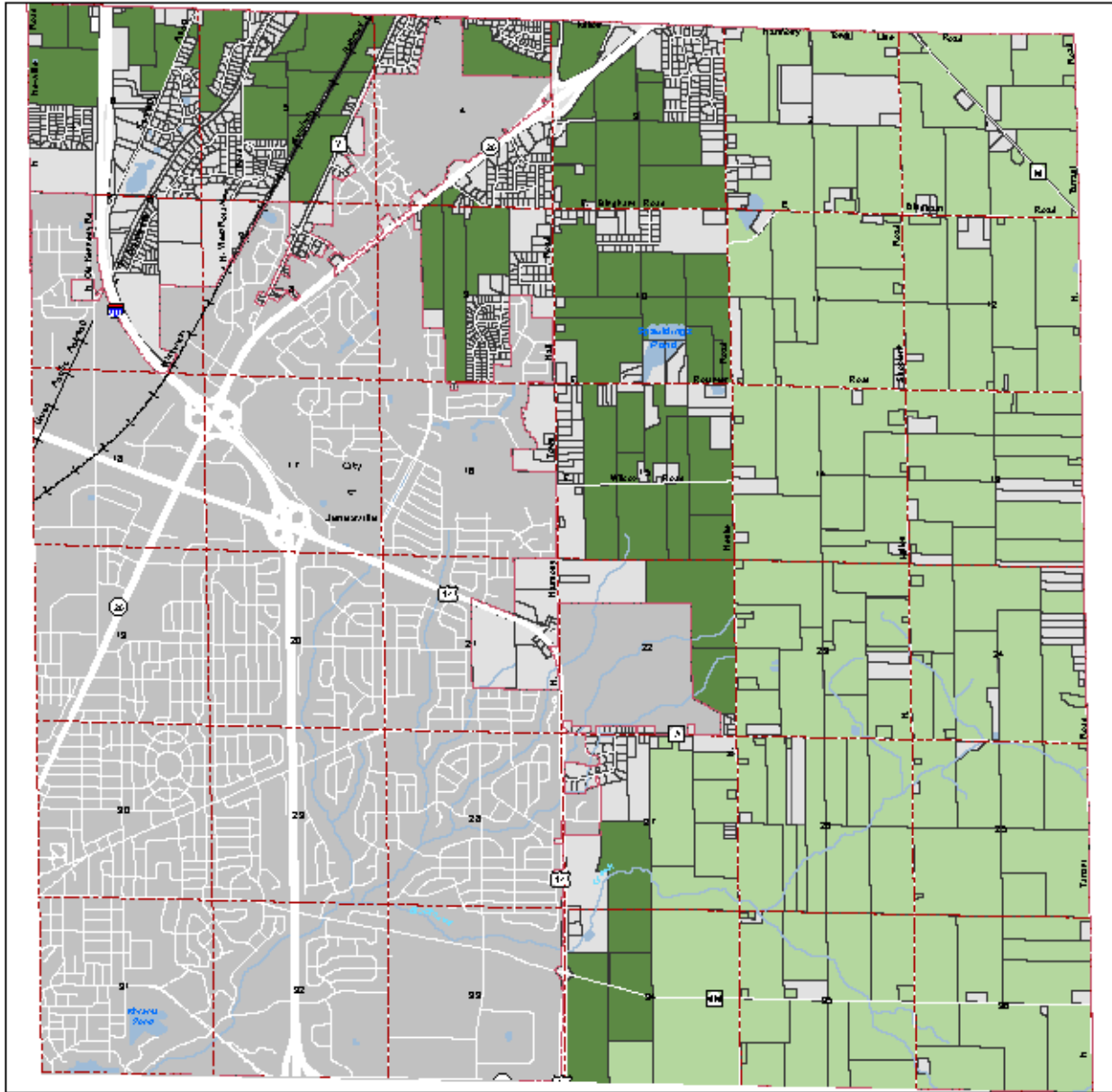
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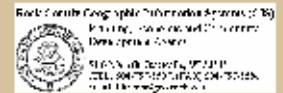
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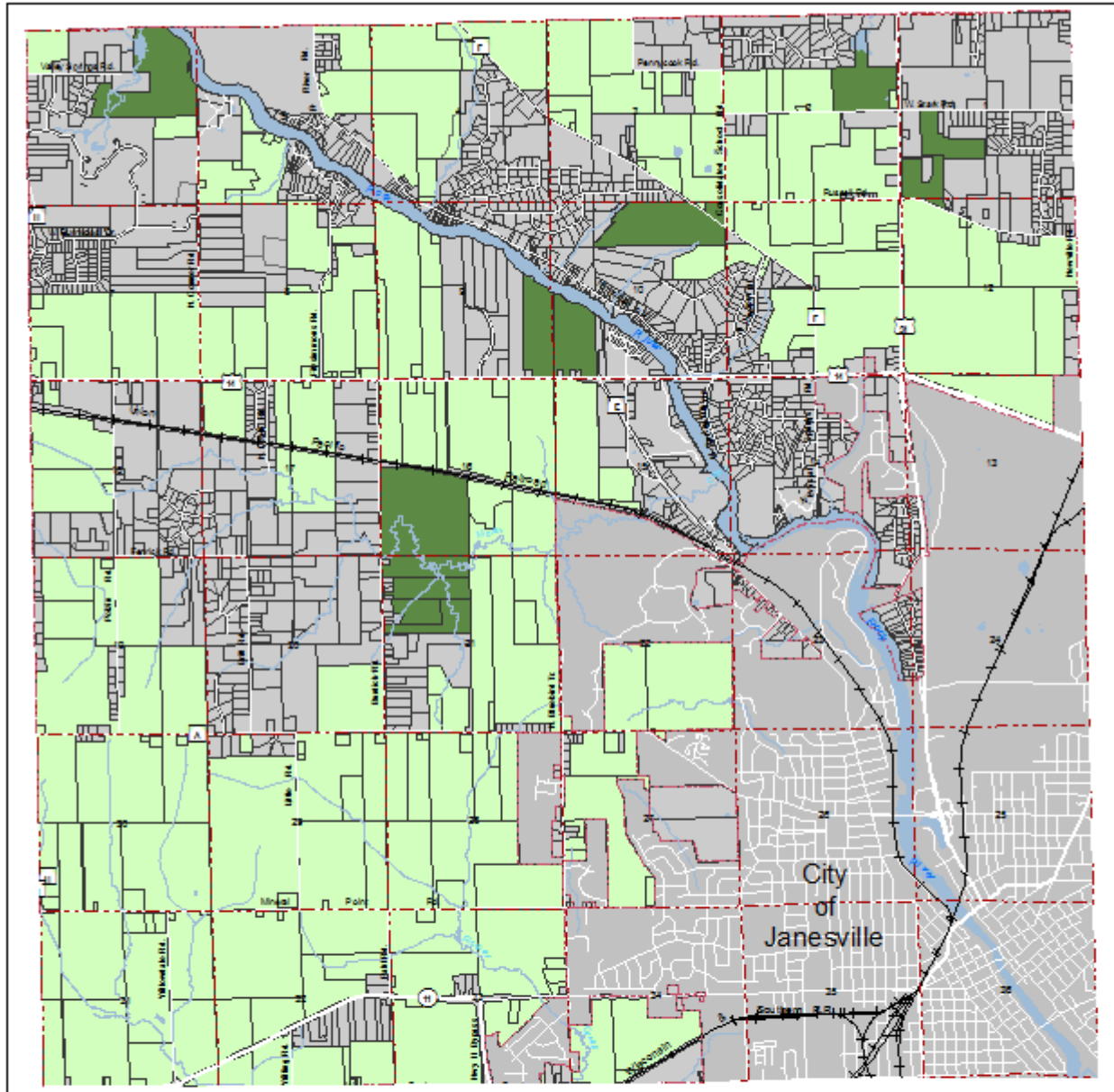
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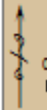
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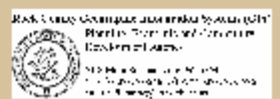
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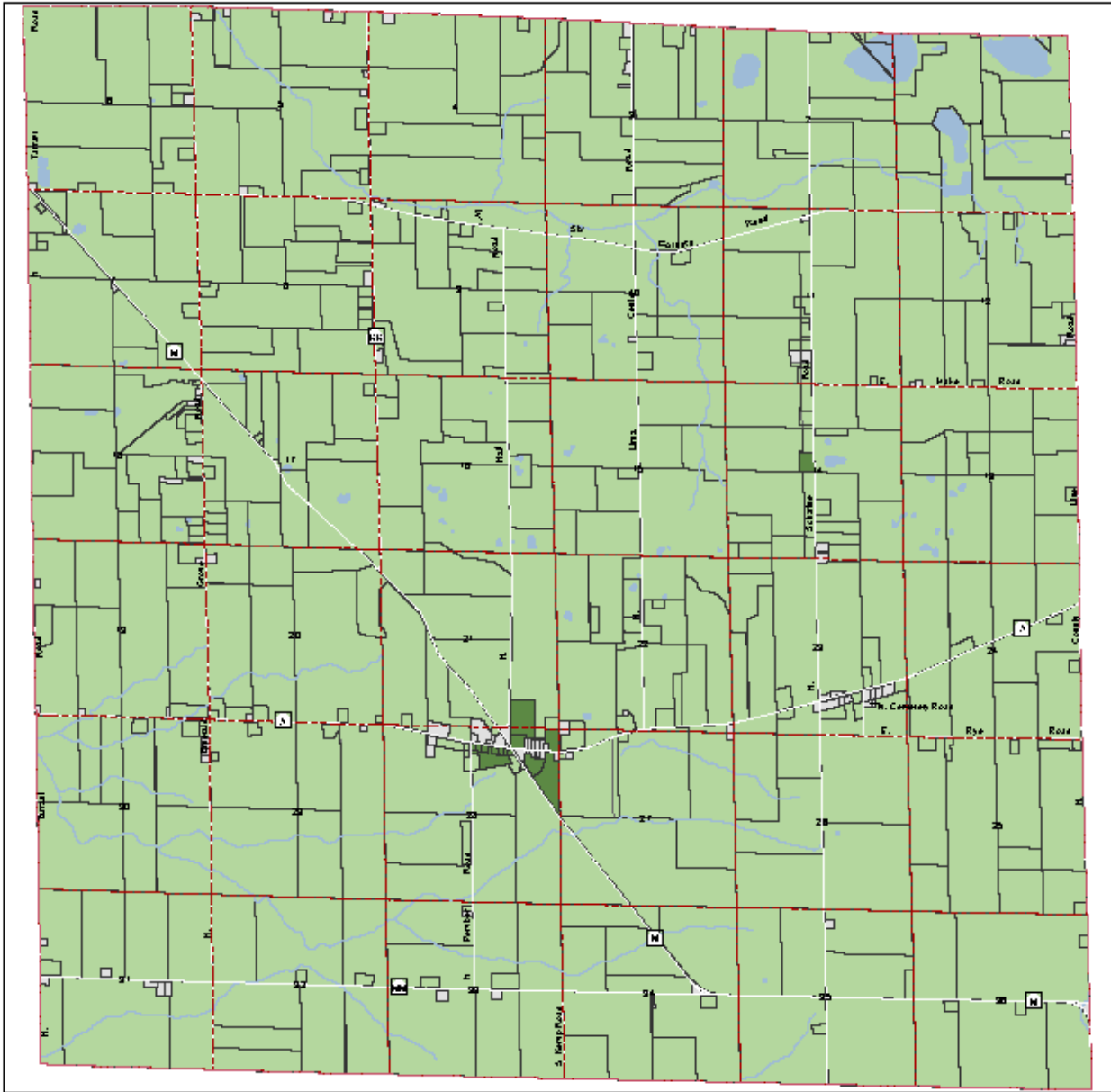


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Town of Johnstown: Agriculture Resources-Farmland Preservation



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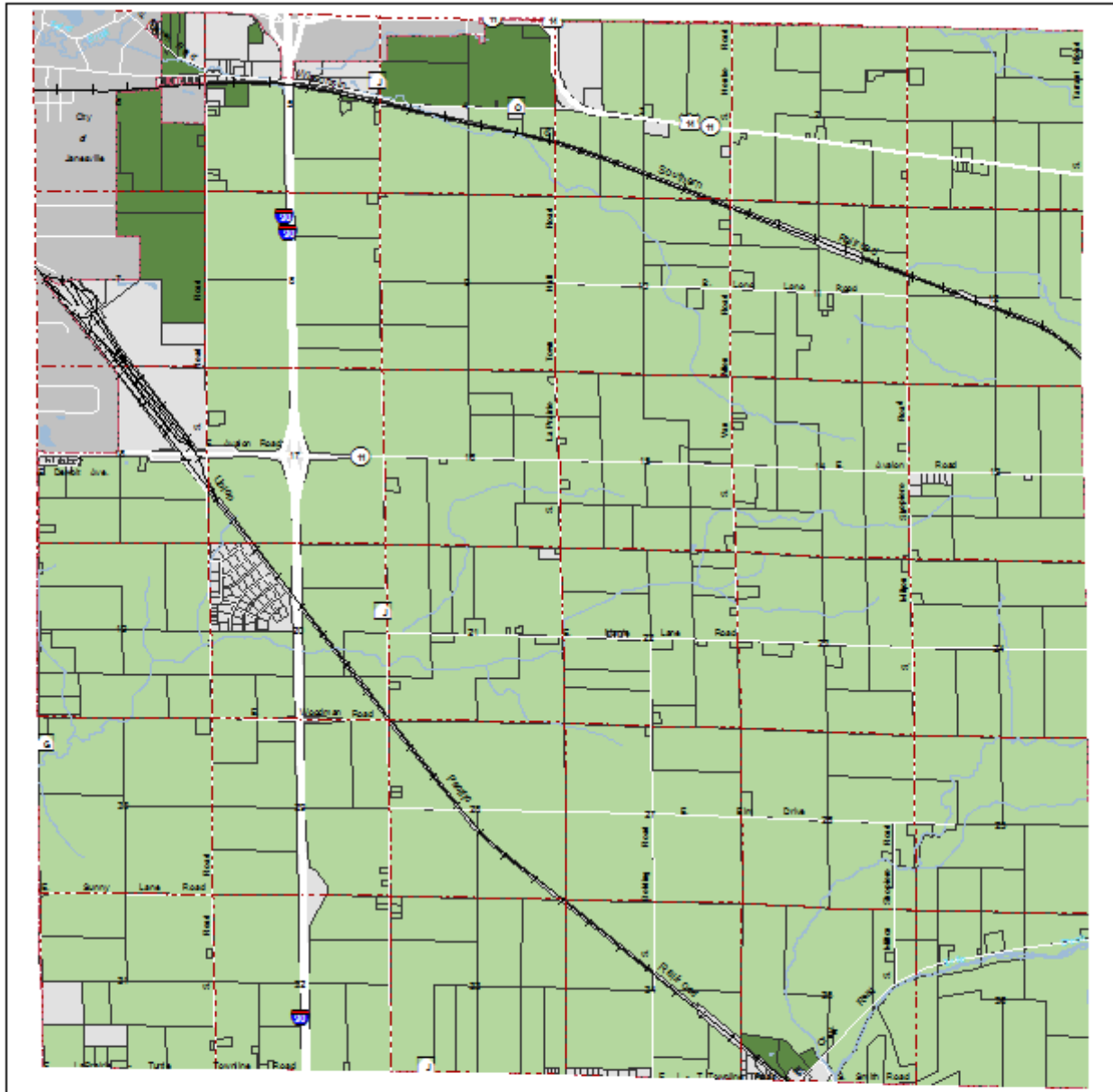
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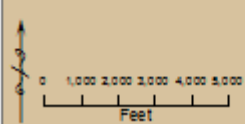
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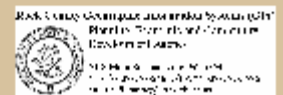


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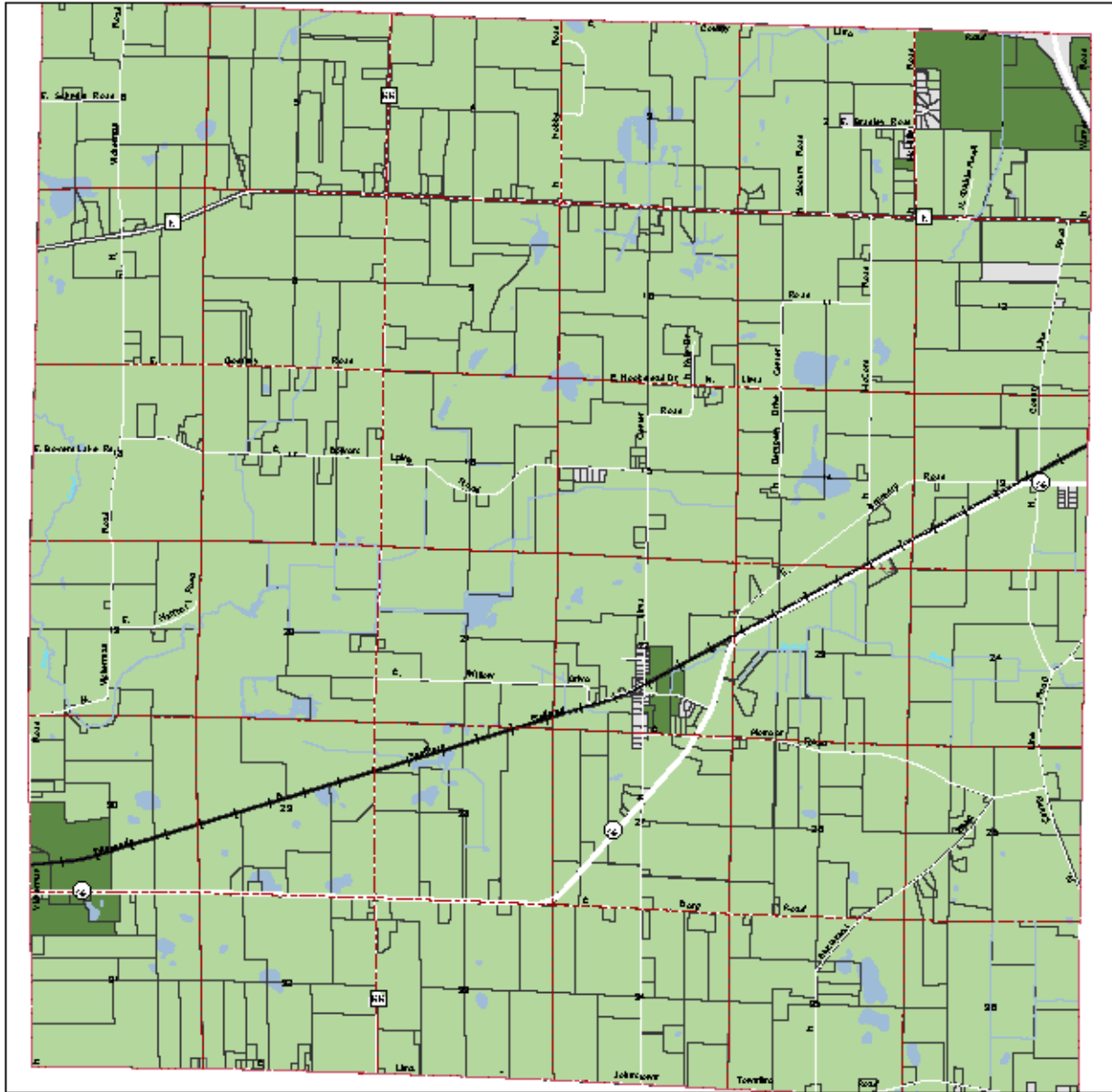
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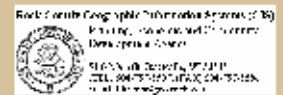
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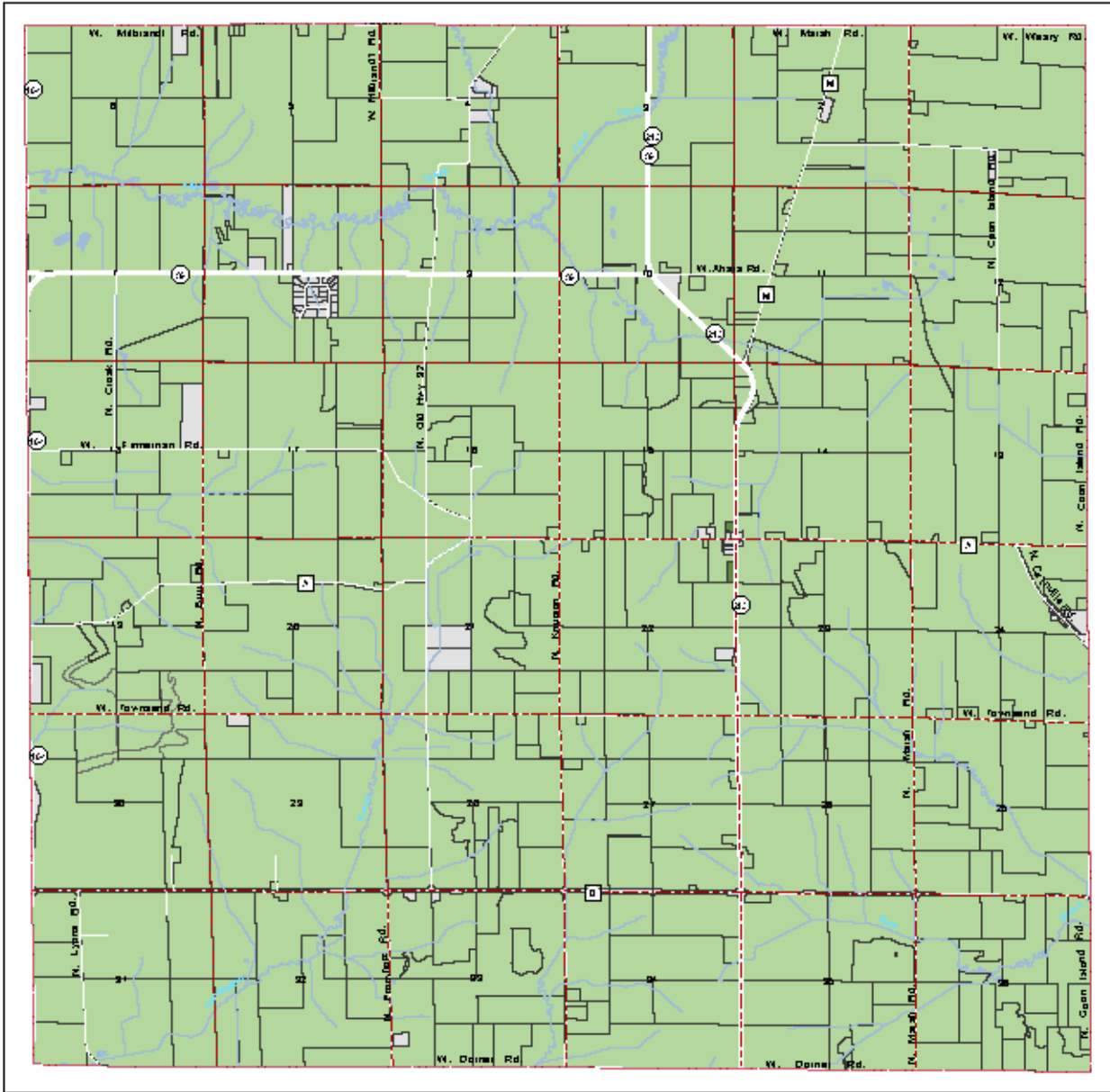
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Town of Magnolia: Agriculture Resources-Farmland Preservation



