

June 13, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

RESOLUTION BY THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND RACINE COUNTY TO UPDATE THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Adopted _____

Tom Hincz, Chairman

For _____

Against _____

Robert D. Grove, Vice-Chairman

Absent _____

VOTE REQUIRED: MAJORITY

Tom Kramer, Secretary

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4 Prepared by: _____
5 Public Works & Development Services Jason Eckman
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19 **The foregoing resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County, Wisconsin,**
20 **is hereby:**

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22 **Approved:** _____

23 **Vetoed:** _____

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28 **Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive**

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32 **FISCAL NOTE – NOT APPLICABLE**
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