

Grant County

Farmland Preservation Plan

Scope of Work

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Southwestern Wisconsin
Regional Planning
Commission



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Overview

Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) will assist Grant County Planning & Zoning with the preparation, adoption, and certification of a Farmland Preservation Plan. The following will detail the scope of work followed by a timeline and budget.

Meet with DATCP & Corporation Counsel

SWWRPC staff will review the 'Scope of Work' with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection (DATCP) to assure that the planning process yields results that are compliant with the new requirements of the 'Working Lands Initiative'. Upon approval, SWWRPC staff will meet with Grant County Corporation Counsel to review the 'Scope of Work' and certification requirements.

Public Participation Plan

SWWRPC staff will assist the Grant County Planning & Zoning Committee in developing a written 'Public Participation Plan' to encourage public involvement throughout all stages of the planning process.

Review Existing Plan

SWWRPC staff will examine the existing farmland preservation plan and determine which elements of the plan are relevant. SWWRPC staff will work with County staff to identify text and maps that will need to be changing in the existing plan in order to fulfil the requirements of the 'Working Lands Initiative'.



Informational Website

SWWRPC staff will develop an information website to document the entire planning process.

Update Data, Charts, & Text

SWWRPC staff will update all data, charts, and necessary text to reflect changes in Grant County since the publication of the original Farmland Preservation Plan (1983).

Inventory & GIS Mapping

Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping will be conducted in accordance with DATCP technical requirements. The following elements will be inventoried and mapped:



- Population trends
- Municipal expansion trends
- Economic growth

- Business development (expansion)
- Housing
- Utilities
- Transportation
- Communications
- Community facilities and services
- Energy
- Waste management
- Environmental preservation
- Key agricultural resources (land, soil, water)
- Key agricultural infrastructure (processing, storage, transportation, and supply)
- Conversion of agriculture to other uses
- Land use, proposed land use, and zoning maps

Analysis

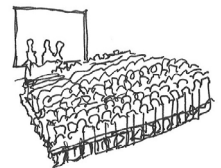
SWWRPC staff will review the inventory and trends above and assist Grant County staff in determining what course of action may be required to assure farmland preservation policy is effective in Grant County.

Goals, Policies, & Actions

SWWRPC staff will work with the Grant County Planning & Zoning Committee to review and revise, if necessary, the goals, policies, and actions in the plan to meet current conditions and new 'Working Lands Initiative' requirements.

Kick-Off Meeting

SWWRPC staff will promote and host a informational 'Kick-Off' Meeting in which planning commission members from each participating jurisdiction will be invited to attend. The meeting will provide information regarding the overall scope and schedule of the project and provide them with an opportunity to ask questions.



Connecting Farmland Preservation Planning to Comprehensive Planning

The State of Wisconsin requires that as of 1/1/2010, all land use decisions must be in accordance with the local jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan (Wisconsin Statute 66.1001). Comprehensive Plans are developed over a 2-2^{1/2} year planning process in which issues and trends in demographics, natural resources, agriculture, cultural resources, housing, transportation, economic development, intergovernmental cooperation, and land use are identified and addressed for each jurisdiction. Recently, Grant County along with 35 of its





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jurisdictions within developed and adopted their own Comprehensive Plans. Grant County has decided to capitalize on this momentum by moving forward with the update of its Farmland Preservation Plan.

Grant County has decided to connect Farmland Preservation Planning to Comprehensive Planning through its zoning ordinance. Jurisdictions will need to have a Comprehensive Plan in order to be eligible for county zoning, which in turn, will allow them to be eligible for the Farmland Preservation program.

One of the key outcomes of a Comprehensive Plan is the Proposed Land Use Map - a map that illustrates how a jurisdiction will utilize its land for the next 20 years. The development of that map takes into account all the issues and trends mentioned above, making it a comprehensive strategic plan for the future. By connecting the Comprehensive Plans and their Proposed Land Use Maps to the Farmland Preservation Plan, Grant County will benefit by creating a unified system of land use planning that takes into account years of professional planning and community involvement.

Local Meetings

County staff and/or SWWRPC staff will meet with local jurisdictions one-on-one to determine which areas will be designated for farmland preservation. Staff will work with each jurisdiction to develop a jurisdictional Farmland Preservation Map from the jurisdiction's Proposed Land Use Map found in its Comprehensive Plan. Efforts will be made to keep the jurisdictions' Farmland Preservation Maps consistent with the Proposed Land Use Maps.



Once all participating jurisdictional maps have been completed, SWWRPC staff will develop a Grant County Farmland Preservation Plan Map. The information will be available at the county and town scale in a layered pdf format. In addition, all maps and planning documents will be made available online via SWWRPC's website.

Draft 1

Once all the mapping has been completed, SWWRPC staff will develop a Draft 1 of the plan.

Planning & Zoning Committee Review

The Grant County Planning & Zoning Committee will review Draft 1 of the plan and note any changes, er-

rors, or omissions.

Draft 2

SWWRPC staff will then develop a Draft 2 to be distributed to local jurisdictions for review.

Local Review

SWWRPC staff will meet with each participating jurisdiction will review Draft 2 of the plan and note any changes, errors, or omissions.

Draft 3

SWWRPC staff will develop a Draft 3 based local review of Draft 2.

Recommendation for Adoption

The Grant County Planning & Zoning Committee will review Draft 3 and recommend the plan for adoption by the Grant County Board.

Public Review Draft

SWWRPC develops and distributes a 'Public Review Draft' based on the recommended plan by the Grant County Planning & Zoning Committee.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held to allow the general public an opportunity to speak on behalf of the proposed plan.

Adoption

The Grant County Board adopts the plan with any proposed amendments.



Certification

SWWRPC staff will assist Grant County Planning & Zoning Committee and Corporate Counsel with the certification of the plan.

