

Proposed St. Croix County Farmland Preservation Plan

Information Sheet for 1/3/12

Why should we update the Farmland Preservation Plan?

- The Farmland Preservation Plan recognizes, maintains, and supports agriculture as a \$532 million component of St. Croix County's economy. (Agriculture in St. Croix County was responsible for 3,600 jobs and \$15 million in taxes in 2010)
- The existing Farmland Preservation Plan (certified in 1980) is set to expire.
- A certified Farmland Preservation Plan is required for St. Croix County producers to qualify for tax credits.
- The Farmland Preservation Plan recognizes and supports future land uses identified in Town plans.
- Farmland Preservation Plan identifies St. Croix County's agricultural goals, policies and farmland preservation areas for the next 15 years.

Changes Made By Community Development Committee

In Response to Public Hearing Comments 11-30-11:

- Addressed preliminary review comments from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. (These changes can be found in the agricultural conditions and trends section of the plan)
- Added language clarifying that only commercial and industrial uses related to agricultural production will be allowed in farmland preservation areas where the "respective Town will support it."
- Added parcels to the Farmland Preservation Areas map in Somerset, Troy, and Erin Prairie
- Removed parcels from the Farmland Preservation Areas map in Star Prairie and Baldwin

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the items listed above please contact Pete Kling (715-386-4672), Ellen Denzer (715-386-4673), or Brett Budrow (715-386-4678) or go to the Farmland Preservation Plan website: www.sccwi.us/farmpresplan