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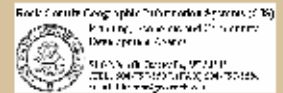
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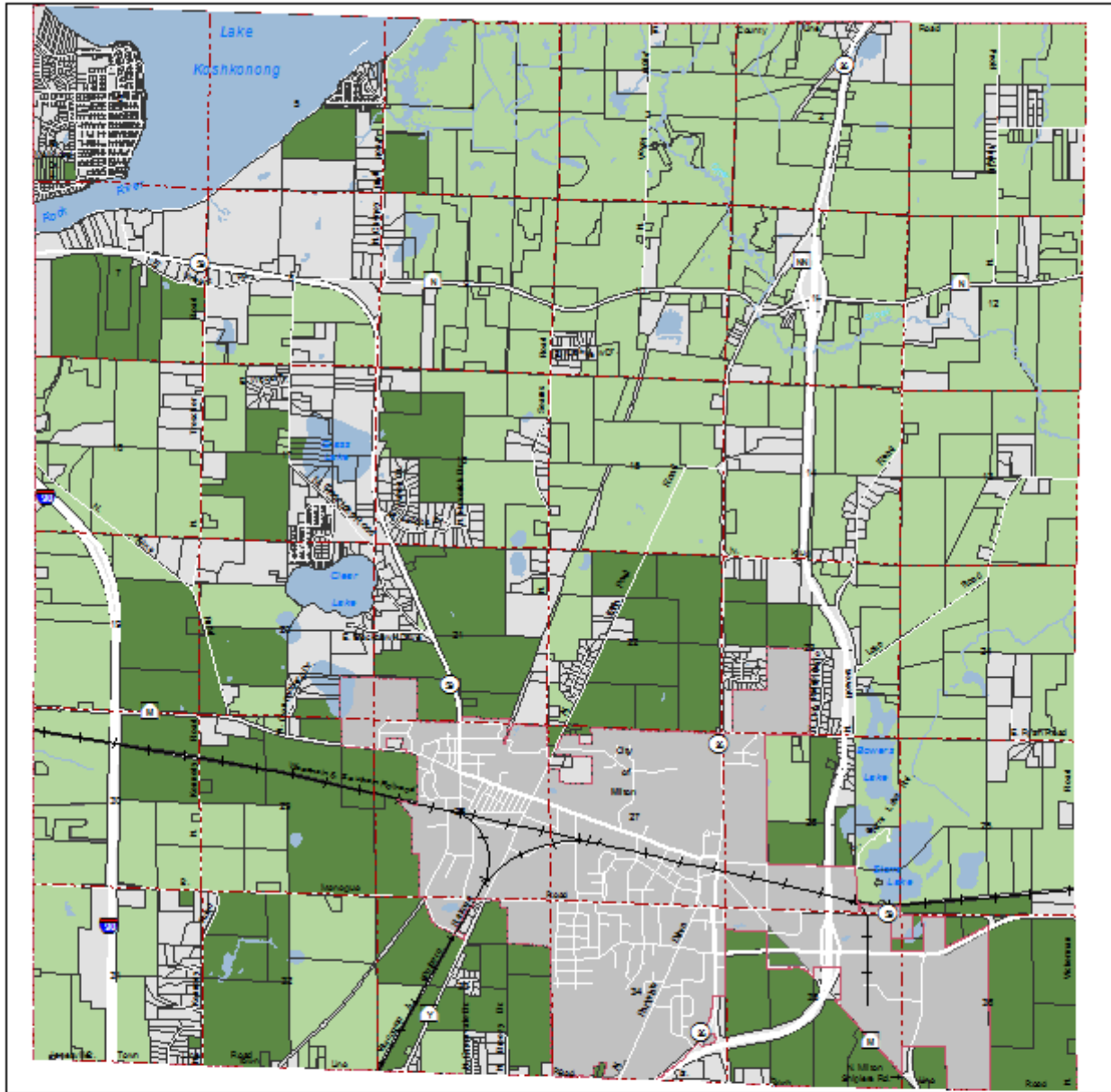
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Town of Magnolia
Rock County, Wisconsin



Town of Milton: Agriculture Resources-Farmland Preservation

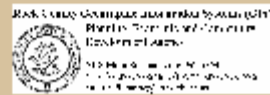


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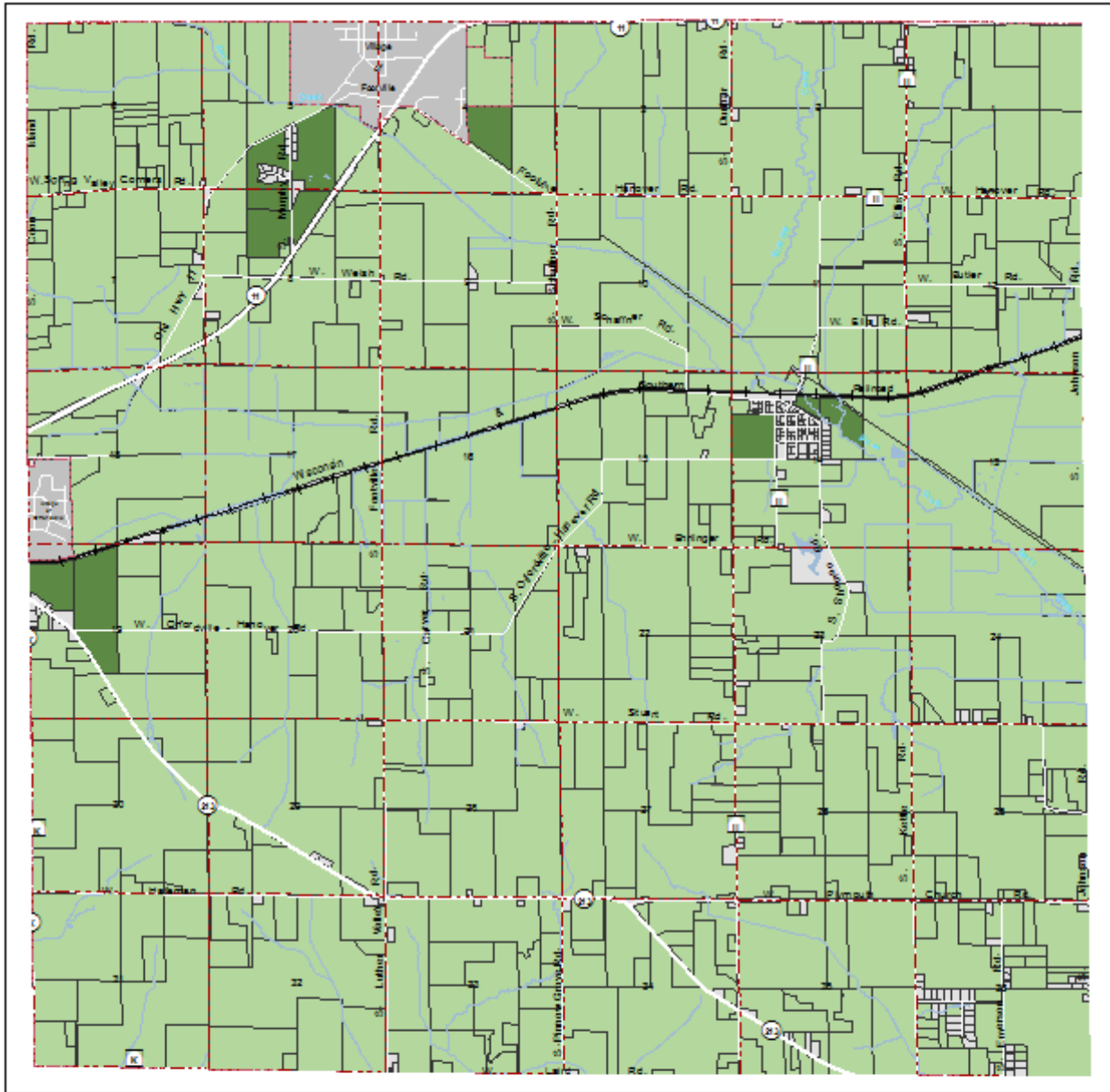
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Town of Milton
 Rock County, Wisconsin

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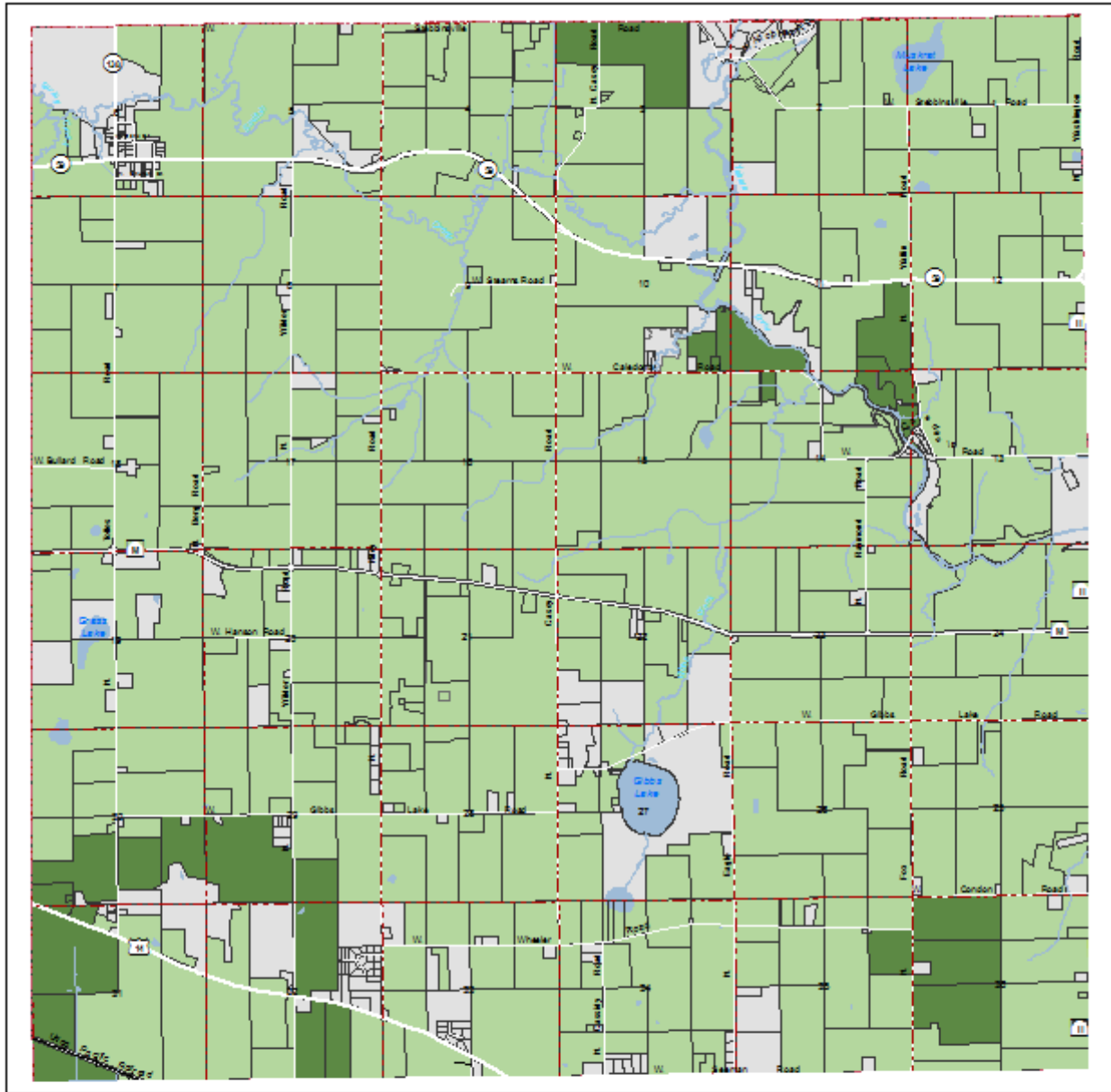


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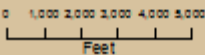














Town of Porter: Agriculture Resources-Farmland Preservation



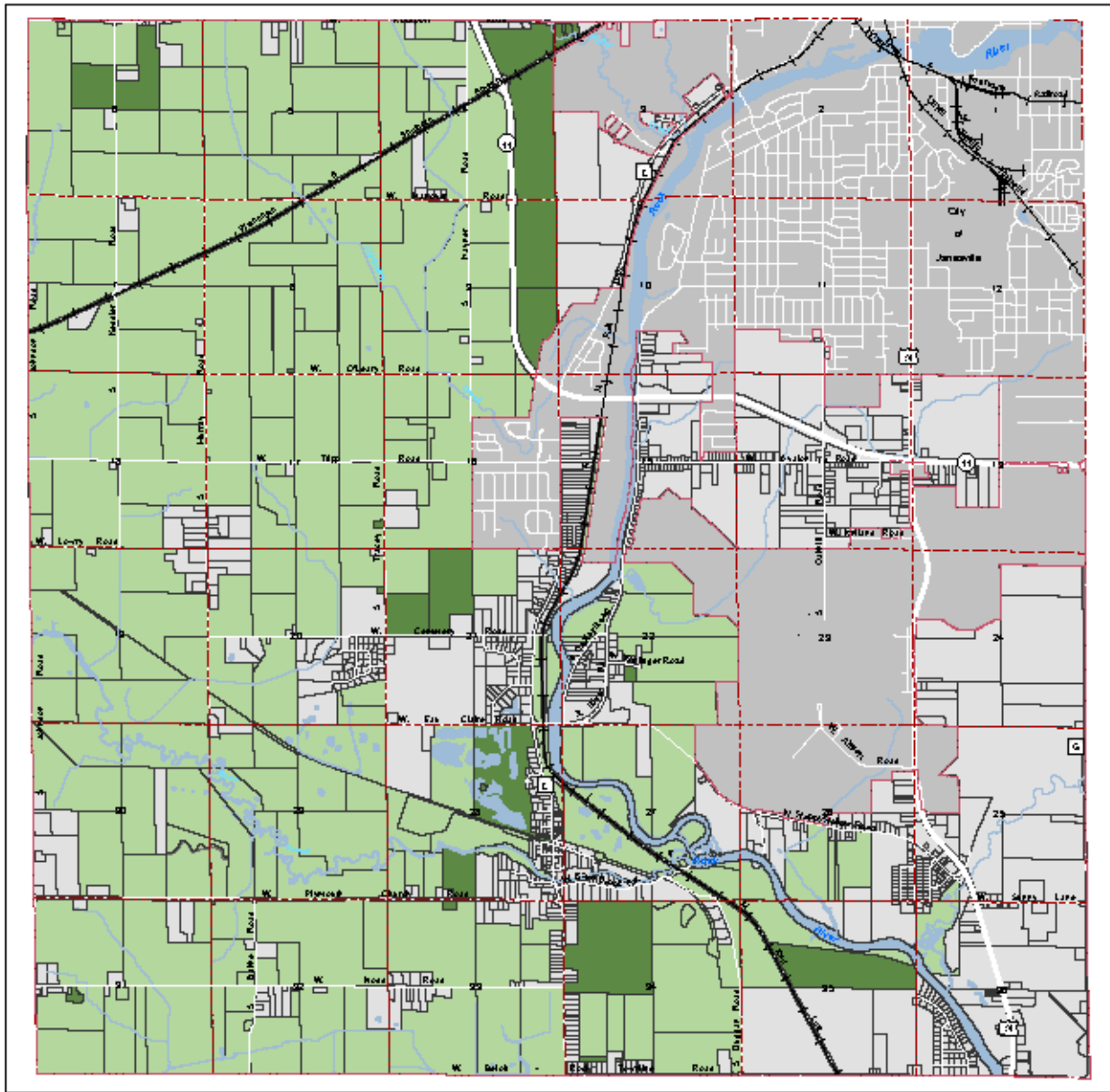
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Town of Porter
Rock County, Wisconsin

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Town of Rock: Agriculture Resources-Farmland Preservation



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 Rock County, Wisconsin

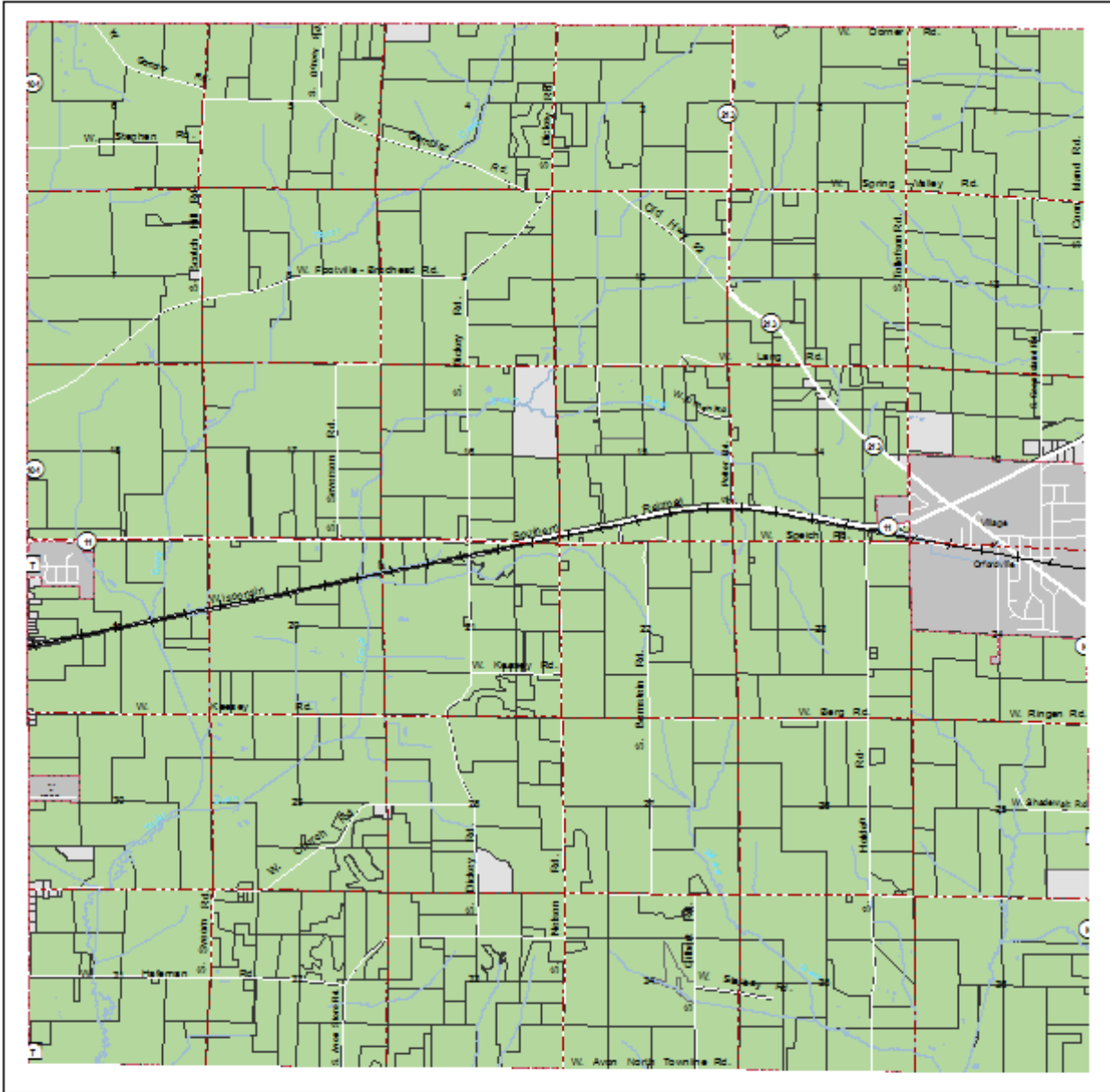
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Town of Spring Valley: Agriculture Resources-Farmland Preservation



