

COM ITEM #6

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XXX**

MAY XX, 2023

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4 **RESOLUTION BY THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND**
5 **USE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE**
6 **SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSON REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND RACINE**
7 **COUNTY TO UPDATE THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN**

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9 **TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:**

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11 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 91 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires counties to adopt a
12 state-certified farmland preservation plan if the county intends to participate in the State's
13 farmland preservation program; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Racine County adopted the most recent update in 2013 and since that
16 time, the Wisconsin's Working Lands Initiative law set forth in Chapter 91 of the Wisconsin
17 Statutes requires that the Racine County farmland preservation plan be updated and
18 recertified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
19 (DATCP) by the end of 2023 (*an extension was approved by DATCP; and the current plan*
20 *expires December 31, 2024*) to continue to participate in the State's farmland preservation
21 program; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, Racine County, in cooperation with the Southeastern Wisconsin
24 Regional Planning Commission, has agreed to develop an updated farmland preservation
25 plan that meets the requirements set forth; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, under s. 91.16(2)(a), Wis Stats., the Wisconsin Department of
28 Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection may certify the updated plan for up to 10
29 years; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, the participants in the farmland preservation program will receive nearly
32 \$400,000 in State of Wisconsin tax credits over the next ten years to follow the prime
33 agricultural (A1) zoning requirements on their land, while receiving certificates of
34 conservation compliance.

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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Racine County Board of
37 Supervisors hereby accepts the agreement between the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional
38 Planning Commission and Racine County to update the Farmland Preservation Plan.

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Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____
2nd Reading _____

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

BOARD ACTION
Adopted _____
For _____
Against _____
Absent _____

Tom Hincz, Chairman

Robert D. Grove, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

Tom Kramer, Secretary

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The foregoing resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE – NOT APPLICABLE