



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
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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 provided and submit the following information in support of the petition (*use the space provided or check the appropriate box*):¹

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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| A. Name of AEA. | Fields, Waters, and Woods |
| B. County or counties in which the proposed AEA is located. | Ashland, Bayfield |
| C. All towns, villages or cities in which the proposed AEA is located. | Kelly, Marengo, Ashland, White River, Bad River Reservation |
| D. Number of owners of eligible farms within the proposed AEA who signed the petition. | 7 |
| E. Total number of acres in the proposed AEA. | 41,879 |
| F. All parcels in the proposed AEA are located within a farmland preservation area designated in the certified county farmland preservation plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| G. All parcels in the proposed AEA are contiguous. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| H. The proposed AEA is primarily in agricultural use. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| I. Primary type of agricultural production in the proposed AEA. | Dairy, Beef, Cash Crops |
| J. Designated contacts for the AEA. <i>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.² You may have more than two contacts. Attach a separate page if necessary.</i> | |

Name: See Attachment F	Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone number:	Phone number:
Email:	Email:

¹Personal information you provide may be used for purposes other than that for which it was collected, s. 15.04(1)(m), Wis. Stats.

²The 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

PART II. PURPOSE AND RATIONALE FOR AEA³

Introduction to proposed AEA (optional):

See Attachment A

1. State the specific goals for the preservation of agricultural land use.

See Attachment A

2. State the specific goals for agricultural development and/or innovation.

See Attachment A

3. Comment on the relationship between the area's goals for agricultural preservation and agricultural development.

See Attachment A

4. Describe (a) all current land uses within the proposed AEA **and** (b) provide information about land use trends in and around the AEA. *(The proposed AEA must be primarily in agricultural use.)*

Current Land Use

See Attachments A and B

Land Use Trends

See Attachment A

³ DATCP will evaluate petitions under s. 91.86, Wis. Stats., and will consider information provided in response to the following questions.

5. How did you determine the boundary (location and size) of the proposed AEA?

See Attachment A

6. Confirm that the proposed AEA is consistent with any existing local comprehensive plan. Use the space provided for any additional information. Submit a future land use map, if available. *Please do not submit a complete copy of any comprehensive plan.*

The county(ies) of Ashland and Bayfield has(have) a comprehensive plan and the proposed AEA is consistent with this plan.

The Town(s) of Kelly (Bayfield), White River (Ashland), Marengo (Ashland), Ashland (Ashland) has(have) a comprehensive plan and the proposed AEA is consistent with this plan.

There are no comprehensive plans for the political subdivisions in which the proposed AEA is located.

See Attachment C for Future Land Use Maps

7. Describe any recent investments made to support agriculture and agricultural-related business in or near the proposed AEA.

See Attachment A

8. 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

9. Describe the level of non-petitioner cooperator support for the petition.

All four affected Townships passed a resolution in support of the proposed AEA via unanimous vote.

10. Fill in the tables to provide information about partners/advisors and activities in the proposed AEA.

A. AEA Partners/Advisors

Jason Fischbach, Agriculture Agent, UW-Extension, Ashland and Bayfield County
 Tom Fratt, County Conservationist, Ashland County
 Ben Dufford, County Conservationist, Bayfield County
 Gary Haughn, District Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service
 Carl Beckman, Farm Service Agency

B. Farmland Preservation Agreement Strategy

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Summarize future outreach efforts, including who will provide assistance (use an additional page if necessary)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational meeting(s)	Jason Fischbach of UW-Extension will assist the County Conservationists of Ashland County (Tom Fratt) and Bayfield County (Ben Dufford) with helping landowners understand the farmland preservation program and the development of agreements. Jason will continue working with the dairy producers within the AEA to help them enter into farmland preservation agreements, including developing and updating nutrient management plans. The AEA partners will provide information to landowners through Town newsletters.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-on-one conversations	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/media	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

