

Mayor Richardson
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Planning
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Ag and Rural Affairs Committee, Plan Commission
Referred to

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Date

RESOLUTION R-200-22

APPROVAL OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN MAP AND ADOPTION OF DANE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 91.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Dane County is authorized to prepare and adopt a farmland preservation plan as defined in section 91.10(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, and

WHEREAS, adoption of a certified farmland preservation plan makes farmers and landowners eligible to participate in the state farmland preservation tax credit program, and; and

WHEREAS, Dane County's current farmland preservation plan was adopted and certified in 2012, and is due for an update and recertification by the State of Wisconsin in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fitchburg also has a farmland preservation plan that was originally adopted in 2012, amended in 2014, and is included as part of the current version of the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* certified in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dane County is updating and recertifying the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee directed staff to update Fitchburg's 2014 Farmland Preservation Plan Map and coordinate with Dane County to include the updated map in the 2022 *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan* to designate areas in Fitchburg that are eligible for farmland preservation tax credits; and


WHEREAS, coordinating with Dane County to ensure continued state certification is the most efficient use of city staff resources to maintain eligibility for farmland preservation tax credits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fitchburg Farmland Preservation Map has been reviewed for consistency with the City of Fitchburg Comprehensive Plan and recommended for approval by the City of Fitchburg Plan Commission.

NOW BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Fitchburg Common Council that it approves the Fitchburg Farmland Preservation Map and recommends that the map be included in the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Fitchburg Common Council that it adopts the *Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan*, provided there are no substantive changes before the plan adoption by the Dane County Board.

Adopted this 25th day of October, 2022.


Aaron Richardson, Mayor


Tracy Oldenburg, City Clerk