

**Draft Farmland Preservation Goals/Objectives,
Policies/Strategies April 26, 2011 – New Richmond (14 responses)
Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) System**

Site Assessment Factors:

Size of Tract of Total Contiguous Ownership

(8)Like (0)Dislike (2)Depends (3) no response

Why:

- More practical if large parcels are close together
- Should also consider smaller specialized parcels such as orchards
- Individual cases
- More efficient
- The larger the tract, the greater the probability of the land remaining committed to ag.

Compatibility of Adjacent Land Uses

(7)Like (0)Dislike (4)Depends (2) no response

Why:

- Could be conservation easement acres
- Compatible? Definition...

Compatibility of Surrounding Land Uses

(8)Like (0)Dislike (1)Depends (4)no response

Why:

- Room for growth?
- Not important

Land Use Policy

(7)Like (1)Dislike (2)Depends (3)no response

Why:

- Are you looking ahead or backwards to “development era”?
- Must be compatible
- Plans change too quickly
- There must be guidelines, cannot be a free for all.

Distance of Public Sewer

(6)Like (2)Dislike (2)Depends (3) no response

Why:

- 15 years out
- Irrelevant to whether it is farmable
- Not important

Road Classification

(2)Like (2)Dislike (6)Depends (3) no response

Why:

- Depends on traffic volume. Also, I-94 wasn't shown
- A lot of productive land is close to major roads
- Road should be looked at – volume
- Depends where the road is!
- Should have little bearing as land class holds more weight
- Put gravel roads back into township road plans. Poor roads will slow development.
- Eliminating individuals
- Depends, are you building roads for the farm or development?
- Ability to maintain/build roads will impact classification

Compatibility of Adjacent Zoning

(6)Like (1)Dislike (1)Depends (5)no response

Why:

- Some farmers want option to go either way – s/ba “middle ag”

Environmental and Public Values of the Site

(7)Like (0)Dislike (3)Depends (3)no response

Why:

- Similar to Dakota Co., MN
- Depends on definition of both
- Protect groundwater
- Lots of variables – how do we determine the list of factors
- Ag is not always a good steward/neighbor for environment