C. Land Use Controls

<i>Type of Control</i>	<i>Existing/Future</i>	<i>Provide details about the selected control (use an additional page if necessary)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmland preservation zoning ordinance		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other zoning ordinances Specify:	Existing	In Bayfield County, landowners have the option to petition the Zoning Committee to re-zone their property to Agriculture-2, which maintains parcel size at 35 acres and places additional limits on development.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farmland preservation agreements	Existing and Future	Producers within the proposed AEA have participated in the Farmland Preservation Program prior to the Working Lands Initiative revisions, but the majority of the agreements have expired.
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase of development rights and/or easements (donated or purchased)	Existing and Future	Although no farms have sold development rights or established conservation easements, many of the wooded parcels along the rivers and streams have been enrolled in conservation easements or have been

		purchased outright with funding from the State.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transfer of development rights	future	
<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision ordinances		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative boundary agreements/inter-municipal agreements		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural area protections	Existing	Areas along both the Marengo River and White River have been purchased by the State or regional conservancies with the goal of long-term natural area protection.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Existing and Future	The Land and Water Conservation Departments of both Ashland and County provide cost-sharing to assist landowners in following best management practices to protect soil and water quality. This cost-share funding is provided contingent upon implementation of conservation plans for not less than 10 years.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		

D. Agricultural Development Activities		
<i>Type of Activity</i>	<i>Existing/Future</i>	<i>Provide additional details (use an additional page if necessary)</i>
<i>Ex: Joint marketing or purchasing, development of agri-tourism opportunity, value-added agricultural activity</i>		
		See Attachment D

E. Other AEA Activities		
<i>Type of Activity</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Provide additional details</i>

		<i>(use an additional page if necessary)</i>
<i>Ex: Form a stakeholder group, attend statewide AEA meetings, develop strategic plan, set up website</i>		
		See Attachment E

Fields, Waters, and Woods Agricultural Enterprise Area Petition

Attachment A – Petition Narrative

Introduction to the Proposed AEA:

The landscape of the Lake Superior Counties of Wisconsin is a mix of forest and agriculture intersected by miles of rivers and streams. It is a rich and unique landscape offering beauty and economic opportunity. The area between the White and Marengo Rivers along the Ashland and Bayfield County border is home to many of the region's dairy and beef producers. They represent the future of agriculture in the region and, together, are working to ensure agriculture remains a key part of the culture and economy of the region. The proposed Fields, Waters, and Woods Agricultural Enterprise Area is both a recognition of the importance of this area to the regional economy and a tool to protect the agricultural land base on which the farms depend.

1. State the Specific Goals for the Preservation of Agricultural Land Use:

Comprehensive planning by Townships within the proposed AEA has identified agricultural production and rural character as important to the present and future of the Townships. The goal of the proposed AEA is to allow agricultural producers and landowners to enroll their land in farmland preservation as a means to maintain it in agricultural production. This goal is consistent with the current and desired land use of the Townships. Additionally, the AEA is a means for the Townships and State to convey the importance of agriculture within the region and promote and enable the continued operation and development of the agricultural enterprises.

Goal 1: Maintain land in agricultural production as necessary to support the cluster of dairy farms within the AEA with parcels large enough to maintain operational efficiencies.

Goal 2: Maintain an agricultural land base sufficient to allow for full realization of the ongoing growth and diversification of the agricultural economy within the proposed AEA.

Goal 3: Maintain the rights of farmers within the AEA to spread manure, apply pesticides, operate machinery at night, and transport farm machinery on State, County, and Town roads.

Goal 4: Minimize conflict between agricultural and residential land-use through outreach education, land-use planning, and targeted infrastructure development.

2. State the specific goals for agricultural development and/or innovation.

Agricultural development within the proposed AEA will consist of a strengthening of the core agricultural enterprises of dairy and beef while fostering diversification with increased grain, vegetable, and specialty crop production. Specifically:

- The dairy producers are working to reduce manure handling expenses and impacts on local roads through pumping and direct injection.
- The dairy producers are exploring options to reduce fuel and protein expenses through production and processing of oilseed crops.
- The dairy producers have already or are in the process of transitioning management of the farms to the next generation.

