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Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Division of Agricultural Resource Management

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**Agricultural Enterprise Area Petition**

The undersigned persons hereby petition the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), pursuant to s. 91.86, Wis. Stats., to create an Agricultural Enterprise Area (**AEA**) under s. 91.84, Wis. Stats. We have read the guidance[[1]](#footnote-1) provided and submit the following information in support of the petition:[[2]](#footnote-2)

**Part I. General Information**

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| A. Name of AEA. |  |
| B. County or counties in which the proposed AEA is located. |  |
| C. All towns, villages or cities in which the proposed AEA is located.   |  |
| D. Number of owners of eligible farms within the proposed AEA who signed the petition. |  |
| E. Total number of acres in the proposed AEA. |  |
| F. All parcels in the proposed AEA are located within a farmland preservation area designated in the certified county farmland preservation plan.  | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No |
| G. All parcels in the proposed AEA are contiguous. | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No |
| H. The proposed AEA is primarily in agricultural use. | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No |
| I. Primary type of agricultural production in the proposed AEA. |  |
| J. Designated contacts for the AEA. *Please list at least two contacts for the AEA; preferably at least one staff contact (county, town, UWEX, regional planning commission etc.) and one landowner representative.[[3]](#footnote-3) You may have more than two contacts. Attach a separate page if necessary.* |  |  |
| Name:  | Name:  |
| Address:  | Address:  |
| Phone number:  | Phone number:  |
| Email:  | Email:  |

**Part II. Purpose and Rationale for AEA[[4]](#footnote-4)**

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| Introduction to proposed AEA: |
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| 1. State the specific goals for the preservation of agricultural land use. |
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| 2. State the specific goals for agricultural development and/or innovation. |
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| 3. Comment on the relationship between the area’s goals for agricultural preservation and agricultural development. |
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| 4. Describe (a) all current land uses within the proposed AEA **and** (b) provide information about land use trends in andaround the AEA. *(The proposed AEA must be primarily in agricultural use.)* |
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| 5. How did you determine the boundary (location and size) of the proposed AEA? As part of your answer describe all efforts to provide information to and involve the public in the petition process. |
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| 6. Describe any recent investments made to support agriculture and agricultural-related business in or near the proposed AEA. |
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| 7. Indicate the approximate level of petitioner compliance with state soil and water standards. [ ]  Nearly all petitioners are in compliance[ ]  More than half of the petitioners are in compliance[ ]  Half or less than half of the petitioners are in compliance[ ]  Few or no petitioners are in compliance[ ]  Compliance status of petitioners is unknown  |
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| 8. Describe the level of non-petitioner cooperator support for the petition.  |
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9. Fill in the tables to provide information about activities and partners in the proposed AEA.

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| 1. **Land Use Controls and Plans**
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| *Type of Control* | *Existing or Future* | *Provide details about the selected control*  |
| [ ]  Farmland preservation zoning ordinance  |  |  |
| [ ]  Other zoning ordinances  Specify:       |  |  |
| [ ]  Farmland preservation agreements  |  |  |
| [ ]  Purchase of development rights and/or easements (donated or purchased) |  |  |
| [ ]  Transfer of development rights |  |  |
| [ ]  Subdivision ordinances |  |  |
| [ ]  Cooperative boundary agreements/inter-municipal agreements |  |  |
| [ ]  Natural area protections |  |  |
| [ ]  Comprehensive plan*Please list which county(ies) and town(s) have an adopted comprehensive plan and explain how that plan is consistent with the proposed AEA. Submit a future land use map if available.* |  |  |
| [ ]  Other (specify)       |  |  |
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| 1. **Planned Farmland Preservation Agreement Strategy**
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| [ ]  Informational meeting(s) |
| [ ]  Mailing |
| [ ]  One-on-one conversations |
| [ ]  Newsletter/media |
| [ ]  Other  |
| Agreement sign-up goal (percent of AEA or number of landowners):  |