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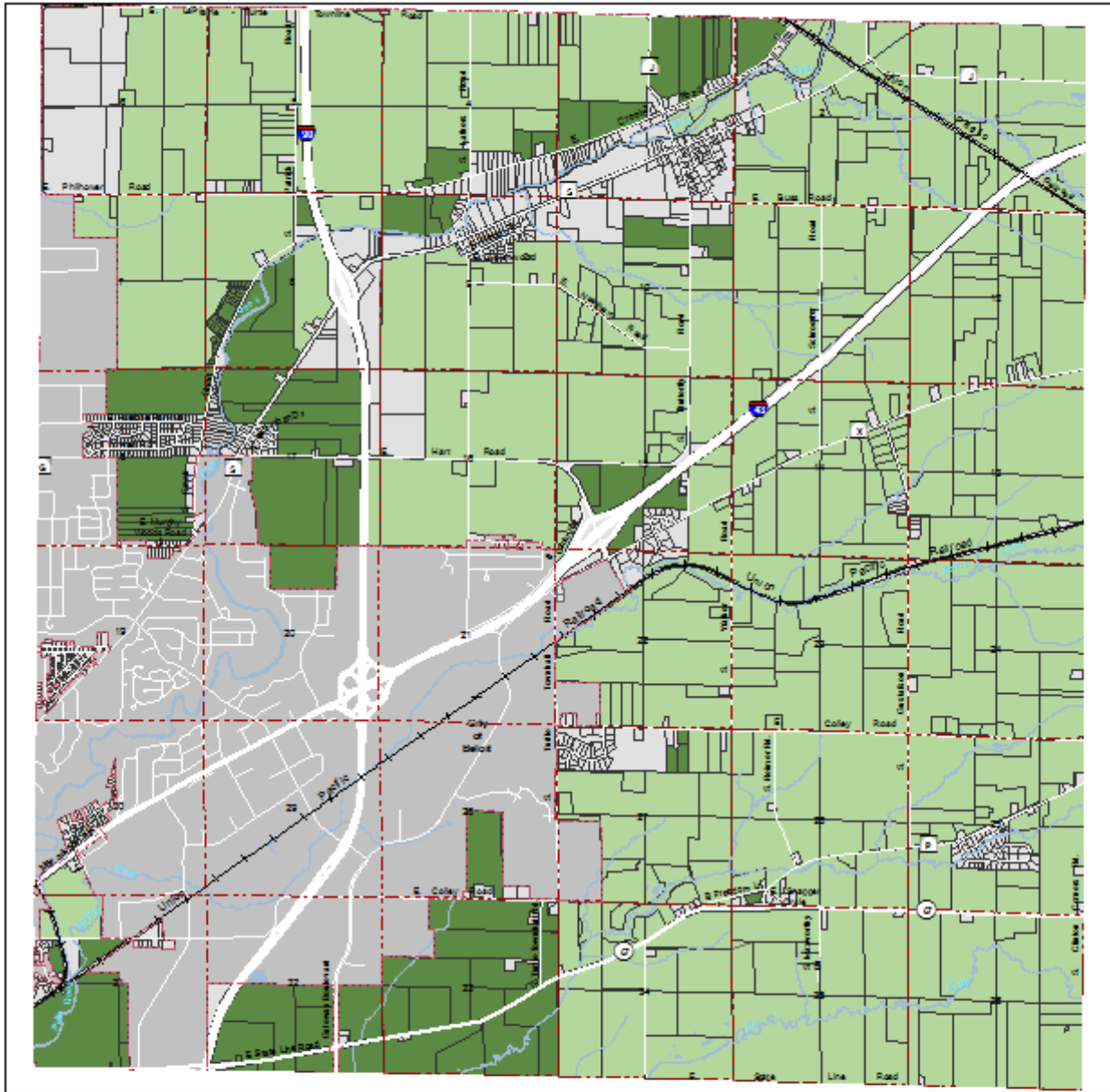
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ROCK COUNTY WISCONSIN
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 COUNTY OFFICE
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 Spring Valley, Wisconsin 54989

Town of Turtle: Agriculture Resources-Farmland Preservation



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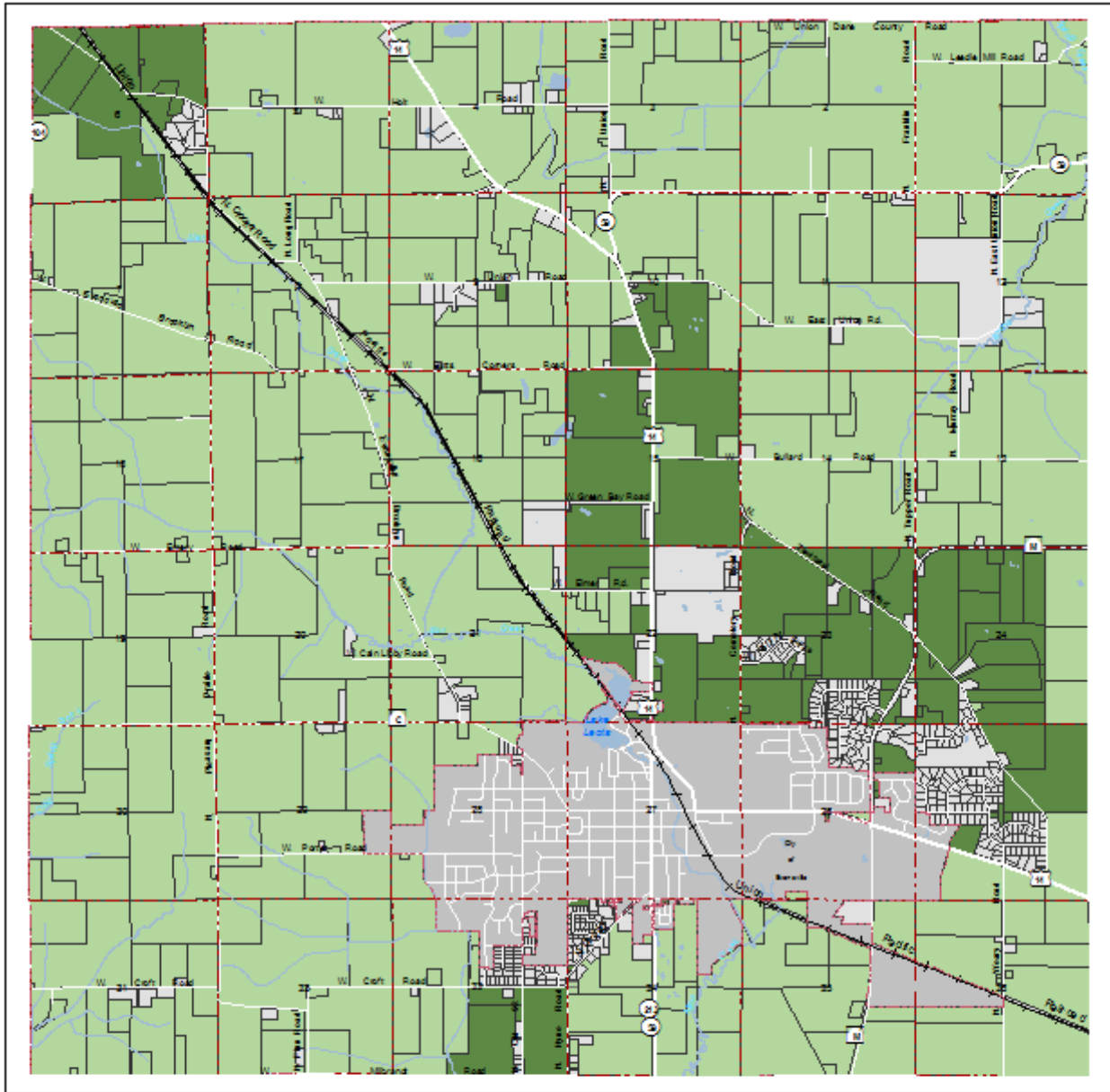
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ROCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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 TURTLE TOWN BOARD
 RESOLUTION NO. 14-01-001
 1/28/15

Town of Union: Agriculture Resources-Farmland Preservation



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Town of Union
 Rock County, Wisconsin


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STATE OF WISCONSIN
 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 DIVISION OF LAND USE AND PLANNING
 1000 W. MICHIGAN STREET
 MADISON, WISCONSIN 53706

SECTION VII – APPENDICES

Appendix A: Formation Resolutions

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<u>Planning & Development Agency</u> SUBMITTED BY		<u>April 26, 2010</u> DATE DRAFTED																																	
<p><u>AUTHORIZING 2010 FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT</u></p>																																			
1	WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative was passed as part of the State of Wisconsin's																																		
2	2009-2011 biennial budget process and Ch. 91 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Farmland Preservation has																																		
3	been substantially rewritten; and,																																		
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5	WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection has begun																																		
6	offering Farmland Preservation planning grants in order to assist Wisconsin counties in the farmland																																		
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9	WHEREAS, on April 9, 2010, the Rock County Planning and Development Agency received a letter and																																		
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11	a Farmland Preservation planning grant to Rock County; and,																																		
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13	WHEREAS, obtaining these funds will allow Rock County to update its currently certified Farmland																																		
14	Preservation Plan and include numerous new features of Farmland Preservation that have been written																																		
15	into Ch. 91, Wisconsin Statutes, including purchase of development rights and Agricultural Enterprise																																		
16	Areas; and,																																		
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18	WHEREAS, Rock County has been an active participant in the Farmland Preservation Program for over																																		
19	30 years and the program has been valuable in the preservation of Rock County's rich agricultural lands.																																		
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21	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled																																		
22	this <u>27th</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2010 does hereby accept the 2010 Farmland Preservation Program																																		
23	Planning Grant agreement for \$30,000 from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer																																		
24	Protection and authorizes the County Board Chair to sign the respective grant agreement on behalf of the																																		
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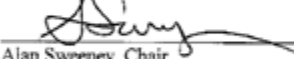
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Respectfully Submitted,


PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT



Alan Sweeney, Chair

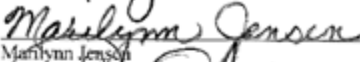
Reviewed and approved on a vote of

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Mary Mawhinney, Vice-Chair

 5-20-10
Mary Mawhinney, Chair Date


Wayne Gustina


Marilyn Jensen


Phillip Owens

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$30,000 in State Aid for the 2010-2011 Planning Department Farmland Preservation Grant. No additional County matching funds are required to accept this grant.


Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2010 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Hutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolution Authorizing 2010 Farmland Preservation Program Planning Grant

In order to participate in the State Farmland Preservation Program, a county must have a state-certified Farmland Preservation Plan. Farmers in participating counties may qualify for significant tax credits (s. 71.613, Wis. Stats.). Most counties must update their certified plans by deadline dates ranging from 2011 to 2015 in order to continue program participation (s. 91.14, Wis. Stats.).

A certified plan must meet state standards (ss. 91.10 and 91.18, Wis. Stats.), and must be consistent with the county's comprehensive plan. Among other things, a certified plan must identify clearly-mapped areas that the county plans to preserve for agricultural use. Farmers in those areas are eligible for tax credits if their land is covered by a Certified Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance or an individual Farmland Preservation Agreement. Other Farmland Preservation Program benefits, including agricultural enterprise area designations and agricultural conservation easement purchases, are likewise limited to farmland preservation areas designated in the county's certified plan.

The agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection requires that Rock County contribute at least 50% of the total eligible costs identified in a reimbursement request from any combination of county levy, non-state grant funds, and in-kind services including work performed by county employees but not including the work of unpaid volunteers. Rock County's contribution will be in the form of in-kind services.

The Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan was certified in 2005 for ten years. The County has the option to remain certified until 2015 or take a Farmland Preservation Planning Grant for certification by December 31, 2011. Staff at the Rock County Planning and Development Agency recommend taking advantage of the planning grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection to do an update of the Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan in order to take advantage of new features in the law. Sixteen of Rock County's twenty towns will also be required to bring their zoning ordinances up to the new standards in Ch. 91, Wis. Stats. By updating the town zoning ordinances by 2012 and doing the County Farmland Preservation Plan about the same time, we can insure that the zoning ordinances are consistent with the plan, a statutory requirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2A-280

AGENDA NO. 12.P.(1)

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Planning & Development Agency
INITIATED BY



Paul Benjamin
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Agency
SUBMITTED BY

January 25, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

**ESTABLISHING A FARMLAND PRESERVATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE REVIEW OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, it has been over five years since the last update of the 2005 Agricultural Preservation Plan
- 2 and in order for Rock County landowners to continue to receive tax credits the plan must be updated; and,
- 3
- 4 **WHEREAS**, State Statute Chapter 91 - Farmland Preservation has recently been amended and the
- 5 subsequent changes shall be reflected in this plan update; and,
- 6
- 7 **WHEREAS**, Rock County wishes to engage in a planning process to help achieve the goal of adopting
- 8 this Farmland Preservation Plan Update.
- 9
- 10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board Of Supervisors duly
- 11 assembled this 10th day of February, 2011 hereby authorizes and approves creation of the
- 12 Farmland Preservation Technical Advisory Committee for the period of February 10, 2011 through
- 13 February 29, 2012 for the sole purpose of reviewing the proposed changes to the Rock County Farmland
- 14 Preservation Plan Update; and,
- 15
- 16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors be authorized
- 17 to appoint up to nine individuals to serve on this Farmland Preservation Plan Update Technical
- 18 Committee.

11-2A-280

Planning & Development Committee

Alan Sweeney
Alan Sweeney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Wayne Gustina
Wayne Gustina

Absent
Marilynn Jensen

Absent
Phillip Owens

ESTABLISHING A FARMLAND PRESERVATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE
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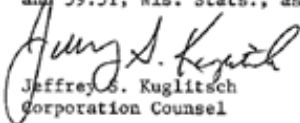
Per County Board Rule IV-C, County Board Supervisors who are members of additional special, single purpose or ad hoc committees are eligible for per meeting allowances and mileage reimbursement. Citizen members of such committees shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement only. Any costs incurred are to be charged to the County Board's per meeting and mileage budget appropriations.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sections 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats., as well as Rule IV-C of the County Board Rules.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Eastson
County Administrator



Executive Summary

Establishing a Technical Advisory Committee for the Review of the Farmland Preservation Plan Update

The current Farmland Preservation Plan was adopted in 2005. Mainly due to recent changes in State Statute Chapter 91 – Farmland Preservation, the plan needs to be updated in order for Rock County landowners to remain eligible for tax credits.

Public participation is important in the planning process. The Technical Advisory Committee will review plan updates as presented by staff in a public setting. The makeup of the Technical Committee will be evenly balanced between rural and urban interests.

Appendix B: Ad Hoc Technical Advisory Committee/Public Meeting Agendas



**ROCK COUNTY
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLANNING
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2011 - 6 P.M.
COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE CENTER - (2ND FL - EAST WING)
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JANESVILLE, WI**

AGENDA

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of the agenda
- 3) Committee Informational Item
 - A) Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program Overview
 - B) Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan
 - i. Purpose
 - ii. Contents
 - iii. Town Input
 - iv. Certification
- 4) Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
- 5) Set date for next meeting of Farmland Preservation Planning Technical Advisory Committee
- 6) 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.



AGENDA

**Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency –
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Farmland Preservation**

September 20, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

Room N-1 (on 5th Floor) – Rock County Courthouse
51 S. Main Street, Janesville

THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Citizen Participation and Committee Communications and Announcements
- 3) INFORMATION ITEM: Review of Draft: 9-1-2012, edits/revisions, and approval/recommendation process
- 4) General Comment and Discussion
- 5) Wrap Up and Next Steps
- 6) Set next meeting and open house date.
- 7) Adjournment

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AGENDA

Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency –
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Farmland Preservation

October 30, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

Room 250 – Rock County Courthouse

51 S. Main Street, Janesville

THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Citizen Participation and Committee Communications and Announcements
- 3) INFORMATION ITEM: Changes/Edits to *Rock County Agriculture Plan: 2012 Update – Draft*
- 4) ACTION ITEM: Approval and Recommendation of *Rock County Agriculture Plan: 2012 Update – Draft: 10-15-2012*
- 5) General Comment and Discussion
- 6) Wrap Up and Next Steps
- 7) Adjournment

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Appendix C: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
Statement of Certification

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

ROCK COUNTY FARMLAND
PRESERVATION PLAN

DATCP DOCKET NO. 14-F-11-53-PLA

DARM DOCKET NO. 105-00000-P-14 F-0314

ORDER CERTIFYING PLAN THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2024.

INTRODUCTION

Rock County has asked the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (“DATCP”) to certify a proposed comprehensively revised county 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) Rock 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) Rock County has a state-certified farmland preservation plan that expires on December 31, 2015.
- (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 June 6, 2013, DATCP received from Rock County a request to certify a comprehensively revised county farmland preservation plan under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats. The county submitted the application in the form required under s. 91.20, Wis. 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 Rock County Comprehensive Plan, and the County must include the farmland preservation plan in the County 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 Rock County's certification that the attached county farmland preservation plan text and map amendment meets applicable certification requirements under s. 91.18, Wis. Stats., DATCP may certify that plan amendment until December 31, 2024, the date that the Rock 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 amended Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan text (dated December 10 2015) and maps for the towns of Bradford, Beloit and Turtle (all dated October 20, 2015), are hereby certified under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats.

(2) The certified farmland preservation plan areas for Rock County are titled "Farmland Preservation" and "Farmland Preservation: 15-30 Year Horizon."

(3) This certification expires at the end of the day on December 31, 2024.

Dated this 23rd day of Nov, 2015.

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.:

(10) Under s. 91.16(2)(a), Wis. Stats., DATCP may certify a county farmland preservation plan for a specified period of up to 10 years. Under s. 91.16(6), Wis. Stats., DATCP may make its certification contingent upon the county adoption of the certified plan text and maps, in the form certified.

(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 Rock County's certification that the attached county farmland preservation plan meets applicable certification requirements under s. 91.18, Wis. Stats., DATCP may certify that plan for up to 10 years.

(2) DATCP may make its certification contingent upon the county adoption of the certified plan text and maps, in the form certified, and contingent upon its adoption as part of the County comprehensive plan.

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

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

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The attached Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan text (March 11, 2014) and maps (February 24, 2014) are hereby certified under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats., contingent upon county adoption of the plan, included as part of the County comprehensive plan, in the form submitted, before December 31, 2014.

(2) The certified farmland preservation plan areas for Rock County are titled "Farm Preservation: 15-30 Year Horizon" and "Farmland Preservation."

(3) This order takes effect on the date on which the county adoption of the plan text and maps, in the form submitted, takes effect.

(4) This certification expires at the end of the day on December 31, 2024.

Dated this 11th day of April, 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.:

Colin Byrnes
Director, Rock County Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency
51 S. Main Street
Janesville, WI 53545

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

ROCK COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN AMENDMENT (TEXT AND MAP)	DATCP DOCKET NO. 15-F-04-03-PMA ARM Division Docket No. 105-00000-P-13 B-0215 ORDER CERTIFYING PLAN TEXT AND MAP THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024
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INTRODUCTION

Rock County has asked the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (“DATCP”) to certify a proposed amendment to the farmland preservation plan text and map 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) Rock 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) Rock County currently has a state-certified farmland preservation plan. The current state certification is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2024.
- (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 February 4, 2015, DATCP received from Rock County a request to certify an amended farmland preservation plan text and 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 Rock County's certification that the attached county farmland preservation plan text and map amendment meets applicable certification requirements under s. 91.18, Wis. Stats., DATCP may certify that plan map amendment until December 31, 2024, the date that the Rock 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 amended Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan text (dated February 25 2015) and maps (all dated January 28, 2015, except: the Towns of Center, Milton, and Porter dated February 2, 2015, and the Towns of Fulton and Union dated February 3, 2015) is hereby certified under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats.

(2) The certified farmland preservation plan areas for Rock County are titled "Farmland Preservation" and "Farmland Preservation: 15-30 Year Horizon."

(3) This certification expires at the end of the day on December 31, 2024.

Dated this 3rd day of Feb, 2015.

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.:

Rock County

Copies to:

Colin Byrnes, Acting Planning Director
Rock County Planning and Development Agency
51 South Main Street
Janesville, WI 53545

Appendix D: County Board of Supervisors Public Hearings Agendas and Minutes and Adoption Resolution

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Planning and Development Agency
INITIATED BY



Colin Byrnes
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Committee
SUBMITTED BY

December 6, 2016
DATE DRAFTED

**ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION PLAN 2013 UPDATE
MAP AMENDMENT**

- 1 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin legislature adopted the Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation Act as an incentive
- 2 for property owners to preserve agricultural land; and,
- 3
- 4 WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, through Resolution 14-11D-158 (November 20,
- 5 2014), adopted the Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update as an element of the Rock
- 6 County Comprehensive (Plan), and through Resolution 15-12A-439 (December 10, 2015) amended the
- 7 Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update; and,
- 8
- 9 WHEREAS, the Plan is a comprised of the Towns' land use plans then prepared by Rock County Planning
- 10 and Development Department; and,
- 11
- 12 WHEREAS, the Plan will help to facilitate Farmland Preservation for the benefit of the citizens and the
- 13 economy of Rock County; and,
- 14
- 15 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has
- 16 requested changes to the Farmland Preservation Plan Map for consistency between the Plan and Town
- 17 Zoning Ordinances; and,
- 18
- 19 WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection issued an order
- 20 certifying the Farmland Preservation Plan Text and Map Amendment under s. 91.16 Wis. Stats. Through
- 21 December 31, 2024; and,
- 22
- 23 WHEREAS, a Public Hearing will be held on December 15, 2016 by the Rock County Planning and
- 24 Development Committee.
- 25
- 26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 27 this 15th day of December, 2016 does hereby amend the Rock County Agricultural Preservation
- 28 Plan 2013 Update Plan Map.