- The dairy producers are positioning their operations for the future by increasing production efficiencies through modernization of housing, manure handling, and milking facilities.
- Beef producers are adopting managed intensive grazing for production of grass-fed beef for sale direct to customers.
- Farmers are developing nutrient management plans to increase effectiveness of crop fertilization while protecting surface waters.
- Young and beginning farmers are developing diversified small farms with production of livestock, fruits, and vegetables.

3. Comment on the relationship between the area's goals for agricultural preservation and agricultural development.

The agricultural economy within the proposed AEA has largely been dominated by dairy production. As in other parts of Northern Wisconsin, the number of dairy farms and dairy cows declined dramatically in the 20th century. However, the cluster of dairy farms within the proposed AEA have remained relatively stable and have, in fact, expanded herd size and made infrastructural modernizations. More importantly, a number of the dairy farms have successfully transitioned to the next generation. Recently, the region has seen increased agricultural diversification with managed intensive grazing of beef along with growth of small diversified farms selling source-identified differentiated food products directly to consumers. Cash cropping has also increased in response to rising commodity crops and biofuels. Combined with the relatively stable dairy economy this diversification is creating agricultural growth within the region that can only continue if the landbase is protected from parcelization and development. As such, the agricultural preservation goals are key toward full realization of the agricultural revitalization underway.

4. Describe (a) all current land uses within the proposed AEA and (b) provide information about land use trends in and around the AEA. (The proposed AEA must be primarily in agricultural use).

Current Land Use

According to the USDA's Cropland Data for 2012, 46.3% of the proposed AEA is currently actively farmed with production of row crops or perennial forages (Table 1). Of this, 10.6% is in annual row crop production, mainly corn silage and soybeans. 44.5% of the proposed land area is forested, much of which is part of individual farmsteads. This forest land is primarily a mix of aspen and soft maple managed for pulpwood on short rotations. There is mapole syrup production in areas with the northern hardwood timber type, particularly on the well-drained sandy soils. The remaining acreage is in low-density residential properties (5.5%) or wetlands (3.7%). See **Attachment B** for more specific land-use acreages. There has been parcelization and new home construction particularly along the main road frontages within the AEA that is likely to continue. The primary threats to the agricultural use associated with this development is loss of land and decreased field size. In addition, the residential use increases the likelihood of

conflict over agricultural activities such as vehicle traffic on roadways, manure odor, and nighttime activities.

Land Use	Acres	%
Row Crops	4451	10.6%
Forages	14962	35.7%
Developed	2320	5.5%
Forest	18609	44.4%
Wetlands/Water	1537	3.7%
Totals	41879	100

Table 1. Current Land-Use Within the Proposed AEA.

Land Use Trends

There has been an increase in annual row crop production within the last five years. According to the USDA's Cropland Data, annual row crop production within the AEA has increased from 2530 acres in 2007 to 4451 acres in 2012. This increase is due to three factors: 1) Rising grain prices have made cash cropping an attractive option for dairy farmers; 2) A biodiesel company in Cumberland, WI has contracted oilseed production within the region and 3) The largest cash crop operation in the region changed hands and the new owners are actively bringing old hayground in to production.

An increasing number of farmers have adopted managed intensive grazing to produce and sell grass-fed calves, steers, and breeding stock. In particular, two Century dairy farms have recently transitioned from dairy to grass-fed beef and are working together to market the beef direct to consumers under the South Shore Meats brand that was developed, in part, with funding from DATCP through the Buy Local Buy Wisconsin grant program. The success of these operations and others like it within the AEA are bringing more forage and pasture land into active grazing or winter feed production.

Ashland is a small town roughly 15 miles from the unincorporated villages of Marengo and Sanborn (both within the AEA). The Ashland economy has struggled to find a post-industrial identity, but has seen slow growth over the last decade. With Northland College, WITC, local and county government, Memorial Medical Center, Brettings Manufacturing, and many small businesses anchoring the economy, there has been continued development pressure within the Marengo River Valley for those looking for a rural lifestyle. Each year there are more houses on 5 acre or larger parcels, particularly along the main roads. This development pressure is likely to continue over the next decade and may intensify with development of an iron mine near Mellen.

