

Agricultural Enterprise Area Petition Summary Program Pilot, 2009 – 2010

AEA001: La Prairie AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Rock	Town of La Prairie	22,162	33

Goal: To continue to support a viable agricultural economy while at the same time maintaining a high rural quality of life. This includes maintaining the vegetable supply to support a vegetable processing facility, distribution center and corporate office, and to continue to support field crop research testing in the area.

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AEA002: Windsor AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Dane	Town of Windsor	11,135	15

Goal: Safeguard productive land from non-farm development and maintain the vibrant farming community.

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AEA003: Cadott Area Cooperative AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Chippewa	Towns of Goetz and Delmar	1,829	9

Goal:

- ◆ Develop opportunities for expanded cooperation between farms and agri-business
- ◆ Maintain a stable and predictable supply of milk, grain, maple syrup and forest products
- ◆ Pursue energy initiatives including:
 - Evaluate feasibility of producing and marketing biomass using a small-scale distribution energy production model
 - Conduct voluntary farm energy audits to identify farm-based energy conservation measures

- Evaluate feasibility of compiling and marketing carbon credits
- ◆ Maintain land and water resources

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AEA004: Bloomer Area AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Chippewa	Town of Bloomer, City of Bloomer	4,780	14

Goal:

- ◆ Establish and maintain a market for specialty soybeans to support a new soybean processing facility
- ◆ Create or upgrade business plans of producers and agri-businesses to build upon existing business relationships and pursue new business ventures
- ◆ Maintain a stable and predictable supply of milk, corn and grain for local markets (dairy, poultry and ethanol)
- ◆ Maintain land and water resources

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AEA005: Squaw Lake AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Polk	Towns of Alden, Farmington, Star Prairie, Somerset	10,306	15

Goal:

- ◆ Guarantee the ability of the current production capability to transition to the next generation
- ◆ Support evolution of value-added production such as: organic dairy and vegetable, non-GMO soybeans and winter rye for the Asian market, sunflowers for the bird seed market, horse boarding and stabling
- ◆ Support goal of becoming a more sustainable region for food and fuel (goal of becoming 100% self sufficient by 2025)

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AEA006: Ashippun/Oconomowoc AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Dodge and Waukesha	Towns of Ashippun and Oconomowoc	31,608	25

Goal: Encourage re-investment in diverse local farm community and agricultural industry to protect excellent farmland from non-farm development pressures.

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AEA007: Bayfield AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Bayfield	Town of Bayfield	2,986	5

Goal:

- ◆ Protect and strengthen the existing fruit orchards while maintaining sufficient open lands for future expansion of specialty crop production
- ◆ Enhance the profitability of the existing farm operations through capitalization, market development and value-added processing while supporting expansion of specialty crop production through market development recruitment and training of new growers.

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AEA008: Rush River Legacy AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
St. Croix	Town of Rush River	8,827	7

Goal:

- ◆ Preserve existing land necessary to support and expand conventional dairy/beef cow and traditional crop production
- ◆ Preserve existing and expand dairy infrastructure
- ◆ Create opportunities to incubate non-traditional types of agricultural production
- ◆ Foster growth of/for bio-energy opportunities
- ◆ Encourage conservation and nutrient management planning

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AEA009: Antigo Flats AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Langlade	Polar, Price, Neva, Peck, Antigo, Ackley, Rolling	79,332	16

Goal:

- ◆ Develop local and regional markets for certified potato seed, dairy, certified small grain seed, wood technology and other local commodities
- ◆ Increase name recognition and agricultural and industrial identity

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AEA010: Maple Grove AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Shawano	Town of Maple Grove	22,579	8

Goal:

- ◆ Identify opportunities to increase productivity and cooperation
- ◆ Promote the sale of products within the AEA
- ◆ Support and expand local agriculture related businesses

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AEA011: Town of Dunn AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Dane	Town of Dunn	11,075	6

Goal:

- ◆ Ensure preservation of land base and infrastructure necessary to allow agriculture to flourish
- ◆ Encourage investment in existing operations
- ◆ Maintain agriculture to support agricultural related business

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AEA012: Scuppernong AEA

County	Other	Acreage	Petitioners
Jefferson	Palmyra, Hebron, Sullivan, Cold Spring	15,390	6

Goal: Create a climate where current and future landowners within this area are able to feel comfortable about the sustainability of their agricultural investments.

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