16-12A-183

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alan Sweeney, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Wayne Gustina

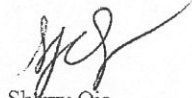
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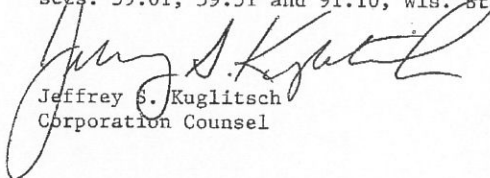
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Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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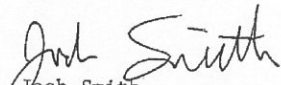
Rock County is authorized to take this action pursuant to
secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 91.10, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update was adopted November 20, 2014 and a Plan Map Amendment was adopted on December 10, 2015 by the Rock County Board. The purpose of an agricultural preservation plan is to help preserve our high quality agricultural lands and to help farmland owners qualify for the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program. The plan was drafted in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation which requires it, among other things, to "Clearly identify areas that the county plans to preserve for agricultural use and agriculture related uses, which may include undeveloped natural resource and open space areas but may not include any area that is planned for nonagricultural development within 15 years after the date on which the plan is adopted."

Once it was adopted, the Plan provided an opportunity for Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program financial incentives to farmland owners, who may apply for agricultural preservation income tax credits as part of their Wisconsin income taxes. To claim a tax credit, the landowner must be located in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation and must have \$6,000 in gross farm revenue in the past year or \$18,000 in the past three years.

In order for a Town to be certified for Farmland Preservation tax credits, the Town Zoning Map and the Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan Map must be consistent with respect to eligible and non-eligible parcels for tax credits. During the Town Zoning certification process, areas of inconsistency were noted. Typically, as the Town reviews their Zoning Map, specific issues arise and changes are made. This potentially creates an inconsistency with previously adopted Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan Map. In order to resolve these inconsistencies, the Rock County Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency is recommending an amendment to the Farmland Preservation Plan Map.

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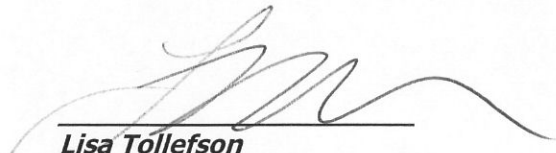


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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF ROCK)

This is to certify that this Resolution is a true and correct copy of the original as passed by the Rock County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of said Board held in the Rock County Court House, Janesville, Wisconsin, Thursday, December 15, 2016.

Given under my hand and Official Seal of the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, this 22nd day of December, 2016.



Lisa Tollefson
Rock County Clerk



**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Planning and Development Agency
INITIATED BY



Colin Byrnes
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Committee
SUBMITTED BY

November 30, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

**ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION PLAN 2013 UPDATE
MAP AMENDMENT**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin legislature adopted the Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation Act as an incentive
- 2 for property owners to preserve agricultural land, and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, through Resolution 14-11D-158 (November 20,
- 5 2014), adopted the Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update as an element of the Rock
- 6 County Comprehensive (Plan), and
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Plan is comprised of the Towns' land use plans then prepared by Rock County Planning
- 9 and Development Department; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, the Plan will help to facilitate Farmland Preservation for the benefit of the citizens and the
- 12 economy of Rock County; and,
- 13
- 14 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has
- 15 requested changes to the Farmland Preservation Plan Map in the Towns of Bradford, Beloit, Janesville and
- 16 Turtle for consistency between the Plan and Town Zoning Ordinances and,
- 17
- 18 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection issued an order
- 19 certifying the Farmland Preservation Plan Text and Map Amendment under s. 91.16 Wis. Stats. Through
- 20 December 31, 2024; and,
- 21
- 22 **WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was to be held on December 10, 2015 by the Rock County Planning and
- 23 Development Committee.
- 24
- 25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 26 this 10th day of December, 2015 does hereby amend the Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013
- 27 Update Plan Map as certified by DATCP on November 23, 2015.

15-12A-439

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alan Sweeney
Alan Sweeney, Chair

Absent
Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Wayne Gjustina
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Jason Heidenreich
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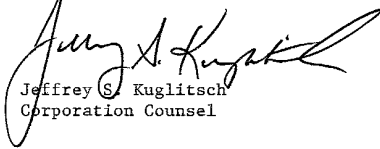
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Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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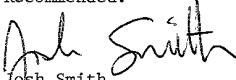
Rock County is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 91.10, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update was adopted November 20, 2014 and a Plan Map Amendment was adopted on May 14, 2015 by the Rock County Board. The purpose of an agricultural preservation plan is to help preserve our high quality agricultural lands and to help farmland owners qualify for the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program. The plan was drafted in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation which requires it, among other things, to “Clearly identify areas that the county plans to preserve for agricultural use and agriculture related uses, which may include undeveloped natural resource and open space areas but may not include any area that is planned for nonagricultural development within 15 years after the date on which the plan is adopted.”

Once it was adopted, the Plan provided an opportunity for Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program financial incentives to farmland owners, who may apply for agricultural preservation income tax credits as part of their Wisconsin income taxes. To claim a tax credit, the landowner must be located in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation and must have \$6,000 in gross farm revenue in the past year or \$18,000 in the past three years.

In order for a Town to be certified for Farmland Preservation tax credits, the Town Zoning Map and the Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan Map must be consistent with respect to eligible and non-eligible parcels for tax credits. During the Town Zoning certification process, areas of inconsistency were noted. Typically, as the Town reviews their Zoning Map, specific issues arise and changes are made. This potentially creates an inconsistency with previously adopted Rock County Farmland Preservation Plan Map. In order to resolve these inconsistencies, the Rock County Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency is recommending an amendment to the Farmland Preservation Plan Map in the Towns of Bradford, Beloit, Janesville and Turtle.

The Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan Map Amendment was certified by DATCP on November 23, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-5A-295

AGENDA NO. 12.F.(1)

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Planning and Development Agency
INITIATED BY



Colin Byrnes
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Committee
SUBMITTED BY

April 10, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

**ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION PLAN 2013 UPDATE
MAP AMENDMENT**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin legislature adopted the Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation Act as an incentive
- 2 for property owners to preserve agricultural land; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, through Resolution 14-11D-158 (November 20,
- 5 2014), adopted Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update as an element of the Rock
- 6 County Comprehensive (Plan); and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Plan is a comprised of the Towns' land use plans then prepared by Rock County Planning
- 9 and Development Department; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, the Plan will help to facilitate Farmland Preservation for the benefit of the citizens and the
- 12 economy of Rock County; and,
- 13
- 14 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has
- 15 requested changes to the Farmland Preservation Plan Map in the Towns of Avon, Bradford, Center, Fulton,
- 16 La Prairie, Milton, Plymouth, Porter, Spring Valley, Turtle and Union for consistency between the Plan
- 17 and Town Zoning Ordinances; and,
- 18
- 19 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection issued an order
- 20 certifying the Farmland Preservation Plan Text and Map Amendment under s. 91.16 Wis. Stats. Through
- 21 December 31, 2024; and,
- 22
- 23 **WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing would be held on May 14, 2015 by the Rock County Planning and
- 24 Development Committee.
- 25
- 26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 27 this 14 day of May, 2015 does hereby amend the Rock County Agricultural Preservation
- 28 Plan 2013 Update Plan Map as certified by DATCP on February 3, 2015.

15-5A-295

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alan Sweeney
Alan Sweeney, Chair

Jason Heidenreich
Jason Heidenreich

Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

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AMENDMENT
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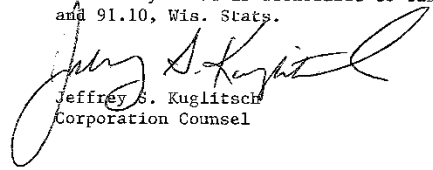
This resolution approves an update to the Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013. No fiscal impact in and by itself.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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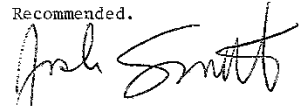
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01, 59.51 and 91.10, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update was adopted November 20, 2014 by the Rock County Board. The purpose of an agricultural preservation plan is to help preserve our high quality agricultural lands and to help farmland owners qualify for the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program. The plan was drafted in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation which requires it, among other things, to “Clearly identify areas that the county plans to preserve for agricultural use and agriculture related uses, which may include undeveloped natural resource and open space areas but may not include any area that is planned for nonagricultural development within 15 years after the date on which the plan is adopted.”

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The Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan Map Amendment was certified by DATCP on February 3, 2015.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
December 10, 2015

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on December 10, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Garrett gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Owens, Brien, and Podzilni were present. PRESENT-29. ABSENT -0. VACANT-0.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.

Supervisors Grahn and Beaver moved the Agenda as presented moving the Executive

Session to the end of the agenda. Agenda is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-November 19, 2015
6. PUBLIC HEARING
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
 - A. Appointments to Arrowhead Library System Board
 - B. Appointments to Developmental Disabilities Board
 - C. Appointment to the 911 Communications Commission
 - D. Appointments to the Transportation Coordinating Committee
 - E. Appointment to the ADRC Advisory Committee
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
10. REPORTS
 - A. Rock Haven Update
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes - Roll Call
 1. Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Passenger Vehicle, Rock County Department of Public Works and Amending the Motor Pool Budget
 2. Amending the 2015 Budget for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program
 - B. Bills Over \$10,000 – No Roll Call
 - C. Encumbrances Over \$10,000 – Roll Call
 - D. Contracts – Roll Call
 1. To Ratify the 2016 Labor Agreement between Rock County and Deputy Sheriff's Supervisors Association

Proceedings of the Rock County Board of Supervisors
December 10, 2015

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 5, 2016
Supervisors Brill and Owens moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.D. Appointments to the Transportation Coordinating Committee

POSITIONS:	Members of the Transportation Coordinating Committee	
APPOINTMENTS:	Michael Warren Janesville Transit System 900 N. Parker Drive Janesville, WI 53545	John Hanewall Developmental Disabilities Ryan Schomber SW WI Workforce Development 1900 Center Avenue Janesville, WI 53545
	Thomas J. Nee Stateline Area Trans. 2400 Springbrook Court Beloit, WI 53511	Rebecca Smith (Alt. for Michael Warren) Janesville Transit System 900 N. Parker Drive Janesville, WI 53545
	Molly Nolte Council on Aging Jason Dupuis (Alt. to TJ Nee) Stateline Area Trans. 2400 Springbrook Court Beloit, WI 53511	James Thompson Beloit Transit System 1225 Willowbrook Beloit, WI 53511
	Becky Hayd (Alt. to Lynn Jones) Community Action, Inc. 20 Eclipse Center Beloit, WI 53511	Michelle Gavin (Alt. to James Thompson) Beloit Transit System 1225 Willowbrook Beloit, WI 53511

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 2015
Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved the above appointments. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.E. Appointment to Aging & Disability Resources Center (ADRC) Advisory Committee

POSITION: Member of the ADRC Advisory Committee
NEW APPOINTMENT: Andrea Bird
1969 West Hart Road
Beloit, WI 53511

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 2015
Supervisors Knudson and Thomas moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

10.A. Rock Haven Update Administrator Josh Smith and Rock Haven Administrator Sue Prostko reviewed the annual survey.

12.A.1. Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Passenger Vehicle Rock County Department of Public Works and Amending the Motor Pool Budget Resolution No. 15-12A-430

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day December, 2015, authorizes the purchase through the State Contract of a 2015 Chevrolet Impala from Ewald Automotive of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$18,225 and an additional \$1,400 for setup costs of the new vehicle by the Department of Public Works. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment be made to the vendor upon receipt and acceptance by the Public Works Director. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Motor Pool 2015 budget be amended to authorize funds for the purchase as follows:

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Account/Description	Budget at 1/1/15	Increase/Decrease	Amended Budget
Use of Funds			
New Equipment			
41-4290-4290-67105	\$130,000	\$ 19,625	\$149,625
Source of Funds			
Allocated Capital Equipment	(\$130,000)	(\$ 19,625)	(\$149,625)
41-4290-4290-68109			

Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Owens, Brien, and Podzilni voted in favor. AYES-29. NOES-0. ABSENT-0.

12.A.2. Amending the 2015 Budget for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program

Resolution No. 15-12A-431

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015, does hereby accept additional WHEAP funding and amend the 2015 Human Services Department Budget as follows:

Account/Description	Budget 11/1/15	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
36-3614-0000-42100	\$389,217	\$ 35,000	\$424,217
Federal Aid			
Use of Funds			
36-3614-0000-62119	\$389,217	\$ 35,000	\$424,217
Contracted Services			

Supervisors Knudson and Thomas moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Owens, Brien, and Podzilni voted in favor. AYES-29. NOES-0. ABSENT-0.

12.B. Approval of Bills Over \$10,000.00 Resolution No. 15-12A-432

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on December 10, 2015, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same.

Advanced Correctional Health	Sheriff	Contracted Services	\$27,751.08
Blackhawk Technical College	Sheriff	Contracted Services	\$14,829.66
Advanced Correctional Health	Rock County	Contracted Services	\$70,167.97
Henricksen	H R	Contracted Services	\$13,078.76
Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	Health Dept	Contracted Services	\$13,748.17
Election Systems & Software	Rock County	Contracted Services	\$26,558.87

Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.C. Approval of Encumbrances Over \$10,000.00 Resolution No. 15-12A-433

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on December 10, 2015, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same, upon acceptance by the department head.

Advanced Disposal Services	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	\$17,000.00
Aramark Uniform Services, Inc.	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	99,000.00
Centrad Healthcare Inc.	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	35,000.00
Leadingage WI	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	11,000.00
McKesson Medical Surgical	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	176,000.00
McKesson Medical Surgical	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	26,000.00

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Mercy Health System	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	25,500.00
MJ Care Inc.	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	398,505.00
Charter Communications	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	20,000.00
North American	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	11,000.00
Professional Medical Inc.	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	43,000.00
Rao, Ramachandra	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	35,000.00
WI Dept of Health	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	261,120.00
WI Health Care Liabilities	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	35,000.00
West MD, William Peter	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	150,000.00
Omnicare Pharmacies of WI	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	225,795.00
Country Quality Dairy	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	40,000.00
Tropic Juices, Inc.	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	16,000.00
Gordon Food Service	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	95,000.00
Pan-O-Gold Baking Co.	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	10,000.00
Sysco Foods of Baraboo	Rock Haven	Contracted Services	156,500.00
Manpower Group Inc.	UW Ext.	Contracted Services	35,000.00
WI Partnership for Hous.	Planning	Contracted Services	118,359.00
Willis of WI Inc.	Rock County	Contracted Services	40,500.00
Assoc. Financial Group	Rock County	Contracted Services	39,000.00
Compsych	Rock County	Contracted Services	45,000.00
Budget Truck & Auto Body	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	20,000.00
Fagan Truck and Trailer	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	30,000.00
Manpower Group Inc.	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	323,310.00
Wright Express FSC	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	60,000.00
Beloit Meals on Wheels Inc.	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	37,000.00
Best Events	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	202,700.00
Nutrition & Health Assoc.	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	15,570.00
Senior Services of Rock Co.	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	24,152.00
RSVP	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	11,335.00
JP Morgan Chase Bank	Sr. Cit. Prog.	Contracted Services	11,550.00
Netsmart Tech.	Rock County	Contracted Services	69,801.60
Naviant	Info Tech	Contracted Services	10,410.00
Aerocor Wireless Inc.	Info Tech	Contracted Services	11,193.75
AE Business Solutions	Info Tech	Contracted Services	15,523.30
Baker Tilly Virchow Krause	Finance Dir.	Contracted Services	94,000.00
WMMIC	Rock County	Contracted Services	270,000.00
RSVP	Rock County	Contracted Services	50,897.00
Rock Co. Historical Society	Rock County	Contracted Services	22,546.00
Rock Valley Community Prog	Rock County	Contracted Services	73,505.00
JP Morgan Chase Bank	Info Tech	Contracted Services	42,900.00
Fidlar Companies	Info Tech	Contracted Services	65,000.00
Charter Communications	Info Tech	Contracted Services	15,120.00
Core BTS In.	Info Tech	Contracted Services	32,613.62
Enterprise Systems Group	Info Tech	Contracted Services	77,264.00
ESRI Inc	Info Tech	Contracted Services	46,218.11
Alliant Energy/WP&L	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	65,494.38
Diversified Building Mainten.	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	87,394.00
Midland Paper	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	22,500.00
Office Pro Inc.	Rock County	Contracted Services	50,000.00
Konica Minolta Bus. Solutions	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	11,276.64
Konica Minolta Bus. Solutions	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	11,800.00
Simplex Grinnell	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	11,995.67
Advanced Disposal Services	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	12,108.00
Diversified Bldg. Maint.	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	250,811.40
JBM Patrol and Protection Corp	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	65,780.00
Family Matters Pact Inc	Clerk of Courts	Contracted Services	14,000.00

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Strategic Resolutions	Clerk of Courts	Contracted Services	14,000.00
O'Brien & Assoc.	Child Support	Contracted Services	28,900.00
DNA Diagnostics	Child Support	Contracted Services	27,200.00
Global Tower Partners	911 Comm.	Contracted Services	10,041.00
JP Morgan Chase Bank	911 Comm.	Contracted Services	19,580.00
Gen. Communications	911 Comm.	Contracted Services	324,132.00
Intrado Inc	911 Comm.	Contracted Services	13,200.00
3M Electronic Monitoring	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	31,409.00
Advanced Correct. Healthcare	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	61,256.00
Alliant Energy	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	79,500.00
Aramark Correctional Serv.	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	83,209.00
Aurora Health Care	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	75,000.00
Psychology Clinic Inc.	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	43,680.00
Campbell Properties	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	25,200.00
Childrens Service Society	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	194,879.00
Clearview North	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	105,195.00
Community Action Inc.	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	175,315.00
Dane Co. Dept of Human Serv	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	207,108.00
Energy Services, Inc.	LIHEAP	Contracted Services	433,047.00
Health Net of Jvl. Inc.	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	57,867.00
Jvl Mobilizing 4 Change	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	56,785.00
JP Morgan Chase Bank	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	100,000.00
Language Line Services	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	23,280.00
Marcus, Jeffrey A.	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	101,920.00
Manpower Group	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	60,000.00
Mercy Hospital System	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	205,000.00
O'Brien & Associates Inc.	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	62,000.00
O'Brien & Associates Inc.	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	31,250.00
Package Pro Express Delivery	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	43,500.00
Pitney Bowles Inc	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	46,500.00
Rock Valley Com. Programs	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	803,576.00
Rock Walworth Comp.	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	77,670.00
Service Master Com. Cleaner	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	51,040.00
US Security Associates	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	172,407.00
Madison United Healthcare	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	10,238.00
Franklin St. Property Group	Human Serv.	Contracted Services	121,904.00

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment

JP Morgan Chase Purchasing Contracted Services 40,000.00

Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Owens, Brien, and Podzilni voted in favor. AYES-29. NOES-0. ABSENT-0.

12.D.1. To Ratify the 2016 Labor Agreement Between Rock County and Deputy Sheriff's Supervisors Association Resolution No. 15-12A-434

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 does hereby ratify the terms and conditions of the 2016 labor agreement between Rock County and Deputy Sheriff's Supervisors Association.

Supervisors Kraft and Peer moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Brill and Heidenreich moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Owens, Brien, and Podzilni voted in favor. AYES-29. NOES-0. ABSENT-0.

12.D.2. Authorizing Purchase of Vehicles per State of Wisconsin Contract for the Rock County Sheriff's Office Resolution No. 15-12A-435

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 that a Purchase Order be issued as follows:

\$74,467.50 to Ewald Automotive for 3 Dodge Chargers
\$85,963.50 to Ewald Automotive for 3 Ford Utility Interceptors
\$23,299.50 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Dodge Charger for Sheriff
\$23,950.50 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Dodge Grand Caravan
\$29,737.50 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Chevrolet Express Van
\$37,612.50 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Chevrolet Tahoe

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the payment be made to the vendor upon receipt and acceptance by the Rock County Sheriff.

Supervisors Brill and Heidenreich moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Owens, Brien, and Podzilni voted in favor. AYES-29. NOES-0. ABSENT-0.

12.D.3. Back-up Radio Control Station Combiner System Resolution No. 15-12A-436

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 that a contract in the amount of \$44,869.35 be awarded to General Communications, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin for the design, equipment, and labor necessary to complete the control station combiner project.

Supervisors Wiedenfeld and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Owens, Brien, and Podzilni voted in favor. AYES-29. NOES-0. ABSENT-0.