The proposed iron mine near Mellen is projected to bring additional families and workers to the region. This will bring additional development pressure to the agricultural lands of the proposed AEA as the area offers scenic beauty, rural living, excellent hunting, and is within relatively convenient driving distance to both Ashland and the proposed mine site. This will result in land

converting out of agricultural production, smaller fields, and the potential for greater conflict over road traffic, manure spreading, and pesticide use.

5. How did you determine the boundary (location and size) of the proposed AEA?

The primary goal for determining the proposed AEA boundary was to include the land base of the core group of dairy farmers along State Hwy 112 and the beef, grain, and small food producers within the larger Marengo Valley area. This will allow the majority of the agricultural producers within the Ashland (and adjacent Bayfield) County farming area to participate in farmland preservation. Furthermore, the proposed boundaries align with the future-land use maps of the participating Townships and will provide them with leverage toward realization of their land-use goals.

Despite the relatively small agricultural economy of the region in comparison to other areas of the State, the importance of the ag sector to the overall economy and cultural heritage of the Marengo Valley region cannot be overstated. As such, the investment of 21% of the State's planned 200,000 AEA acres in this petition cycle is a good one. Designation of the Fields Waters and Woods AEA by DATCP would mean a recognition of the importance of agriculture in far Northern Wisconsin and would provide the region with a tool to protect and enhance its agricultural economy.