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| 1. **AEA Partners**
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| *Partner* | *Involved in petition development?*  | *Current or future activity* |
| *Ex: UW-Extension, county economic development department, county conservation department* | *Ex: Yes* | *Ex: AEA outreach, strategic planning, marketing, grant-writing, soil and water conservation activities* |
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| 1. **Agricultural Development Activities**
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| *Type of Activity* | *Existing/Future* | *Provide additional details* |
| *Ex: Joint marketing or purchasing, development of agri-tourism opportunity, value-added agriculture* | *Ex: Existing* | *Ex: Producers have formed a producer cooperative to market their products directly to consumers.* |
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| 1. **Other AEA Activities**
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| *Type of Activity* | *Timeframe* | *Provide additional details* |
| *Ex: Form a stakeholder group, attend statewide AEA meetings, develop strategic plan, set up website* | *Ex: Ongoing, Future* | *Ex: Working with UWEX, we will form an AEA stakeholder group to consider appropriate next step.* |
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**Part III. Map and Spatial Location Data**

Please send the following to DATCP in electronic form. Follow the map and spatial location data guidelines found in Part III of the guidance document.

1. A map of the proposed AEA, **and**

2. The spatial location data for the AEA boundary.

**Part IV. Images from Proposed AEA (optional)**

If desired, petitioners may submit high resolution images taken from within the boundary of the AEA. Photos should help to depict agriculture and agricultural-related land use described in the petition.

Please follow the image submission guidelines in Part IV of the guidance document.

**Part V. Signature Pages and Local Resolutions**

Submit appropriate documentation from all eligible farm owner and political subdivision petitioners. See attached “Landowner Signature Page,” “Political Subdivision Signature Page” and “Cooperator Signature Page.”

Please follow the signature page and resolution guidelines in Part V of the guidance document. Sample resolution text is included in Appendix B of the guidance document.

**Petitioning Landowner Signature Page**

*A separate signature page, in the following form, must be signed by the owner of each farm. An authorized individual may sign on behalf of a legal entity. If a farm is jointly owned by a legally married couple as individuals, both must sign.*

Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

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Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple [ ]  LLC [ ]

Corporation [ ]  Other (describe)

Partnership [ ]

Authorized signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Farm owner address (street, city, zip):      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address(es) (if available):      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement). | [ ]  Yes  | [ ]  No | [ ]  Don’t Know |
| I (we) are interested in maintaining our existing farmland preservation agreement or entering into a new farmland preservation agreement. *(Note: To claim the farmland preservation tax credit under a farmland preservation agreement, the farm must meet state soil and water conservation standards.)*  | [ ]  Yes  | [ ]  No | [ ]  Maybe |

**Political Subdivision** **Signature Page**

*In addition to passing a resolution in support of this petition, this signature page must be signed by an authorized officer or representative of every political subdivision (county, town, city or village) in which any part of the proposed AEA is included.*

Political subdivision name:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Type (check one): County [ ]  Town [ ]  City [ ]  Village [ ]

Printed name of authorized officer or representative:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of authorized officer or representative:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal mailing address:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Petitioner Cooperator Signature Page**

*Persons other than the petitioners may sign in support of the petition. A separate signature page, or letter of support, may be submitted for each cooperator. An authorized individual may sign on behalf of a legal entity.*

Legal name of cooperator:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Principal mailing address:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:*

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. *Guidance available at:* [*https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\_Services/AEAPetitionInfo.aspx*](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AEAPetitionInfo.aspx) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Personal information you provide may be used for purposes other than that for which it was collected, s. 15.04(1)(m), Wis. Stats.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *The listed contacts should be willing to:*

*Communicate with other petitioners and partners in the AEA, with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and with contacts in other AEAs*

*Respond to an annual status update inquiry from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection*

*Engage in activities within the AEA*  [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *DATCP will evaluate petitions under s. 91.86, Wis. Stats., and will consider information provided in response to the following questions.* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)