12.D.4. Authorizing Purchase of a Unitrends Disk-to-Disk Backup Expansion Unit

Resolution No. 15-12A-437

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 that a Purchase Order for a disk-to-disk backup system be issued to Contingency Planning Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$96,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment be made to the vendor upon approval and acceptance by the Finance Committee.

Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Owens, Brien, and Podzilni voted in favor. AYES-29. NOES-0. ABSENT-0.

12.E. Amending the County's Personnel Ordinance Resolution No. 15-11D-408

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 does hereby amend Chapter XVIII, the County's Personnel Ordinance as follows:

The entire Rock County Code of Ordinances can be viewed at the office of the County Clerk at 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545 as well as on the Rock County website <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/ordinances-a-resolutions>. Please call 608-757-5660 with questions or concerns.

Supervisors Davis and Owens moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.F. Approving the 2016 Base Wage Rates for all Employees Except Represented Law Enforcement employees, and Amending the Personnel Policy Wage Appendix

Resolution No. 15-12A-438

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 does hereby approve the County's 2016 pay Plans by increasing each step by 1.25% effective January 1, 2016, with the above noted exception.

Supervisors Kraft and Bussie moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.G. Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update Map Amendment
Resolution No. 15-12A-439

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 does hereby amend the Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update Plan Map as certified by DATCP on November 23, 2015.

Supervisors Sweeney and Gustina moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.H. Approval to Begin Acquisition Process for Selected 2015 PACE Program Applications

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015, does by enactment of this Resolution approve an *Agricultural Conservation Easement Conveyance Agreement* for each Property, authorizing the LCD to undertake activities identified therein and obligate all necessary funds to complete said activities.

Supervisors Bostwick and Zajac moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.I. Recognizing Sergeant Steven R. Selby Resolution No. 15-12A-441

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015, does hereby recognize Sergeant Steven R. Selby for his over 29 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Sergeant Steven R. Selby along with best wishes for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Sergeant Steven R. Selby.

Supervisors Heidenreich and Mawhinney moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.J. Recognizing Ann Klesic for Service to Rock County Resolution No. 15-12A-442

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled on this 10th day of December, 2015, does hereby thank Ann Klesic for her dedication and contributions to the citizens of Rock County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ann Klesic with the Rock County Board of Supervisors' best wishes for her future plans.

Supervisors Kraft and Fell moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.K. Recognizing Jackie Frat Resolution No. 15-12A-443

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015, does hereby recognize Jackie Frat for over 38 years of faithful service, and wishes her the best in all her future endeavors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Jackie Frat.

Supervisors Brill and Pleasant moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.L. Recognizing Sherry Muth for Service to Rock County Resolution No. 15-12A-444

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 does hereby recognize Sherry Muth for her 20 ½ years of service to Rock County and its citizens.

Supervisors Richard and Gustina moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.M. Opposition to Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429 Affecting Child Welfare Practice

Resolution No. 15-2A-445

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 10th day of December, 2015 does hereby oppose Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429 in its current form; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rock County's legislative delegation, the authors of the bill, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Supervisors Knudson and Thomas moved the above resolution. Supervisors Addie and Wiedenfeld motioned to postpone the vote until the January 14, 2016 County Board Supervisor meeting. The motion to postpone FAILED on the following roll call vote: Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Schulz, Zajac, Bostwick, Sweeney, Brien, and Podzilini voted in favor. Supervisors Gustina, Wiedenfeld, Addie, and Owens. AYES-4. NOES-25. ABSENT-0. The original motion ADOPTED by acclamation.

The board went into recess at 7:25 p.m. The board reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

12.N. Claims

CLAIMANT: Ashley Sparks
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 25, 2015
AMOUNT OF CLAIM: \$40,000 Medical Expenses
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for bodily injuries sustained in an automobile accident.
Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: Lyssa Sparks
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT CLAIMED: \$22,000 Medical Expenses
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for bodily injuries sustained in an automobile accident.
Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road Maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not Responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: American Family Insurance
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: October 13 2015
AMOUNT CLAIMED: \$13,819.01 and \$3,233.46
NATURE OF CLAIM: Property damage claim for a 2013 Dodge Avenger and property fixtures damaged in an accident on 8/1/15 in Union Township.
Claimant asserts the County responsible due to improper road Maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: David Coleman
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT OF CLAIM: \$44,469 Medical Expenses
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for bodily injuries sustained in an automobile accident.
Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road Maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not Responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

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CLAIMANT: David Coleman
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT CLAIMED: \$350,000 Loss of Society & companionship
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for the wrongful death of Kay Coleman in an automobile accident. Claimant asserts the County is responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: Estate of Kay Coleman
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT OF CLAIM: \$13,696.19 Funeral expenses
\$499,200 Loss of future earnings
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for wrongful death of Kay Coleman in an automobile accident. Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: Joshua Coleman
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT OF CLAIM: \$350,000 Loss of Society & companionship
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for the wrongful death of Kay Coleman in an automobile accident. Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: Carey Elwood
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT CLAIMED: \$350,000 Loss of society & companionship
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for the wrongful death of Kay Coleman in an automobile accident. Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: Casey Reeve
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT CLAIMED: \$350,000 Loss of society & companionship
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for the wrongful death of Kay Coleman in an automobile accident. Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

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CLAIMANT: Estate of Michael Crotty
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT CLAIMED: \$12,122.77 Funeral expenses
\$815,347 Loss of future earnings
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for the wrongful death of Michael Crotty in an automobile accident. Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: Cody Crotty
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT CLAIMED: \$350,000 Loss of society & companionship
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for the wrongful death of Michael Crotty in an automobile accident. Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

CLAIMANT: Adalyn Elwood
DATE OF INCIDENT: August 1, 2015
DATE OF NOTICE OF CLAIM: November 13, 2015
AMOUNT CLAIMED: \$350,000 Loss of society & companionship
\$50,000 Damages
NATURE OF CLAIM: Claim for the wrongful death of Michael Crotty in an automobile accident. Claimant asserts the County is responsible due to improper road maintenance. WMMIC has concluded that the County is not responsible for the damage.
RECOMMENDATION: Denial

Supervisors Kraft and Fell moved to deny all the above claims. Adopted by acclamation.

12.O. Executive Session
Supervisors Zajac and Richard moved to go into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried by acclamation.

Supervisors Richard and Bussie moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

13. Adjournment
Supervisors Arnold and Garrett moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm to Thursday, January 14, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.



Prepared by Lisa Tollefson, County Clerk
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
May 14, 2015

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on May 14, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.

Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Grahn gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Sweeney, Addie, Brien and Podzilni were present. Supervisors Thomas, Nash, Bostwick and Dowd were absent. PRESENT – 25. ABSENT – 4. VACANT – 0.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda

Supervisors Grahn and Peer moved the Agenda as presented. Agenda is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – April 23, 2015
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
6. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Amending Chapter 3, Part 5 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances(First Reading)
 - B. Amending Section 3.207 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances(First Reading)
7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
 - A. Appointment to the Board of Adjustment
 - B. Appointment to the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee
 - C. Appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
 - D. Appointment to the Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative Ad Hoc Committee
 - E. Confirmation of Appointment of Human Resources Director
9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
10. REPORTS
 - A. Courthouse Security Update
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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- R. Opposing the State Budget Proposal for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Funds and "Complete Streets" Legislation

13. ADJOURNMENT

5. Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2015

Supervisors Zajac and Knudson moved the approval of the minutes of April 23, 2015 as presented. ADOPTED as presented by acclamation.

6.A. Amending Chapter 3, Part 6 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (First Reading)

Resolution No. 15-5A-286

Chair opened the Public Hearing. No citizens spoke. Chair Podzilni closed the Public Hearing.

6.B. Amending Section 3.207 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances (First Reading)

Resolution No. 15-5A-287

Chair opened the Public Hearing. No citizens spoke. Chair Podzilni closed the Public Hearing.

7. Citizen and Participation, Communications and Announcements

Ty Boilerud of Janesville addressed the Board regarding his concerns about opiate drug abuse. Sheila JaDoul of Janesville representing the Union, spoke to the Board about employee health insurance plans in the next budget.

Phil Owens, Beloit, addressed the Board regarding the Airport Terminal Project suggesting that the Board move forward with upgrades to be able to find a tenant for the restaurant.

Terry Nolan, Transportation Planner for Janesville spoke in favor of Item 12.R. noting the benefits of the "Complete Streets" programs.

Supervisor Zajac invited the public to Civil War Days this weekend in Milton. Supervisor Beaver announced that there will be an EMS open house at the Beloit Fire Dept. on May 23, 2015.

Supervisor Brien announced an open house for the Rock County Drug Treatment Court and OWI Treatment Court on May 19, 2015, 11:30am-1:30pm at 303 W. Court Street.

Administrator Josh Smith noted that there is a brochure regarding a County Land Sale in there packet tonight. He also introduced and welcomed the new Human Resources Director Annette Mikula.

8.A. Appointment to Board of Adjustment

NEW APPOINTMENT:

Jo Miller
1539 N. Miller Rd
Janesville, WI 53548

EFFECTIVE DATE:

May 14, 2015

Supervisors Knudson and Sweeney moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.B. Appointment to the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee

APPOINTMENTS:

Deputy Chief Jimmy Holford, Jr.
Janesville Police Department
100 N. Jackson Street
Janesville, WI 53545

EFFECTIVE DATE:

May 14, 2015

Supervisors Knudson and Arnold moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.C. Appointment to Emergency Medical Services Council

NEW APPOINTMENT: Barry Irmen
Rock County Medical Examiner's Office
EFFECTIVE DATE: May 14, 2015

Supervisors Beaver and Peer moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.D. Appointments to the Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative Ad Hoc Committee

APPOINTMENTS: Judge William Henderson
Beloit Municipal Judge

Chief Norm Jacobs
Beloit Police Department

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 14, 2015

Supervisors Beaver and Arnold moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.E. Confirmation of Appointment of Human Resources Director Resolution No. 15-5A-288

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, confirms the appointment of Annette Mikula, as Human Resources Director in accordance with the attached conditions of employment.

Supervisors Kraft and Pleasant moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

10.A. Courthouse Security Update

Jeff Pronschinske of Mead & Hunt gave an update on plans for Courthouse Security. He started by giving an overview on what systems are currently in place. The new proposal will include electronic and physical security as well as public access and screening. Mr. Pronschinske said that the security station would be moved to the first floor at the main entrance. Because of the design of the building and the parking situation, a secondary station might have to be located at the back entrance. Also, handicap accessibility will have to be worked out.

The monitoring system would have touch screen controls, a fiber link to the Jail, internal and external remote monitoring. All of the equipment would be in a secure, air conditioned room with limited access. This would be on the county's own network and not accessible from the outside.

12.A.1. Amending the 2015 Airport Budget for Restaurant Improvements Resolution No. 15-5A-289
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, does hereby approve and authorize upgrading the current condition of the airport terminal building restaurant space to attract potential tenants, and amend the Airport's 2015 budget as follows:

Account/Description	Budget 4/13/15	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
41-4453-4454-41501	0	75,000	75,000
Prior Years Sales Tax Revenue			
Use of Funds			
41-4453-4454-67200	20,000	75,000	95,000
Capital Improvements			

Supervisors Bussie and Heidenreich moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Knudson, Kraft, Feil, Garrett, Pleasant, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Sweeney, Addie, Brien, Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Thomas, Nash, Bostwick and Dowd were absent.

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12.B. Approval of Bills Over \$10,000.00 Resolution No. 15-5A-290

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on May 14, 2015, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same.

WI Dept of Transportation	DPW	Contracted Services	18,569.09
WI River Rail Transit	Planning	Contracted Services	28,000.00
Midwest Defense Solutions	Sheriff	Contracted Services	12,290.00
Gilbank Construction Inc.	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	31,200.00
Local Gov't. Property Insurance	Rock County	Contracted Services	234,267.00

Supervisors Fox and Kraft moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.C. Approval of Encumbrances Over \$10,000.00 Resolution No. 15-5A-291

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on May 14, 2015, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same, upon acceptance by the Department Head.

Matrix Consulting Group	DPW	Contracted Services	59,900.00
Tri Cor Mechanical Inc.	Gen. Services	Contracted Services	88,900.00
Hufcutt Concrete	DPW	Contracted Services	38,230.00

Supervisors Mawhinney and Kraft moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Sweeney, Addie, Brien, Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Thomas, Nash, Bostwick and Dowd were absent. AYES-25 NOES-0 ABSENT-4

12.D.1. Authorizing Award of Contract for Sweet-Allyn Park Toilet Project Resolution No. 15-5A-292

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled on this 14th day of May, 2015, does hereby authorize that a contract be awarded to Huffcut Concrete of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin in the amount of \$38,230 for the construction of this toilet building.

Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Sweeney and Brien voted in favor. Supervisor Addie voted against. AYES-24 NOES-1 ABSENT-4

12.D.2. Authorizing Contract for Public Works Highway Operations Study Resolution No. 15-5A-293

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015 does hereby authorize a contract with Matrix Consulting Group in an amount not to exceed \$59,900.

Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Heidenreich, Mawhinney, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Zajac, Sweeney, Addie, Brien, Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Thomas, Nash, Bostwick and Dowd were absent. AYES-25 NOES-0 ABSENT-4

12.E. Designating Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend One or More Candidates to Fill Unexpired Term of County Clerk Resolution No. 15-5A-294

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, that the Finance Committee, with the addition of Supervisor Brenton Driscoll and Supervisor Terry Fell acting as additional members, shall be and hereby are designated as an Ad Hoc committee to recommend one or more candidates to fill the unexpired term of County Clerk.

Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.F. Rock County Agricultural Preservation Plan 2013 Update Map Amendment

Resolution No. 15-5A-295

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015 does hereby amend the Rock County Agriculture Preservation Plan 2013 Update Plan Map as certified by DATCP on February 3, 2015.

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Supervisors Sweeney and Gustina moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.G. Authority to Increase FTE Telecommunicator Positions Resolution No. 15-5A-296
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015 that the number of authorized full-time equivalent Telecommunicator positions at the Communications Center is increased by 2.0 FTE.

Supervisors Beaver and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.H. Recognizing Deputy Gregory J. Niles Resolution No. 15-5A-297
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, does hereby recognize Deputy Gregory J. Niles for his over 25 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Gregory J. Niles along with best wishes for the future.

Supervisors Beaver and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.
Deputy Niles was there to accept.

12.I. Proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week Resolution No. 15-5A-298
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015 does hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2015, as Emergency Medical Services Week and expresses its appreciation for the life-saving work of these professionals in our community.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to each EMS agency within Rock County.

Supervisors Beaver and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.
Representatives from Evansville EMS, St. Mary's Janesville, Janesville Fire Dept, Blackhawk Technical College and Clinton Fire Dept/EMS were there to accept.

12.J. Recognizing Lori Stalsberg Resolution No. 15-5A-299
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, does hereby recognize Lori Stalsberg for her twenty-three (23) years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Lori Stalsberg.

Supervisors Knudson and Gustina moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.K. Recognizing Teresa Turner Resolution No. 15-5A-300
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, does hereby recognize Teresa Turner for her twenty-three (23) years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Teresa Turner.

Supervisors Knudson and Grahn moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.
Teresa Turner was there to accept.

12.L. Recognizing Pam Edmonds Resolution No. 15-5A-301
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, does hereby recognize Pam Edmonds for her significant contributions to the Human Services Department and her long and faithful service.

Supervisors Knudson and Driscoll moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.M. Recognizing Don Oswald Resolution No. 15-5A-302
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, does hereby recognize Don Oswald for his thirty-four (34) years of service and extend best wishes to him in his future endeavors; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Don Oswald.

Supervisors Knudson and Fell moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.N. Recognizing Susie Graham Resolution No. 15-5A-303
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015, does hereby recognize Susie Graham for her twenty-five (25) years of service and extend best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Susie Graham.

Supervisors Knudson and Pleasant moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.O. Recognizing Pamela Schroeder for Service to Rock Haven Resolution No. 15-5A-304
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015 does hereby recognize Pamela Schroeder for her 21 years, 6 months of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Pamela Schroeder.

Supervisors Grahm and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.P. Recognizing Judy Churchill for Service to Rock Haven Resolution No. 15-5A-305
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015 does hereby recognize Judy Churchill for her 41 years, 8 months of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Judy Churchill.

Supervisors Grahm and Driscoll moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.Q. Recognizing Terri Richardson for Service to Rock Haven Resolution No. 15-5A-306
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015 does hereby recognize Terri Richardson for her 27 years, 8 months of service and extend their best wishes to her in her future endeavors; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Terri Richardson.

Supervisors Grahm and Brill moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.R. Opposing the State Budget Proposal for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Funds and "Complete Streets" Legislation Resolution No. 15-5A-307
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of May, 2015 does hereby authorize that this resolution be sent to the Wisconsin State Legislature requesting that 1) the two million dollar (\$2,000,000) budget cut to the Transportation Alternatives Program and 2) the "Complete Streets" legislation be restored.

Supervisors Kraft and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Supervisors Richard and Bussie voted no.

13. Adjournment

Supervisors Grahm and Arnold moved to adjourn at 7:52 pm to Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.



Prepared by Lorena R. Stottler, County Clerk
NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Planning and Development Agency
INITIATED BY



Colin Byrnes
DRAFTED BY

Planning & Development Committee
SUBMITTED BY

October 28, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

**ADOPTING THE ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE PRESERVATION PLAN
2013 UPDATE AS AN ELEMENT OF THE ROCK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN**


- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Legislature adopted the Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation Act as an
- 2 incentive for property owners to preserve agricultural land; and,
- 3
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, through Resolution 10-5B-049 (May 27, 2010),
- 5 authorized acceptance of \$30,000 grant funding from Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and
- 6 Consumer Protection (DATCP) to develop the Plan and tasked the Agency with coordinating Plan
- 7 development; and,
- 8
- 9 **WHEREAS**, a working group of technical and policy representatives from the Towns and Rock County
- 10 worked together in preparing the draft of this proposed plan which was reviewed and recommended for a
- 11 public hearing by the Planning and Development Committee; and,
- 12
- 13 **WHEREAS**, the Agriculture Preservation Plan 2013 Update is comprised of the Towns' land use plans
- 14 then prepared by Rock County Planning and Development Department; and,
- 15
- 16 **WHEREAS**, the plan will help to facilitate Farmland Preservation for the benefit of the citizens and the
- 17 economy of Rock County; and,
- 18
- 19 **WHEREAS**, those Towns who choose to participate need to update their respective Town Zoning
- 20 Ordinances and have those Ordinances certified by DATCP in order for landowners to be eligible for
- 21 Farmland Preservation Tax Credits; and,
- 22
- 23 **WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection issued an order
- 24 certifying the Agricultural Preservation Plan under s. 91.16 Wis. Stats.; and,
- 25
- 26 **WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held on November 13, 2014 by the Rock County Planning and
- 27 Development Committee.
- 28
- 29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 30 this 26 day of November, 2014 does hereby approve and adopt the Rock County Agriculture
- 31 Preservation Plan 2013 Update as an element of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan.
- 32
- 33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the Town Board of a Town participating in this plan rezones a
- 34 parcel of land, the appropriate amendment to the plan shall be automatically made so as to reflect the
- 35 Town zoning change without the need for additional County action.

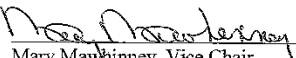
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AN ELEMENT OF THE ROCK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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Respectfully submitted,

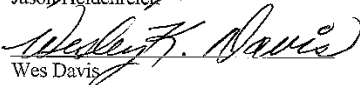
Planning and Development Committee


Alan Swency, Chair


Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Absent
Wayne Gustina


Jason Heidenreich


Wes Davis

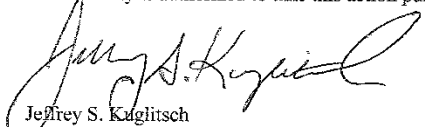
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution approves the Rock County Agriculture Preservation Plan 2013 Update. No fiscal impact in and by itself.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Rock County is authorized to take this action pursuant to Secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 91.10, Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

**ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE PRESERVATION PLAN 2013 UPDATE
AS AN ELEMENT OF THE
ROCK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The Rock County Agriculture Preservation Plan was last updated in 2005. The purpose of an agriculture preservation plan is to help preserve our high quality agricultural lands and to help farmland owners qualify for the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program. This plan was drafted in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation which requires it to do the following:

State the county's policy related to farmland preservation and agricultural development, including the development of enterprises related to agriculture.

Identify, describe, and document all of the following:

1. Agricultural uses of land in the county at the time that the farmland preservation plan is adopted, including key agricultural specialties, if any.
2. Key agricultural resources, including available land, soil, and water resources.
3. Key infrastructure for agriculture, including key processing, storage, transportation, and supply facilities.
4. Significant trends in the county related to agricultural land use, agricultural production, enterprises related to agriculture, and the conversion of agricultural lands to other uses.
5. Anticipated changes in the nature, scope, location, and focus of agricultural production, processing, supply, and distribution.
6. Goals for agricultural development in the county, including goals related to the development of enterprises related to agriculture.
7. Actions that the county will take to preserve farmland and to promote agricultural development.
8. Key land use issues related to preserving farmland and to promoting agricultural development and plans for addressing those issues.
9. Clearly identify areas that the county plans to preserve for agricultural use and agriculture related uses, which may include undeveloped natural resource and open space areas but may not include any area that is planned for nonagricultural development within 15 years after the date on which the plan is adopted.