7. Describe any recent investments made to support agriculture and agricultural-related business in or near the proposed AEA.

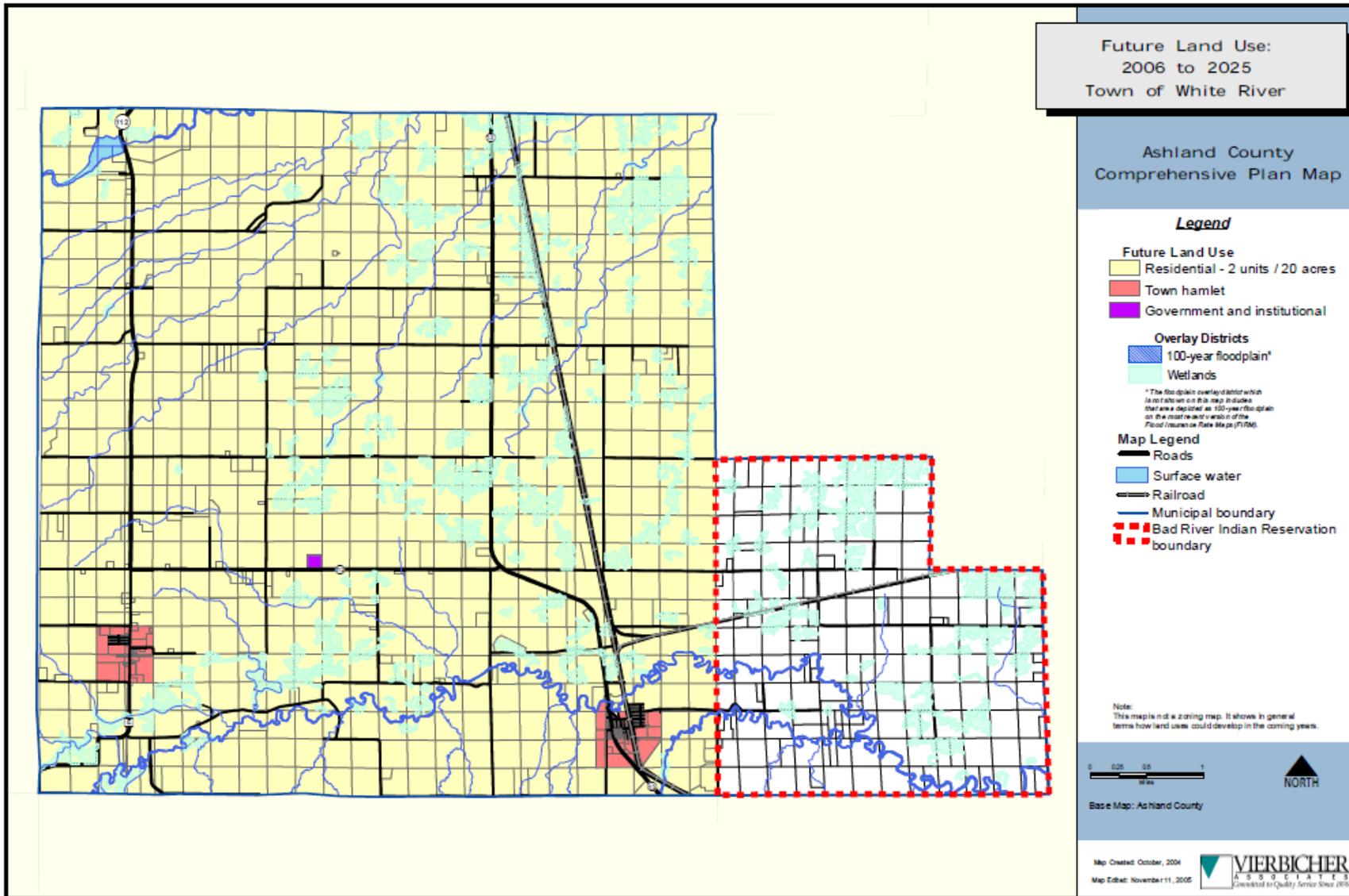
- The majority of the dairy farms within the AEA have recently made significant investments in housing, manure storage, and/or animal numbers. These modernizations will allow the producers to remain profitable and allow the succeeding generation to continue farming. These same producers have recently developed nutrient management plans that will help them more efficiently and effectively deliver nutrients to crops while also protecting the relatively intact surface waters in the area.
- Many of the beef producers have adopted managed intensive grazing and have made investments in fencing, watering systems, and handling facilities. Much of this beef is being direct marketed to customers. In addition, producers have made investments of time and money into a cooperative marketing effort called South Shore Meats as a means to sell grass-fed beef, lamb, and poultry direct to customers in local and regional markets. This branding effort was supported by DATCP with a grant through the Buy Local Buy Wisconsin Program.
- Small producers have begun adding high-tunnels and other facilities toward the production of vegetables, fruits, honey, maple syrup, and other livestock. This product is being marketed directly to consumers at Farmers Markets, through CSAs, and via farm stands. In addition, some of the producers are providing products to Northland College and the Ashland School District through a farm-to-school program.

