



State of Wisconsin  
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**Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**  
Ben Brancel, Secretary

June 7, 2013

John Bluemke, Director  
Columbia County Planning & Zoning Department  
400 DeWitt Street  
Portage, WI 53901

Dear John,

**Re: Certification of the Columbia County Farmland Preservation Plan**

Attached is a department order certifying Columbia County's Farmland Preservation Plan under s. 91.16, Wis. Stats.

The certification is contingent upon the county adopting the Farmland Preservation Plan text (dated May 8, 2013) and maps (dated February 19, 2013) in the form certified. Please send a letter confirming the County Board adoption of the plan. The certification will be effective on the date the county adopts the farmland preservation plan, not the date of the certification order (s. 91.16(7), Wis. Stats.).

We look forward to working with you in the future on farmland preservation in Columbia County. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Keith Foye, Chief  
Land Management Section  
608-224-4603

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