Once adopted, the Plan provides an opportunity for Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program financial incentives to farmland owners, who may apply for agricultural preservation income tax credits, as part of their Wisconsin income taxes. To claim a tax credit, landowners must be located in an area zoned and certified for farmland preservation and must have \$6,000 in gross farm revenue in the past year or \$18,000 in the past three years.

The Rock County Agriculture Preservation Plan was certified by the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection on April 11, 2014.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Janesville, Wisconsin
November 20, 2014

The Rock County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on November 20, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse at Janesville, Wisconsin.
Chair Podzilni called the meeting to order. Supervisor Wiedenfeld gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call. At roll call, Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni were present. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. PRESENT – 26. ABSENT –3. VACANT – 0.

QUORUM PRESENT

4. Adoption of Agenda.
Supervisors Bostwick and Peer moved the Agenda as presented. ADOPTED as presented. Agenda is as follows:
 1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 3. ROLL CALL
 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-October 23, 2014; November 3, 2014; November 5, 2014; and November 12, 2014
 6. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Amending the County's Personnel Ordinance (First Reading)
 - B. Amending Chapter 4 Part 2 of the Rock County Ordinance Regarding the Zoning of Shorelands, Creating 4.218, and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Rock County and all 20 Towns in Rock County (First Reading)
 - C. Authorizing the Creation of the Weight Limits for Implements of Husbandry Ordinance (Section 3.112) (First Reading)
 7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 8. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
 - A. Appointment to the Veterans Service Commission
 - B. Appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - C. Appointments to Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council
 - D. Appointments to Arrowhead Library System Board
 - E. Appointment to the Land Conservation Committee
 - F. Appointment to the Agriculture and Land Conservation Committee
 9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
 10. REPORTS
 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 12. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Supplementary Appropriations and Budget Changes-Roll Call
 1. Amending the 2014 Veterans Services Budget
 2. Amending the 2014 Community Development HOME Program Budget

- and Authorizing Reimbursement of Community Development HOME Program Funds
 - 3. Authorizing Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle for the Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team and Amending the Sheriff's Budget
 - 4. Authorizing Acceptance of 2014-15 OWI Task Force Grant
 - 5. Amending the Sheriff's 2014 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds for Smart Phone Upgrade
 - B. Bills Over \$10,000 – No Roll Call
 - C. Encumbrances Over \$10,000 – Roll Call
 - D. Contracts – Roll Call
 - 1. Awarding a Contract for Engineering Services for Standby Power Generator Upgrade at the Department of Public Works
 - 2. Approving Reinsurance Contract for Stop-Loss Coverage
 - 3. Awarding Contract for Weapons Screening Services at the Rock County Courthouse for 2015-2017
 - 4. Authorizing Purchase of Chemistry Lab Fume Hood for UW-Rock
 - E. Resolution to Designate a Qualified Newspaper for all Rock County Legal Publications for 2015
 - F. Adopting the Rock County Agriculture Preservation Plan 2013 Update as an Element of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan
 - G. EXECUTIVE SESSION; Per Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats. Update on Collective Bargaining and Per Section 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. to Consider Compensation of County Employees
13. ADJOURNMENT
5. Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2014; November 3, 2014; November 5, 2014; and November 12, 2014
Supervisors Arnold and Dowd moved the approval of the minutes of October 23, 2014; November 3, 2014; November 5, 2014; and November 12, 2014 as presented. ADOPTED as presented by acclamation.
- 6.A. Amending the County's Personnel Ordinance Resolution No. 14-11D-143 (First Reading)
Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing open. No one spoke. Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing closed.
- 6.B. Amending Chapter 4 Part 2 of the Rock County Ordinance Regarding the Zoning of Shorelands, Creating 4.218, and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Rock County and All 20 Towns in Rock County (First Reading) Resolution No. 14-11D-144
Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing open. No one spoke. Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing closed.
- 6.C. Authorizing the Creation of the Weight Limits for Implements of Husbandry Ordinance (Section 3.112) (First Reading) Resolution No. 14-11D-145
Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing open. No one spoke. Chair Podzilni declared the Public Hearing closed.
7. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements
Tony Farrell, Sr., Janesville, shared with the Board that the John "Clinton" Doe case from 1995 has a new sketch and thanked the many parties involved for giving this case new hope. In the morning of November 26, 1995, a hunter discovered the remains of a young white male in a remote wooded area on the bank of Turtle Creek in Bradford Township, Rock County, Wisconsin. Forensics determined that the young male had been deceased for approximately one year. The young man is buried in Johnstown Center Cemetery near Clinton, Wisconsin. Anyone with any

information should contact 1-800-843-5678. Mr. Farrell also shared that he is currently doing extensive educational efforts in the schools right now on the dangers of heroin. Supervisor Grahn asked the entire Board and audience to consider donating to the Rock County Holiday Needs Committee. Questions can be directed to Tina Day in Human Services.

8.A. Appointment to Veterans Service Commission

NEW APPOINTMENT: Patrick Brown
1420 N. Pontiac Drive
Janesville, WI 53545

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015

Supervisors Brill and Pleasant moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.B. Appointment to Local Emergency Planning Committee

NEW APPOINTMENTS: Lt. Brad Altman
Wisconsin State Patrol
Southern Region Headquarters
911 W. North Street
DeForest, WI 53532-0610

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2014

Supervisors Wiedenfeld and Richard moved the above appointment. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.C. Appointments to Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council

NEW APPOINTMENTS: Susan Neumann
1310 Mound Road
Edgerton, WI 53545

Madelyn Glaeden
148 Hillside Court
Janesville, WI 53545

James Westrick
3104 Ruger Avenue
Janesville, WI 53546

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2014

Supervisors Beaver and Arnold moved the above appointments. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.D. Appointments to Arrowhead Library System Board

NEW APPOINTMENTS: Wes Davis
4210 Castlemoor Dr.
Janesville, WI 53546

Bill Wilson
417 E. High Street
Milton, WI 53563

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2014

Supervisors Richard and Bostwick moved the above appointments. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.E. Appointment to the Land Conservation Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Jeremy Zajac
102 Morgan Street
Milton, WI 53563

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2014

Supervisors Richard and Dowd moved the above appointments. ADOPTED by acclamation.

8.F. Appointment to the Agriculture and Land Conservation Committee

NEW APPOINTMENT: Wes Davis
4210 Castlemoor Dr.
Janesville, WI 53546

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2014

Supervisors Bostwick and Sweeney moved the above appointments. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.A.1. Amending the 2014 Veterans Services Budget Resolution No. 14-11D-146
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of November, 2014 does hereby amend the Veterans Services 2014 budget as follows:

Account/Description	Budget at 10/15/2014	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
38-3800-0000-46000			
Veterans Donation Trust	5,000	1,500	6,500
Use of Funds			
38-3800-0000-64904			
Sundry Expense	5,000	1,500	6,500

Supervisors Richard and Dowd moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.A.2. Amending the 2014 Community Development Home Program Budget and Authorizing Reimbursement of Community Development Home Program Funds
Resolution No. 14-11D-147

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of November, 2014, hereby authorizes disbursements of Rock County General Funds for reimbursement in the amount of \$44,797.50 to the HOME Investment Trust Fund Treasury and \$151,801.18 to be reimbursed to the locally held Rock County HOME Program Income account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Planning & Development Department 2014 Budget be amended as follows:

A/C Description	Budget at 11/01/2014	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
19-1921-0000-47010	\$0	\$196,599	\$196,599
Supplemental Appropriation From the General Fund			
Use of Funds			
64-6600-0000-64604	\$0	\$196,599	\$196,599
Program Expense			

Supervisors Sweeney and Grahn moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.A.3. Authorizing Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle for the Rock County Hazardous Materials Response Team and Amending the Sheriff's Budget
Resolution No. 14-11D-148

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board duly assembled this 20th day of November, 2014 that Purchase Orders be issued as follows:

- \$39,960 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Ford Super Duty F350
- \$ 5,974 to General Fire Equipment Company for 1 NFPA Light Package
- \$ 600 to Comac Signs for Vehicle Lettering
- \$ 2,697 to Bandt Communications for Mobile Radios

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment be made to the vendor upon receipt and acceptance by the Rock County Sheriff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheriff's budget be amended as follows:

Account/Description	Budget As of 11/01/14	Increase	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
21-2540-0000-42200	\$0	\$ 31,977	\$ 31,977
State Aid			
21-2540-0000-46400	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,314	\$ 15,314
Funds Forwarded-Prior Yr.			
21-2540-0000-62119	\$47,421	(\$6,940)	\$ 40,481
Use of Funds			
21-2540-0000-67105	\$0	\$ 49,231	\$ 49,231
Motor Vehicle			

Supervisors Brill and Wiedenfeld moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.A.4. Authorizing Acceptance of 2014-15 OWI Task Force Grant Resolution No. 14-11D-149
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this 20th day of November 2014 that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept funds under the Highway Safety Project Grants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2014 budget be amended as follows:

Account/ Description	Budget 10/01/14	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget Budget
Source of Funds			
21-2119-2015-42100	\$0	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Federal Aid			
Use of Funds			
21-2119-2015-61210	\$0	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Overtime Wages-Productive			
21-2119-2015-69501	\$0	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Aid to Localities			

Supervisors Beaver and Grahn moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.A.5. Amending the Sheriff's 2014 Budget to Use Equitably Shared Funds for Smart Phone Upgrade Resolution No. 14-11D-150

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of November, 2014 that the 2014 budget be amended as follows:

Budget	Increase	Amended
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Account/Description	11/01/14	(Decrease)	Budget
Source of Funds			
21-2195-0000-46000			
Contributions-ESF	\$27,400.00	\$3,486.00	\$30,886.00
Use of Funds			
21-2195-0000-62210			
Telephone-ESF	\$ 0.00	\$3,486.00	\$ 3,486.00

Supervisors Wiedenfeld and Bussie moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.B. Approval of Bills Over \$10,000.00 Resolution No. 14-11D-151
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on November 20, 2014, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same.

Beloit Police Dept	Sheriff	2014 JAG Grant	\$13,900.00
Janesville Police Dept	Sheriff	2014 JAG Grant	\$16,800.00

Supervisors Kraft and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.C. Approval of Encumbrances Over \$10,000.00 Resolution No. \$14-11D-152
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on November 20, 2014, approves payment and authorizes and directs the County Clerk and County Treasurer to pay the same, upon acceptance by the Department Head.

Election Systems and Software	Info Tech	Contracted Services	\$ 40,315.00
Angus Young Associates	DPW	Contracted Services	\$ 19,900.00

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendment

Creative Community			
Living Services Inc.	DD Board	Contracted Services	\$143,660.00
Dungarvin WI LLC	DD Board	Contracted Services	\$ 22,963.00
REM WI II Inc.	DD Board	Contracted Services	\$ 103,524.00

Supervisors Kraft and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.D.1. Awarding a Contract for Engineering Services for Standby Power Generator Upgrade at the Department of Public Works Resolution No. 14-11D-153

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized by the Rock County Board of Supervisors convened this 20th day of November, 2014 to award the contract for engineering services for the removal and replacement of the existing standby power generator and upgrading electrical panels at the Department of Public Works to the highest ranked and lowest proposed fee firm, Angus Young Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$19,900.

Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.D.2. Approving Reinsurance Contract for Stop-Loss Coverage Resolution No. 14-11D-154
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled on this 20th day of November, 2014 hereby authorizes the execution of a contract with SYMETRA for administration of the County's Stop-Loss Coverage effective January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015.

Supervisors Fox and Pleasant moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.D.3. Awarding Contract for Weapons Screening Services at the Rock County Courthouse for 2015-2017 Resolution No. 14-11D-155

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of November, 2014, that a contract for weapons screening at the Courthouse be awarded to the low bidder, JBM Patrol, from Madison, based on the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract, and Invitation to Bid #2015-05, for years 2015, 2016, 2017, at \$64,504.00, \$65,780.00 and \$67,100.00 respectively.

Supervisors Brill and Peer moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.D.4. Authorizing Purchase of Chemistry Lab Fume Hood for UW-Rock

Resolution No. 14-11D-156

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of November, 2014, hereby confirms the ordering of a Hamilton Scientific 8 foot Pioneer Fume Hood from Haldeman Homme, Inc. for \$17,870 under pricing and terms set forth under UW Madison Contract #13-5763 H.H.FEIN 41-0733913; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that payment be made upon approval of the General Services Committee.

Supervisors Brill and Arnold moved the above resolution. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard, Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

12.E. Resolution to Designate a Qualified Newspaper for All Rock County Legal Publications for 2015 Resolution No. 14-11D-157

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of November, 2014, does hereby designate the Beloit Daily News as the official county newspaper for all county legal publications for 2015.

Supervisors Fox and Dowd moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.F. Adopting the Rock County Agriculture Preservation Plan 2013 Update as an Element of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan Resolution No. 14-11D-158

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 20th day of November, 2014 does hereby approve and adopt the Rock County Agriculture Preservation Plan 2013 Update as an element of the Rock County Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Town Board of a Town participating in this plan rezones a parcel of land, the appropriate amendment to the plan shall be automatically made so as to reflect the Town zoning change without the need for additional County action.

Supervisors Sweeney and Bostwick moved the above resolution. ADOPTED by acclamation.

12.G. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats. Update on Collective Bargaining and Per Section 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. to Consider Compensation of County Employees. Supervisors Thomas and Gustine moved to go into Executive Session at 6:34pm. ADOPTED on the following roll call vote. Supervisors Peer, Arnold, Grahn, Beaver, Fox, Richard,

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Driscoll, Gustina, Bussie, Davis, Thomas, Knudson, Kraft, Fell, Garrett, Pleasant, Nash, Brill, Wiedenfeld, Schulz, Bostwick, Sweeney, Addie, Dowd, Brien and Podzilni voted in favor. Supervisors Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Zajac were absent. AYES – 26. NOES – 0. ABSENT – 3.

Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved to go out of Executive Session at 7:14pm.
ADOPTED by acclamation.

13. Adjournment

Supervisors Arnold and Peer moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm to Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Prepared by Lorena R. Stottler, County Clerk
NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

Appendix E: Land Use & Annexation Projection Sources & Formation Methodology

The Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency (Agency) has formulated various projections, utilizing multiple methodologies integrating the best available information and data, in developing and presenting the Rock County Agriculture Plan: 2013 Update (Plan).

The Agency recognizes that other local government units located in the County have and will formulate and present projections in various planning documents that may contrast with those presented in this Plan, and that said local government unit projections were formulated with the best interest of the local government unit's resources and residents in mind.

Therefore, in recognizing the Agency's role as a regional, coordinating planning body, tasked with planning for the best interest of all County resources and residents, and to ensure clarity and consistency in development and presentation of this Plan, the Agency feels this Plan is best served by utilizing projections as presented herein, and concurrently recognizes projections put forth by other local government units in various planning documents may contrast with said projections.

The following identifies the projections utilized in this Plan, as well as projection sources and formulation methodologies.

This projection was developed utilizing the number of acres in the Residential and all other categories (not to include Agriculture, Open Space, Vacant, or Transportation) in 2010, divided by the cumulative 2010 United States Census population for the County's Towns, resulting in 0.48 acres in Residential land use for every person in the Towns in 2010, and resulting in 0.32 acres in all other land use categories (not to include Agriculture, Open Space, Vacant, or Transportation) for every person in the Towns in 2010. The cumulative 2015-2035 population projection for said Towns, in five-year increments as contained in Section II – Figure 1.14, Rock County Comprehensive Plan: 2035, was then multiplied by the aforementioned 0.48 and 0.32 acres to produce the Residential and All other categories (not to include Transportation) .

The Residential and All other categories (not to include Transportation) acres were assumed to be taken out of the Agriculture and Open Space and Vacant land use categories.

This land projection was developed utilizing the number of acres annexed (not to include the annexation of approximately 1,550 acres of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, as an annexation event of similar size and type is not likely to occur in the next 20 years) by said Cities and Villages from 1990-2010, as identified in Figure 13.28 herein, divided by cumulative 1990-2010 United States Census population for the County's Cities and Villages, divided by, resulting in 0.46 acres annexed for every person added to the cumulative City/Village population from 1990-2010. The cumulative 2015-2035

population projection for said Cities/Villages, as contained in Section II – Figure 1.14, Rock County Comprehensive Plan: 2035, was then multiplied by the aforementioned 0.46 acres to produce the land annexation acres.

Due to data limitations, this projection methodology did not consider current vacant lands within Cities/Villages which would effectively decrease the amount of future acres potentially annexed by said Cities/Villages, and similarly the projection of annexation acreage.

Appendix F: Definitions

The following terms shall, for the purpose of the Rock County Agriculture Plan – 2013 Update (Plan), have the definition stated in this Appendix. Any other term contained in this Plan not defined in this Appendix, shall be construed to have a definition normally attributed to it:

Agriculture-related employment – Any job or employment opportunity related to agriculture, as defined in Wisconsin Statute Chapter 91, including but not limited to, plant/crop cultivation, livestock management, and agricultural commodity production, processing, and/or distribution

Annexation – The process by which a parcel of land is transferred from a Town to a City or Village, whereby said City or Village expands its municipal boundary, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute Chapter 66

Base farm tract – All lands in an agricultural zoning district or agricultural use, contiguous at more than a corner, and under common ownership

Business sales - The gross market value before taxes and production expenses of all agricultural products sold or removed from the farm, including sales by the farm operators as well as the value of any shares received by partners, landlords, contractors, or others associated with the operation.

Environmentally sensitive areas (ESA) – Natural resource features listed in accordance with Sec. 38-9. (3) of the Land Division and Development Ordinance – Chapter 38 – Code of Ordinances – Rock County (Certain said features were previously termed in all relevant Rock County plans, documents, and regulations as Environmentally Significant Open Space Areas (ESOSA).)

Farm - Any place from which \$1,000.00 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during a United States Department of Agriculture census year

Farmland acres – Any lands considered to be part of a farm, in accordance with the definition of farm stated herein

Farm operator(s) – An individual(s) with primary management responsibility, and/or ownership, of a farm

Green infrastructure – A strategic pattern of working and open space lands that maintain and enhance ecosystem health and providing various other benefits, including but not limited to stormwater management, wildlife habitat, transportation corridors, and outdoor recreational opportunities

Government payments – Financial compensation provided by the Federal government to qualifying farm operators through various programs, including but not limited to, Conservation Reserve Enhancement, Conservation Reserve, Wetlands Reserve, and Farmable Wetlands

Household - A housing unit occupied or otherwise inhabited

Housing unit - Any structure capable of serving as a residence

Land division – The act or process of dividing an existing lot into two (2) or more lots normally for the purpose of ownership transfer or building construction or location, or the land area thereof (Please refer to Chapter 38 – Land Division and Development – Code of Ordinances, Rock County for further clarification)

Organic – A labeling term denoting agricultural products produced under the authority of the Organic Foods Production Act (Title 21 of the 1990 United States Department of Agriculture Farm Bill), the principal guidelines for organic production being utilization of materials and practices that enhance the ecological balance of natural systems and integrate the parts of the farming system into an ecological whole

Priority agricultural lands – For the purposes of this Plan, lands designated by the Rock County PACE Program as Target Acquisition Areas in the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Manual, lands designated as Tier I Farmland

Priority agricultural soils - For the purposes of this Plan, soil types in Rock County receiving a Soil Suitability Score (SSS) of 90 or higher, utilizing Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) land evaluation scores for State of Wisconsin soil types normalized to Rock County, all as identified on Priority Agricultural Soils (PAS): 2013 Map as contained herein

Protected land - Land in unincorporated areas of Rock County under fee-simple or non-fee simple ownership by a conservation entity, or County/State/Federal agency or general/special purpose district, and intended for agricultural, outdoor recreation, or open space use

Rock County Comprehensive Plan – A document developed in accordance with Sec. 66.1001, Wisconsin Statutes and adopted by the Rock County Board of Supervisors to guide specified aspects of community planning and development in the County

Transfer of development rights – A process, usually established through a zoning ordinance, by which the right to develop is transferred from one parcel of land to another, with the area in which the right to develop has been transferred from designated as a “sending area”, and the area in which the right to develop has been transferred to designated as a “receiving area”. As a result of the transfer, the right to develop the parcel in the “sending area” is extinguished, whereas the parcel in the “receiving area” is allowed to develop at densities above standard zoning regulations.

Woodlands – Lands comprising five (5) acres or more of contiguous deciduous and/or coniferous vegetation, as delineated by the Agency

Zoning change - A change in a lot’s zoning district designation, thereby changing the permitted and conditional land uses on the lot

Appendix G: State of Wisconsin Statute Chapter 91 – Farmland Preservation

Electronic reproduction of 2009–10 Wis. Stats. database, current through 2011 Wis. Act 286.

1 Updated 09–10 Wis. Stats. Database

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FARMLAND PRESERVATION

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SUBCHAPTER I

DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

91.01 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) "Accessory use" means any of the following land uses on a farm:

- (a) A building, structure, or improvement that is an integral part of, or is incidental to, an agricultural use.
- (b) An activity or business operation that is an integral part of, or incidental to, an agricultural use.
- (c) A farm residence.
- (d) A business, activity, or enterprise, whether or not associated with an agricultural use, that is conducted by the owner or operator of a farm, 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.
- (e) Any other use that the department, by rule, identifies as an accessory use.

(1m) "Agricultural enterprise area" means an area designated in accordance with s. 91.84.

(2) "Agricultural use" means any of the following:

- (a) Any of the following activities conducted for the purpose of producing an income or livelihood:
 1. Crop or forage production.
 2. Keeping livestock.
 3. Beekeeping.
 4. Nursery, sod, or Christmas tree production.
 - 4m. Floriculture.
 5. Aquaculture.
 6. Fur farming.
 7. Forest management.
 8. Enrolling land in a federal agricultural commodity payment program or a federal or state agricultural land conservation payment program.
- (b) Any other use that the department, by rule, identifies as an agricultural use.

(3) "Agriculture-related use" means any of the following:

- (a) An agricultural equipment dealership, facility providing agricultural supplies, facility for storing or processing agricultural products, or facility for processing agricultural wastes.
- (b) Any other use that the department, by rule, identifies as an agriculture-related use.

(5) "Base farm tract" means one of the following:

- (a) All land, whether one parcel or 2 or more contiguous parcels, that is in a farmland preservation zoning district and that is part of a single farm on the date that the department under s. 91.36 (1) first certifies the farmland preservation zoning ordinance covering the land or on an earlier date specified in the farmland preservation zoning ordinance, regardless of any subsequent changes in the size of the farm.
- (b) Any other tract that the department by rule defines as a base farm tract.

(6) "Certified farmland preservation plan" means a farmland preservation plan that is certified as determined under s. 91.12.

(7) "Certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance" means a zoning ordinance that is certified as determined under s. 91.32.

(8) "Chief elected official" means the mayor of a city or, if the city is organized under subch. I of ch. 64, the president of the council of that city, the village president of a village, the town board chairperson of a town, or the county executive of a county, or, if the county does not have a county executive, the chairperson of the county board of supervisors.

(9) "Comprehensive plan" has the meaning given in s. 66.1001 (1) (a).

(10) "Conditional use" means a use allowed under a conditional use permit, special exception, or other special zoning permission issued by a political subdivision.

(11) "County land conservation committee" means a committee created under s. 92.06 (1).

(12) "Department" means the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

(13) "Farm" means all land under common ownership that is primarily devoted to agricultural use.

(14) "Farm acreage" means size of a farm in acres.

2009–10 Wis. Stats. database current through 2011 Wis. Act 286. Includes all Legislative Acts and all Supreme Court Orders enacted before Sept. 1, 2012. Statutory changes effective on or prior to Sept. 1, 2012 are printed as currently in effect. Changes effective after Sept. 1, 2012 are designated by NOTES. See *Are the Statutes on this Website Official?* (9–13–12)

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(15) "Farmland preservation agreement" means any of the following agreements between an owner of land and the department under which the owner agrees to restrict the use of land in return for tax credits:

(a) A farmland preservation agreement or transition area agreement entered into under s. 91.13, 2007 stats., or s. 91.14, 2007 stats.

(b) An agreement entered into under s. 91.60 (1).

(16) "Farmland preservation area" means an area that is planned primarily for agricultural use or agriculture-related use, or both, and that is one of the following:

(a) Identified as an agricultural preservation area or transition area in a farmland preservation plan described in s. 91.12 (1).

(b) Identified under s. 91.10 (1) (d) in a farmland preservation plan described in s. 91.12 (2).

(17) "Farmland preservation plan" means a plan for the preservation of farmland in a county, including an agricultural preservation plan under subch. IV of ch. 91, 2007 stats.

(18) "Farmland preservation zoning district" means any of the following:

(a) An area zoned for exclusive agricultural use under an ordinance described in s. 91.32 (1).

(b) A farmland preservation zoning district designated under s. 91.38 (1) (c) in an ordinance described in s. 91.32 (2).

(19) "Farm residence" means any of the following structures that is located on a farm:

(a) A single-family or duplex residence that is the only residential structure on the farm or is occupied by any of the following:

1. An owner or operator of the farm.
2. A parent or child of an owner or operator of the farm.
3. An individual who earns more than 50 percent of his or her gross income from the farm.

(b) A migrant labor camp that is certified under s. 103.92.

(20) "Gross farm revenues" has the meaning given in s. 71.613 (1) (g).

(20m) "Livestock" means bovine animals, equine animals, goats, poultry, sheep, swine, farm-raised deer, farm-raised game birds, camelids, raptids, and farm-raised fish.

(21) "Nonfarm residence" means a single-family or multi-family residence other than a farm residence.

(22) "Nonfarm residential acreage" means the total number of acres of all parcels on which nonfarm residences are located.

(22m) "Overlay district" means a zoning district that is superimposed on one or more other zoning districts and imposes additional restrictions on the underlying districts.

(23) "Owner" means a person who has an ownership interest in land.

(23m) "Permitted use" means a use that is allowed without a conditional use permit, special exception, or other special zoning permission.

(24) "Political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county.

(25) "Prime farmland" means any of the following:

(a) 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.

(b) Land, other than land described in par. (a), that is identified as prime farmland in a certified farmland preservation plan.

(26) "Prior nonconforming use" means a land use that does not conform with a farmland preservation zoning ordinance, but that existed lawfully before the farmland preservation zoning ordinance was enacted.

(27) "Protected farmland" means land that is located in a farmland preservation zoning district, is covered by a farmland

preservation agreement, or is otherwise legally protected from nonagricultural development.

(28) "Taxable year" has the meaning given in s. 71.01 (12).

History: 2009 a. 28.

Wisconsin's Working Lands: Securing Our Future. Matson. Wis. Law Dec. 2009.

91.02 Rule making. (1) The department shall promulgate rules that set forth technical specifications for farmland preservation zoning maps under s. 91.38 (1) (d).

(2) The department may promulgate rules for the administration of this chapter, including rules that do any of the following:

(a) Identify accessory uses under s. 91.01 (1) (e).

(b) Identify agricultural uses under s. 91.01 (2) (b).

(c) Identify agriculture-related uses under s. 91.01 (3) (b).

(d) Identify base farm tracts under s. 91.01 (5) (b).

(e) Specify requirements for certification under s. 91.18 (1) (b).

(f) Require information in an application for certification of a farmland preservation plan or amendment under s. 91.20 (4).

(g) Specify types of ordinance amendments for which certification is required under s. 91.36 (8) (b) 3.

(h) Specify exceptions to the requirement that land in a farmland preservation zoning district be included in a farmland preservation area under s. 91.38 (1) (g).

(i) Specify requirements for certification of a farmland preservation zoning ordinance under s. 91.38 (1) (i).

(j) Require information in an application for certification of a farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment under s. 91.40 (5).

(k) Authorize additional uses in a farmland preservation zoning district under s. 91.42 (4).

(L) Authorize additional uses as permitted uses in a farmland preservation zoning district under s. 91.44 (1) (g).

(m) Authorize additional uses as conditional uses in a farmland preservation zoning district under s. 91.46 (1) (j).

(p) Require information in an application for a farmland preservation agreement under s. 91.64 (2) (h).

(r) Prescribe procedures for compliance monitoring under s. 91.82 (3).

History: 2009 a. 28; 2011 a. 253.

91.03 Intergovernmental cooperation. State agencies shall cooperate with the department in the administration of this chapter and in other matters related to the preservation of farmland in this state. State agencies shall, to the extent feasible, cooperate in sharing and standardizing relevant information, identifying and mapping significant agricultural resources, and planning and evaluating the impact of state actions on agriculture.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.04 Department to report. At least once every 2 years, beginning not later than December 31, 2011, the department shall submit a farmland preservation report to the board of agriculture, trade and consumer protection and provide copies of the report to the department of revenue and the department of administration. The department shall prepare the report in cooperation with the department of revenue and shall include all of the following in the report:

(1) A review and analysis of farmland availability, uses, and use trends in this state, including information related to farmland conversion statewide and by county.

(2) A review and analysis of relevant information related to the farmland preservation program under this chapter and associated tax credit claims under subch. IX of ch. 71, including information related to all of the following:

(a) Participation in the program by political subdivisions and landowners.

(b) Tax credit claims by landowners, including the number of claimants, the amount of credits claimed, acreage covered by tax

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credit claims, the amount of credits claimed under zoning ordinances and under farmland preservation agreements, and relevant projections and trends.

(c) The number, identity, and location of counties with certified farmland preservation plans.

(d) Trends and developments related to certification of farmland preservation plans.

(e) The number, identity, and location of political subdivisions with certified farmland preservation zoning ordinances.

(f) Trends and developments related to certification of farmland preservation zoning ordinances.

(g) The number, nature, and location of agricultural enterprise areas.

(h) The number and location of farms covered by farmland preservation agreements, including new farmland preservation agreements, and the number and location of farms for which farmland preservation agreements have expired.

(i) Conservation compliance by landowners under s. 91.80 and compliance activities by county land conservation committees under s. 91.82.

(j) Rezoning of land out of farmland preservation zoning districts under s. 91.48.

(k) Program costs, cost trends, and cost projections.

(L) Key issues related to program performance and key recommendations, if any, for enhancing the program.

History: 2009 a. 28; 2011 a. 32.

SUBCHAPTER II

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLANNING

91.10 County plan required; planning grants. (1) By January 1, 2016, a county shall adopt a farmland preservation plan that does all of the following:

(a) States the county's policy related to farmland preservation and agricultural development, including the development of enterprises related to agriculture.

(b) Identifies, describes, and documents other development trends, plans, or needs, that may affect farmland preservation and agricultural development in the county, including trends, plans, or needs related to population and economic growth, housing, transportation, utilities, communications, business development, community facilities and services, energy, waste management, municipal expansion, and environmental preservation.

(c) Identifies, describes, and documents all of the following:

1. Agricultural uses of land in the county at the time that the farmland preservation plan is adopted, including key agricultural specialities, if any.

2. Key agricultural resources, including available land, soil, and water resources.

3. Key infrastructure for agriculture, including key processing, storage, transportation, and supply facilities.

4. Significant trends in the county related to agricultural land use, agricultural production, enterprises related to agriculture, and the conversion of agricultural lands to other uses.

5. Anticipated changes in the nature, scope, location, and focus of agricultural production, processing, supply, and distribution.

6. Goals for agricultural development in the county, including goals related to the development of enterprises related to agriculture.

7. Actions that the county will take to preserve farmland and to promote agricultural development.

7m. Policies, goals, strategies, and proposed actions to increase housing density in areas that are not identified under par. (d).

8. Key land use issues related to preserving farmland and to promoting agricultural development and plans for addressing those issues.

(d) Clearly identifies areas that the county plans to preserve for agricultural use and agriculture-related uses, which may include undeveloped natural resource and open space areas but may not include any area that is planned for nonagricultural development within 15 years after the date on which the plan is adopted.

(dm) Describes the rationale used to determine which areas to identify under par. (d).

(e) Includes maps that clearly delineate all areas identified under par. (d), so that a reader can easily determine whether a parcel is within an identified area.

(f) Clearly correlates the maps under par. (e) with text that describes the types of land uses planned for each area on a map.

(g) Identifies programs and other actions that the county and local governmental units within the county may use to preserve the areas identified under par. (d).

(2) If the county has a comprehensive plan, the county shall include the farmland preservation plan in its comprehensive plan and shall ensure that the farmland preservation plan is consistent with the comprehensive plan. The county may incorporate information contained in other parts of the comprehensive plan into the farmland preservation plan by reference.

(3) To adopt a farmland preservation plan under sub. (1), a county shall follow the procedures under s. 66.1001 (4) for the adoption of a comprehensive plan.

(4) The department may provide information and assistance to a county in developing a farmland preservation plan under sub. (1).

(5) A county shall notify the department before the county holds a public hearing on a proposed farmland preservation plan under sub. (1) or on any amendment to a farmland preservation plan. The county shall include a copy of the proposed farmland preservation plan or amendment in the notice. The department may review and comment on the plan or amendment.

(6) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.115 (7) (dm) or (tm), the department may award a planning grant to a county to provide reimbursement for up to 50 percent of the county's cost of preparing a farmland preservation plan required under sub. (1). In determining priorities for awarding grants under this subsection, the department shall consider the expiration dates for plan certification under s. 91.14.

(b) The department shall enter into a contract with a county to which it awards a planning grant under par. (a) before the department distributes any grant funds to the county. In the contract, the department shall identify the costs that are eligible for reimbursement through the grant.

(c) The department may distribute grant funds under this subsection only after the county shows that it has incurred costs that are eligible for reimbursement under par. (b). The department may not distribute more than 50 percent of the amount of a grant under this subsection for a farmland preservation plan before the county submits the farmland preservation plan for certification under s. 91.16.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.12 Certified plan. The following farmland preservation plans are certified, for the purposes of this chapter and s. 71.613:

(1) An agricultural preservation plan that was certified under s. 91.06, 2007 stats., if the certification has not expired.

(2) A farmland preservation plan that was certified under s. 91.16 if the certification has not expired or been withdrawn.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.14 Expiration of plan certification. (1) Except as provided under sub. (4), the certification of a farmland preservation plan that was certified under s. 91.06, 2007 stats., expires on the

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date provided in the certification or, if the certification does not provide an expiration date, on the following date:

(a) December 31, 2011, for a county with an increase in population density of more than 9 persons per square mile.

(b) December 31, 2012, for a county with an increase in population density of more than 3.75 but not more than 9 persons per square mile.

(c) December 31, 2013, for a county with an increase in population density of more than 1.75 but not more than 3.75 persons per square mile.

(d) December 31, 2014, for a county with an increase in population density of more than 0.8 but not more than 1.75 persons per square mile.

(e) December 31, 2015, for a county with an increase in population density of not more than 0.8 person per square mile.

(2) The certification of a farmland preservation plan that the department certifies under s. 91.16 expires on the date specified under s. 91.16 (2).

(3) For the purposes of sub. (1), a county's increase in population density is the number by which the county's population per square mile based on the department of administration's 2007 population estimate under s. 16.96 exceeds the county's population per square mile based on the 2000 federal census.

(4) The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection may delay the date for the expiration of a county's farmland preservation plan for up to 2 years beyond the date under sub. (1) upon a written request from the county demonstrating to the secretary's satisfaction that a delay would allow the county to concurrently develop a farmland preservation plan and a comprehensive plan or an update to a comprehensive plan.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.16 Certification of plan by the department. (1) GENERAL. The department may certify a farmland preservation plan or an amendment to a farmland preservation plan as provided in this section.

(2) CERTIFICATION PERIOD. (a) The department may certify a farmland preservation plan for a period that does not exceed 10 years. The department shall specify the expiration date of the certification of the farmland preservation plan in the certification.

(b) The certification of an amendment to a certified farmland preservation plan expires on the date that the certification of the farmland preservation plan expires, except that the department may treat a comprehensive revision of a certified farmland preservation plan as a new farmland preservation plan and shall specify an expiration date for the certification of the revised farmland preservation plan as provided in par. (a).

(3) SCOPE OF DEPARTMENT REVIEW. (a) The department may certify a county's farmland preservation plan or an amendment to the farmland preservation plan based on the county's certification under s. 91.20 (3), without conducting any additional review or audit.

(b) The department may do any of the following before it certifies a county's farmland preservation plan or amendment:

1. Review the farmland preservation plan or amendment for compliance with s. 91.18.

2. Review and independently verify the application for certification, including the statement under s. 91.20 (3).

(4) DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION. The department shall deny a county's application for certification of a farmland preservation plan or amendment if the department finds any of the following:

(a) That the farmland preservation plan or amendment does not comply with the requirements in s. 91.18.

(b) That the application for certification does not comply with s. 91.20.

(5) WRITTEN DECISION; DEADLINE. The department shall grant or deny an application for certification under this section no more

than 90 days after the day on which the county submits a complete application, unless the county agrees to an extension. The department shall issue its decision in the form required by s. 227.47 (1).

(6) CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION. The department may grant an application for certification under this section subject to conditions specified by the department in its decision under sub. (5). The department may certify a farmland preservation plan or amendment contingent upon the county board adopting the farmland preservation plan or amendment as certified.

(7) EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTIFICATION. A certification under this section takes effect on the day on which the department issues its decision, except that if the department specifies conditions under sub. (6), the certification takes effect on the day on which the department determines that the county has met the conditions.

(8) EFFECTIVENESS OF PLAN AMENDMENTS. For purposes of this chapter and s. 71.613, a certified farmland preservation plan does not include an amendment adopted after July 1, 2009, unless the department certifies the amendment.

(9) WITHDRAWAL OF CERTIFICATION. The department may withdraw a certification that it granted under sub. (3) (a) if the department finds that the farmland preservation plan materially violates the requirements under s. 91.18.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.18 Requirements for certification of plan. (1) A farmland preservation plan qualifies for certification under s. 91.16 if it complies with all of the following:

(a) The requirements in s. 91.10 (1) and (2).

(b) Any other requirements that the department specifies by rule.

(2) An amendment to a farmland preservation plan qualifies for certification under s. 91.16 if it complies with all of the requirements in sub. (1) that are relevant to the amendment and it does not cause the farmland preservation plan to violate any of the requirements in sub. (1).

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.20 Applying for certification of plan. A county seeking certification of a farmland preservation plan or amendment to a farmland preservation plan shall submit all of the following to the department in writing, along with any other relevant information that the county chooses to provide:

(1) The proposed farmland preservation plan or amendment.

(2) All of the following background information:

(a) A concise summary of the farmland preservation plan or amendment, including key changes from any previously certified farmland preservation plan.

(b) A concise summary of the process by which the farmland preservation plan or amendment was developed, including public hearings, notice to and involvement of other governmental units within the county, approval by the county, and identification of any key unresolved issues between the county and other governmental units within the county related to the farmland preservation plan or amendment.

(c) The relationship of the farmland preservation plan or amendment to any county comprehensive plan.

(3) A statement, signed by the county corporation counsel and the county planning director or chief elected official, certifying that the farmland preservation plan or amendment complies with all of the requirements in s. 91.18.

(4) Other relevant information that the department requires by rule.

History: 2009 a. 28.

SUBCHAPTER III

FARMLAND PRESERVATION ZONING

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91.30 Authority to adopt. A political subdivision may adopt and administer a farmland preservation zoning ordinance in accordance with s. 59.69, 60.61, 60.62, or 62.23.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.32 Certified ordinance. The following zoning ordinances are certified, for the purposes of this chapter and s. 71.613:

(1) An exclusive agricultural use zoning ordinance that was certified under s. 91.06, 2007 stats., if the certification has not expired or been withdrawn.

(2) A farmland preservation zoning ordinance that was certified under s. 91.36 if the certification has not expired or been withdrawn.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.34 Expiration of zoning certification. (1) Except as provided under sub. (4), the certification of a farmland preservation zoning ordinance that was certified under s. 91.06, 2007 stats., expires on the date provided in the certification or, if the certification does not provide an expiration date, on the following date:

(a) December 31, 2012, for a county with an increase in population density of more than 9 persons per square mile or a city, village, or town in such a county.

(b) December 31, 2013, for a county with an increase in population density of more than 3.75 but not more than 9 persons per square mile or a city, village, or town in such a county.

(c) December 31, 2014, for a county with an increase in population density of more than 1.75 but not more than 3.75 persons per square mile or a city, village, or town in such a county.

(d) December 31, 2015, for a county with an increase in population density of more than 0.8 but not more than 1.75 persons per square mile or a city, village, or town in such a county.

(e) December 31, 2016, for a county with an increase in population density of not more than 0.8 person per square mile or a city, village, or town in such a county.

(2) The certification of a farmland preservation zoning ordinance that the department certifies under s. 91.36 expires on the date specified under s. 91.36 (2).

(3) For the purposes of sub. (1), a county's increase in population density is the number by which the county's population per square mile based on the department of administration's 2007 population estimate under s. 16.96 exceeds the county's population per square mile based on the 2000 federal census.

(4) The secretary of agriculture, trade and consumer protection may delay the date for the expiration of a political subdivision's farmland preservation zoning ordinance for up to 2 years beyond the date under sub. (1) upon a written request from the political subdivision demonstrating to the secretary's satisfaction that a delay would allow the political subdivision to concurrently develop a farmland preservation zoning ordinance and a comprehensive plan or an update to a comprehensive plan.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.36 Certification of zoning ordinance by the department. (1) **GENERAL.** The department may certify a farmland preservation zoning ordinance or an amendment to a farmland preservation zoning ordinance as provided in this section.

(2) **CERTIFICATION PERIOD.** (a) The department may certify a farmland preservation zoning ordinance for a period that does not exceed 10 years. The department shall specify the expiration date of the certification of the farmland preservation zoning ordinance in the certification.

(b) The certification of an amendment to a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance expires on the date that the certification of the farmland preservation zoning ordinance expires, except that the department may treat a comprehensive revision of a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance as a new farmland preservation zoning ordinance and specify an expiration date

for the certification of the revised farmland preservation zoning ordinance as provided in par. (a).

(3) **SCOPE OF DEPARTMENT REVIEW.** (a) The department may certify a farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment to a farmland preservation zoning ordinance based on statements submitted under s. 91.40 (3) and (4), without conducting any additional review or audit.

(b) The department may do any of the following before it certifies a farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment:

1. Review the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment for compliance with the requirements under s. 91.38.

2. Review and independently verify the application for certification, including the statements under s. 91.40 (3) and (4).

(4) **DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION.** The department shall deny an application for certification of a farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment if the department finds any of the following:

(a) That the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment does not comply with the requirements in s. 91.38.

(b) That the application for certification does not comply with s. 91.40.

(5) **WRITTEN DECISION; DEADLINE.** The department shall grant or deny an application for certification under this section no more than 90 days after the day on which the political subdivision submits a complete application, unless the political subdivision agrees to an extension. The department shall issue its decision in the form required by s. 227.47 (1).

(6) **CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION.** The department may grant an application for certification under this section subject to conditions specified by the department in its decision under sub. (5). The department may certify a farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment contingent upon the political subdivision adopting the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment as certified.

(7) **EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTIFICATION.** A certification under this section takes effect on the day on which the department issues the certification, except that if the department specifies conditions under sub. (6), the certification takes effect on the day on which the department determines that the political subdivision has met the conditions.

(8) **AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES; CERTIFICATION.** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), an amendment to a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance is automatically considered to be certified as part of the certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance.

(b) An amendment to a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance that is one of the following and that is adopted after July 1, 2009, is not automatically considered to be certified:

1. An amendment that is a comprehensive revision of a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance.

2. An amendment that extends coverage of a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance to a town that was not previously covered.

3. An amendment of a type specified by the department by rule that may materially affect compliance of the certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance with the requirements under s. 91.38.

(c) The department may withdraw certification of a farmland preservation zoning ordinance if, as a result of an amendment adopted after July 1, 2009, the amended farmland preservation zoning ordinance fails to comply with the requirements under s. 91.38. This paragraph applies regardless of whether the farmland preservation zoning ordinance was originally certified under s. 91.06, 2007 stats., or under this section.

(d) A political subdivision shall notify the department in writing whenever the political subdivision adopts an amendment that is described in par. (b) 1. to 3. to a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance. The political subdivision shall include a copy

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of the amendment in the notice. This paragraph does not apply to an amendment that rezones land out of a farmland preservation zoning district.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.38 Requirements for certification of ordinance.

(1) A farmland preservation zoning ordinance does not qualify for certification under s. 91.36 unless all of the following apply:

(a) The farmland preservation zoning ordinance includes jurisdictional, organizational, and enforcement provisions that are necessary for proper administration.

(c) The farmland preservation zoning ordinance clearly designates farmland preservation zoning districts in which land uses are limited in compliance with s. 91.42.

(d) The farmland preservation zoning ordinance includes maps that clearly delineate each farmland preservation zoning district, so that a reader can easily determine whether a parcel is within a farmland preservation zoning district, that are correlated to the text under par. (e); and that comply with technical specifications that the department establishes by rule.

(e) The text of the farmland preservation zoning ordinance clearly describes the types of land uses authorized in each farmland preservation zoning district.

(f) The farmland preservation zoning ordinance is substantially consistent with a certified farmland preservation plan.

(g) Except as provided by the department by rule, land is not included in a farmland preservation zoning district unless the land is included in a farmland preservation area identified in the county certified farmland preservation plan.

(h) If an overlay district, such as an environmental corridor, is superimposed on a farmland preservation zoning district, all of the following apply:

1. The farmland preservation zoning ordinance clearly identifies the overlay district as such.

2. The overlay district is shown on the maps under par. (d) in a way that allows a reader to easily identify the underlying farmland preservation zoning district and its boundaries.

3. The overlay district does not remove land use restrictions from the underlying farmland preservation zoning district.

(i) The farmland preservation zoning ordinance complies with any other requirements that the department specifies by rule.

(2) An amendment to a farmland preservation zoning ordinance qualifies for certification under s. 91.36 if it complies with all of the requirements in sub. (1) that are relevant to the amendment and it does not cause the farmland preservation zoning ordinance to violate any of the requirements in sub. (1).

(3) The limits on land uses in farmland preservation districts under s. 91.42 are minimum standards for certification of a farmland preservation zoning ordinance under s. 91.36.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.40 Applying for certification of ordinance. A political subdivision seeking certification of a farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment to a farmland preservation zoning ordinance shall submit all of the following to the department in writing, along with any other relevant information that the political subdivision chooses to provide:

(1) The complete farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment proposed for certification.

(2) All of the following background information:

(a) A concise summary of the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment, including key changes from any previously certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance.

(b) A concise summary of the process by which the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment was developed, including public hearings, notice to and involvement of other governmental units, approval by the political subdivision, and identification of any key unresolved issues with other governmental

units related to the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment.

(c) A description of the relationship of the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment to the county certified farmland preservation plan, including any material inconsistencies between the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment and the county certified farmland preservation plan.

(3) A statement, signed by the county planning director or the chief elected official, certifying that the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment complies with s. 91.38 (1) (f) and (g).

(4) A statement, signed by the applicant's attorney or chief elected official, certifying that the farmland preservation zoning ordinance or amendment complies with all applicable requirements in s. 91.38.

(5) Other relevant information that the department requires by rule.

History: 2009 a. 28; 2011 a. 258.

91.42 Land use in farmland preservation zoning districts; general. A farmland preservation zoning ordinance does not qualify for certification under s. 91.36, if the farmland preservation zoning ordinance allows a land use in a farmland preservation zoning district other than the following land uses:

(1) Uses identified as permitted uses in s. 91.44.

(2) Uses identified as conditional uses in s. 91.46.

(3) Prior nonconforming uses, subject to s. 59.69 (10), 60.61 (5), or 62.23 (7) (h).

(4) Other uses allowed by the department by rule.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.44 Permitted uses. (1) Except as provided in s. 84.01 (34), a farmland preservation zoning ordinance does not comply with s. 91.42 if the farmland preservation zoning ordinance allows as a permitted use in a farmland preservation zoning district a land use other than the following land uses:

(a) Agricultural uses.

(b) Accessory uses.

(c) Agriculture-related uses.

(d) Nonfarm residences constructed in a rural residential cluster in accordance with an approval of the cluster as a conditional use under s. 91.46 (1) (e).

(e) Undeveloped natural resource and open space areas.

(f) A transportation, utility, communication, or other use that is required under state or federal law to be located in a specific place or that is authorized to be located in a specific place under a state or federal law that preempts the requirement of a conditional use permit for that use.

(g) Other uses identified by the department by rule.

(2) The department may promulgate rules imposing additional limits on the permitted uses that may be allowed in a farmland preservation zoning district in order for a farmland preservation zoning ordinance to comply with s. 91.42.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.46 Conditional uses. (1) GENERAL. Except as provided in s. 84.01 (34), a farmland preservation zoning ordinance does not comply with s. 91.42 if the farmland preservation zoning ordinance allows as a conditional use in a farmland preservation zoning district a land use other than the following land uses:

(a) Agricultural uses.

(b) Accessory uses.

(c) Agriculture-related uses.

(d) Nonfarm residences that qualify under sub. (2) or that meet more restrictive standards in the farmland preservation zoning ordinance.

(e) Nonfarm residential clusters that qualify under sub. (3) or that meet more restrictive standards in the farmland preservation zoning ordinance.

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(f) Transportation, communications, pipeline, electric transmission, utility, or drainage uses that qualify under sub. (4).

(g) Governmental, institutional, religious, or nonprofit community uses, other than uses covered by par. (f), that qualify under sub. (5).

(h) Nonmetallic mineral extraction that qualifies under sub. (6).

(i) Oil and gas exploration or production that is licensed by the department of natural resources under subch. II of ch. 295.

(j) Other uses allowed by the department by rule.

(1m) ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS. The department may promulgate rules imposing additional limits on the conditional uses that may be allowed in a farmland preservation zoning district in order for a farmland preservation zoning ordinance to comply with s. 91.42.

(2) NONFARM RESIDENCES. A proposed new nonfarm residence or a proposal to convert a farm residence to a nonfarm residence through a change in occupancy qualifies for the purposes of sub. (1) (d) if the political subdivision determines that all of the following apply:

(a) The ratio of nonfarm residential acreage to farm acreage on the base farm tract on which the residence is or will be located will not be greater than 1 to 20 after the residence is constructed or converted to a nonfarm residence.

(b) There will not be more than 4 dwelling units in nonfarm residences, nor, for a new nonfarm residence, more than 5 dwelling units in residences of any kind, on the base farm tract after the residence is constructed or converted to a nonfarm residence.

(c) The location and size of the proposed nonfarm residential parcel, and, for a new nonfarm residence, the location of the nonfarm residence on that nonfarm residential parcel, will not do any of the following:

1. Convert prime farmland from agricultural use or convert land previously used as cropland, other than a woodlot, from agricultural use if on the farm there is a reasonable alternative location or size for a nonfarm residential parcel or nonfarm residence.

2. Significantly impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of other protected farmland.

(3) NONFARM RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER. A political subdivision may issue one conditional use permit that covers more than one nonfarm residence in a qualifying nonfarm residential cluster. A nonfarm residential cluster qualifies for the purposes of sub. (1) (e) if all of the following apply:

(a) The parcels on which the nonfarm residences would be located are contiguous.

(b) The political subdivision imposes legal restrictions on the construction of the nonfarm residences so that if all of the nonfarm residences were constructed, each would satisfy the requirements under sub. (2).

(4) TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, PIPELINE, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION, UTILITY, OR DRAINAGE USE. A transportation, communications, pipeline, electric transmission, utility, or drainage use qualifies for the purposes of sub. (1) (f) if the political subdivision determines that all of the following apply:

(a) The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are consistent with the purposes of the farmland preservation zoning district.

(b) The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are reasonable and appropriate, considering alternative locations, or are specifically approved under state or federal law.

(c) The use is reasonably designed to minimize conversion of land, at and around the site of the use, from agricultural use or open space use.

(d) The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.

(e) Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.

(5) GOVERNMENTAL, INSTITUTIONAL, RELIGIOUS, OR NONPROFIT COMMUNITY USE. A governmental, institutional, religious, or nonprofit community use qualifies for the purposes of sub. (1) (g) if the political subdivision determines that all of the following apply:

(a) The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are consistent with the purposes of the farmland preservation zoning district.

(b) The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are reasonable and appropriate, considering alternative locations, or are specifically approved under state or federal law.

(c) The use is reasonably designed to minimize the conversion of land, at and around the site of the use, from agricultural use or open space use.

(d) The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.

(e) Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.

(6) NONMETALLIC MINERAL EXTRACTION. Nonmetallic mineral extraction qualifies for the purposes of sub. (1) (h) if the political subdivision determines that all of the following apply:

(a) The operation complies with subch. I of ch. 295 and rules promulgated under that subchapter, with applicable provisions of the local ordinance under s. 295.13 or 295.14, and with any applicable requirements of the department of transportation concerning the restoration of nonmetallic mining sites.

(b) The operation and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are consistent with the purposes of the farmland preservation zoning district.

(c) The operation and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are reasonable and appropriate, considering alternative locations outside the farmland preservation zoning district, or are specifically approved under state or federal law.

(d) The operation is reasonably designed to minimize the conversion of land around the extraction site from agricultural use or open space use.

(e) The operation does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.

(f) The farmland preservation zoning ordinance requires the owner to restore the land to agricultural use, consistent with any required locally approved reclamation plan, when extraction is completed.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.48 Rezoning of land out of a farmland preservation zoning district. (1) A political subdivision with a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance may rezone land out of a farmland preservation zoning district without having the rezoning certified under s. 91.36, if the political subdivision finds all of the following, after public hearing:

(a) The land is better suited for a use not allowed in the farmland preservation zoning district.

(b) The rezoning is consistent with any applicable comprehensive plan.

(c) The rezoning is substantially consistent with the county certified farmland preservation plan.

(d) The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.

(2) A political subdivision shall by March 1 of each year provide to the department a report of the number of acres that the political subdivision has rezoned out of a farmland preservation

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zoning district under sub. (1) during the previous year and a map that clearly shows the location of those acres.

(3) A political subdivision that is not a county shall by March 1 of each year submit a copy of the information that it reports to the department under sub. (2) to the county in which the political subdivision is located.

(4) If a political subdivision fails to comply with sub. (2), the department may withdraw the certification granted under s. 91.06, 2007 stats., or under s. 91.36 for the political subdivision's farmland preservation zoning ordinance.

History: 2009 a. 28; 2011 a. 32; 2011 a. 257 s. 56.

91.50 Exemption from special assessments.

(1) Except as provided in sub. (3), no political subdivision, special purpose district, or other local governmental entity may levy a special assessment for sanitary sewers or water against land in agricultural use, if the land is located in a farmland preservation zoning district.

(2) A political subdivision, special purpose district, or other local governmental entity may deny the use of improvements for which the special assessment is levied to land that is exempt from the assessment under sub. (1).

(3) The exemption under sub. (1) does not apply to an assessment that an owner voluntarily pays, after the assessing authority provides notice of the exemption under sub. (1).

History: 2009 a. 28.

SUBCHAPTER IV**FARMLAND PRESERVATION AGREEMENTS****91.60 Farmland preservation agreements; general.**

(1) **AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.** The department may enter into a farmland preservation agreement that complies with s. 91.62 with the owner of land that is eligible under sub. (2).

(2) **ELIGIBLE LAND.** Land is eligible if all of the following apply:

(a) The land is operated as part of a farm that produced at least \$6,000 in gross farm revenues during the taxable year preceding the year in which the owner applies for a farmland preservation agreement or a total of at least \$18,000 in gross farm revenues during the last 3 taxable years preceding the year in which the owner applies for a farmland preservation agreement.

(b) The land is located in a farmland preservation area identified in a certified farmland preservation plan.

(c) The land is in an agricultural enterprise area designated under s. 91.84.

(3) **PRIOR AGREEMENTS.** (a) Except as provided in par. (c) or s. 91.66, a farmland preservation agreement entered into before July 1, 2009, remains in effect for the term specified in the agreement and under the terms that were agreed upon when the agreement was last created, extended, or renewed.

(b) The department may not extend or renew a farmland preservation agreement entered into before July 1, 2009.

(c) The department and an owner of land who entered into a farmland preservation agreement before July 1, 2009, may agree to modify the farmland preservation agreement in order to allow the owner to claim the tax credit under s. 71.613 rather than the tax credit for which the owner would otherwise be eligible.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.62 Farmland preservation agreements; requirements.

(1) **CONTENTS.** The department may not enter into a farmland preservation agreement unless the agreement does all of the following:

(a) Specifies a term of at least 15 years.

(b) Includes a correct legal description of the tract of land covered by the farmland preservation agreement.

(c) Includes provisions that restrict the tract of land to the following uses:

1. Agricultural uses and accessory uses.

2. Undeveloped natural resource and open space uses.

(2) **FORM.** The department shall specify a form for farmland preservation agreements that complies with s. 59.43 (2m).

(3) **EFFECTIVENESS.** A farmland preservation agreement takes effect when it is signed by all owners of the land covered by the farmland preservation agreement and by the department.

(4) **RECORDING.** The department shall provide a copy of a signed farmland preservation agreement to a person designated by the signing owners and shall promptly present the signed agreement to the register of deeds for the county in which the land is located for recording.

(5) **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.** A farmland preservation agreement is binding on a person who purchases land during the term of a farmland preservation agreement that covers the land.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.64 Applying for a farmland preservation agreement.

(1) **SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION.** An owner who wishes to enter into a farmland preservation agreement shall submit an application, on a form provided by the department, to the county clerk of the county in which the land is located.

(2) **CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.** A person submitting an application under sub. (1) shall include all of the following in the application:

(a) The name and address of each person who has an ownership interest in the land proposed for coverage by the agreement.

(b) The location of the land proposed for coverage, indicated by street address, global positioning system coordinates, or township, range, and section.

(c) The legal description of the land proposed for coverage.

(d) A map or aerial photograph of the land proposed for coverage, showing parcel boundaries, residences and other structures, and significant natural features.

(e) Information showing that the land proposed for coverage is eligible under s. 91.60 (2).

(f) A description of every existing mortgage, easement, and lien, other than liens on growing crops, on land proposed for coverage, including the name and address of the person holding the lien, mortgage, or easement.

(g) A signed agreement from each person required to be identified under par. (f) subordinating the person's lien, mortgage, or easement to the agreement.

(h) Any other information required by the department by rule.

(i) Any fee under sub. (2m).

(2m) **COUNTY PROCESSING FEE.** A county may charge a reasonable fee for processing an application for a farmland preservation agreement.

(3) **COUNTY REVIEW.** (a) A county shall review an application under sub. (2) to determine whether the land proposed for coverage meets the requirements under s. 91.60 (2) (b) and (c). The county shall provide its findings to the applicant in writing within 60 days after the day on which the county clerk receives a complete application.

(b) If the county finds under par. (a) that the land proposed for coverage meets the requirements under s. 91.60 (2) (b) and (c), the county shall promptly send all of the following to the department, along with any other comments that the county chooses to provide:

1. The original application, including all of the information provided with the application.

2. A copy of the county's findings.

(4) **DEPARTMENT ACTION ON APPLICATION.** (a) The department may prepare a farmland preservation agreement that complies with s. 91.62 and enter into the farmland preservation agreement

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under s. 91.60 (1) based on a complete application and on county findings under sub. (3) (b).

(b) The department may decline to enter into a farmland preservation agreement for any of the following reasons:

1. The application is incomplete.
2. The land is not eligible land under s. 91.60 (2).

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.66 Terminating a farmland preservation agreement. (1) The department may terminate a farmland preservation agreement or release land from a farmland preservation agreement at any time if all of the following apply:

(a) All of the owners of land covered by the farmland preservation agreement consent to the termination or release, in writing.

(b) The department finds that the termination or release will not impair or limit agricultural use of other protected farmland.

(c) The owners of the land pay to the department, for each acre or portion thereof released from the farmland preservation agreement, a conversion fee equal to 3 times the per acre value, for the year in which the farmland preservation agreement is terminated or the land is released, of the highest value category of tillable cropland in the city, village, or town in which the land is located, as specified by the department of revenue under s. 73.03 (2a).

(1m) All conversion fees received under sub. (1) (c) shall be deposited in the working lands fund.

(2) The department shall provide a copy of its decision to terminate a farmland preservation agreement or release land from a farmland preservation agreement to a person designated by the owners of the land and shall present a copy of the decision to the register of deeds for the county in which the land is located for recording.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.68 Violations of farmland preservation agreements. (1) The department may bring an action in circuit court to do any of the following:

- (a) Enforce a farmland preservation agreement.
- (b) Restrain, by temporary or permanent injunction, a change in land use that violates a farmland preservation agreement.
- (c) Seek a civil forfeiture for a change in land use that violates a farmland preservation agreement.

(2) A forfeiture under sub. (1) (c) may not exceed twice the fair market value of the land covered by the agreement at the time of the violation.

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.70 Farmland preservation agreements; exemption from special assessments. (1) Except as provided in sub. (3), no political subdivision, special purpose district, or other local governmental entity may levy a special assessment for sanitary sewers or water against land in agricultural use, if the land is covered by a farmland preservation agreement.

(2) A political subdivision, special purpose district or other local governmental entity may deny the use of improvements for which the special assessment is levied to land that is exempt from the assessment under sub. (1).

(3) The exemption under sub. (1) does not apply to an assessment that an owner voluntarily pays, after the assessing authority provides notice of the exemption under sub. (1).

History: 2009 a. 28.

SUBCHAPTER V

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

91.80 Soil and water conservation by persons claiming tax credits. An owner claiming farmland preservation tax credits under s. 71.613 shall comply with applicable land and water conservation standards promulgated by the department

under ss. 92.05 (3) (c) and (k), 92.14 (8), and 281.16 (3) (b) and (c).

History: 2009 a. 28.

91.82 Compliance monitoring. (1) **COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY.** (a) A county land conservation committee shall monitor compliance with s. 91.80.

(b) For the purpose of par. (a), a county land conservation committee shall inspect each farm for which the owner claims farmland preservation tax credits under subch. IX of ch. 71 at least once every 4 years.

(c) For the purpose of par. (a), a county land conservation committee may do any of the following:

1. Inspect land that is covered by a farmland preservation agreement or farmland preservation zoning and that is in agricultural use.

2. Require an owner to certify, not more than annually, that the owner complies with s. 91.80.

(d) At least once every 4 years, the department shall review each county land conservation committee's compliance with par. (b).

(2) **NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE.** (a) A county land conservation committee shall issue a written notice of noncompliance to an owner if the committee finds that the owner has done any of the following:

1. Failed to comply with s. 91.80.
2. Failed to permit a reasonable inspection under sub. (1) (c).
3. Failed to certify compliance as required under sub. (1) (c).

(b) A county land conservation committee shall provide to the department of revenue a copy of each notice of noncompliance issued under par. (a).

(c) If a county land conservation committee determines that an owner has corrected the failure described in a notice of noncompliance under par. (a), it shall withdraw the notice of noncompliance and notify the owner and the department of revenue of the withdrawal.

(3) **PROCEDURE.** The department may promulgate rules prescribing procedures for the administration of this section by land conservation committees.

History: 2009 a. 28.

SUBCHAPTER VI

AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AREAS

91.84 Agricultural enterprise areas; general. (1) **DESIGNATION.** (a) 1. The department may by order designate agricultural enterprise areas targeted for agricultural preservation and development.

2. The department may by order modify or terminate the designation of an agricultural enterprise area.

(b) Subject to par. (c), the department may designate agricultural enterprise areas with a combined area of not more than 1,000,000 acres of land.

(c) Before January 1, 2012, the department may designate not more than 15 agricultural enterprise areas with a combined area of not more than 200,000 acres of land.

(e) The department may not designate an area as an agricultural enterprise area unless all of the following apply:

1. The department receives a petition requesting the designation and the petition complies with s. 91.86.

3. The parcels in the area are contiguous. Parcels that are only separated by a lake, stream, or transportation or utility right-of-way are contiguous for the purposes of this subdivision.

4. The area is located entirely in a farmland preservation area identified in a certified farmland preservation plan.