- Grain production is expanding with increased production of oilseed crops, corn, soybeans, and small grains. This increase in production is largely due to increased investments in tillage, fertility, and machinery.
- A local cash crop producer recently added a pelletizer machine and is selling straw pellets for use as animal bedding and soil amendment.
- Beef producers are selling improved heifers and bulls specifically for managed intensive grazing.
- A local seed company just North of the proposed AEA is looking to source forage and grain species seeds from local producers and the region is likely to see increased seed production as a result.
- The land conservation departments of Ashland and Bayfield County, along with the NRCS continue to provide cost-sharing to landowners to address resource concerns and bring farms into compliance with conservation standards. Projects include: fencing and watering systems for managed intensive grazing, manure storage, stream crossings, and stream bank restorations.
- UW-Extension has conducted cropping trials with dairy producers within the proposed AEA to better utilize annual rye in crop rotations, improve fertilization of hay fields, and optimize nitrogen fertilization of corn silage.

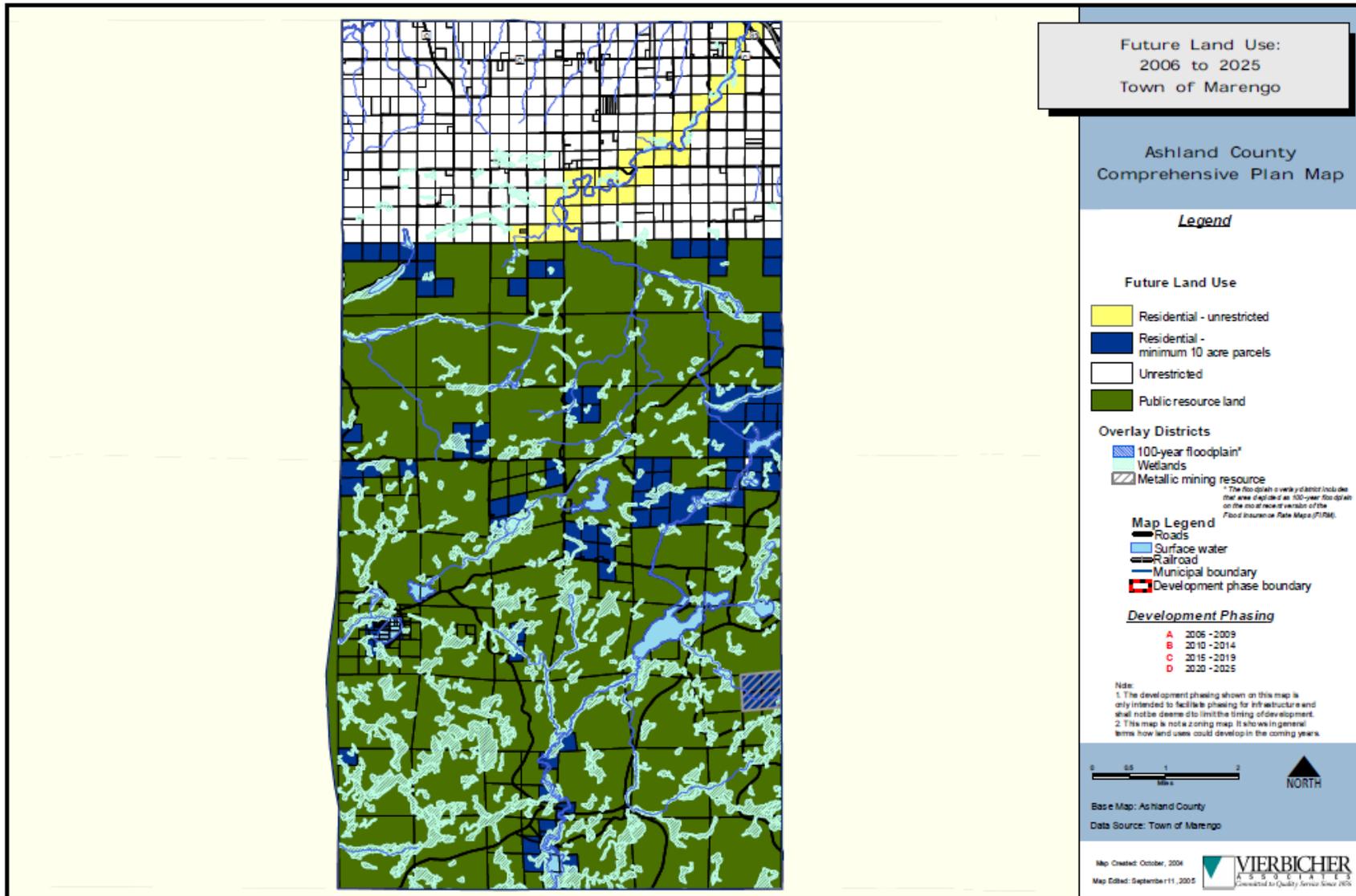
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Attachment B – Current Land Use within the Proposed AEA
Source: USDA Cropland Data, 2012

Category		Acreage
Row Crops	Corn	2469
	Soybeans	1056
	Sunflower	7
	Barley	55
	Spring Wheat	48
	Winter Wheat	108
	Rye	146
	Oats	466
	Canola	89
	Dry Beans	7
	Peas	1
Forages	Alfalfa	2024
	Other Hay/Non Alfalfa	4595
	Clover/Wildflowers	20
	Fallow/Idle Cropland	10
	Pasture/Hay	8252
	Barren	15
	Grassland Herbaceous	47
Forest	Deciduous Forest	14327
	Evergreen Forest	1045
	Mixed Forest	3088
	Shrubland	149
Developed	Developed/Open Space	2095
	Developed/Low Intensity	214
	Developed/Medium Intensity	7
	Developed/High Intensity	4
Wetlands/Water	Woody Wetlands	1443
	Herbaceous Wetlands	56
	Open Water	38
Total Acres		41879

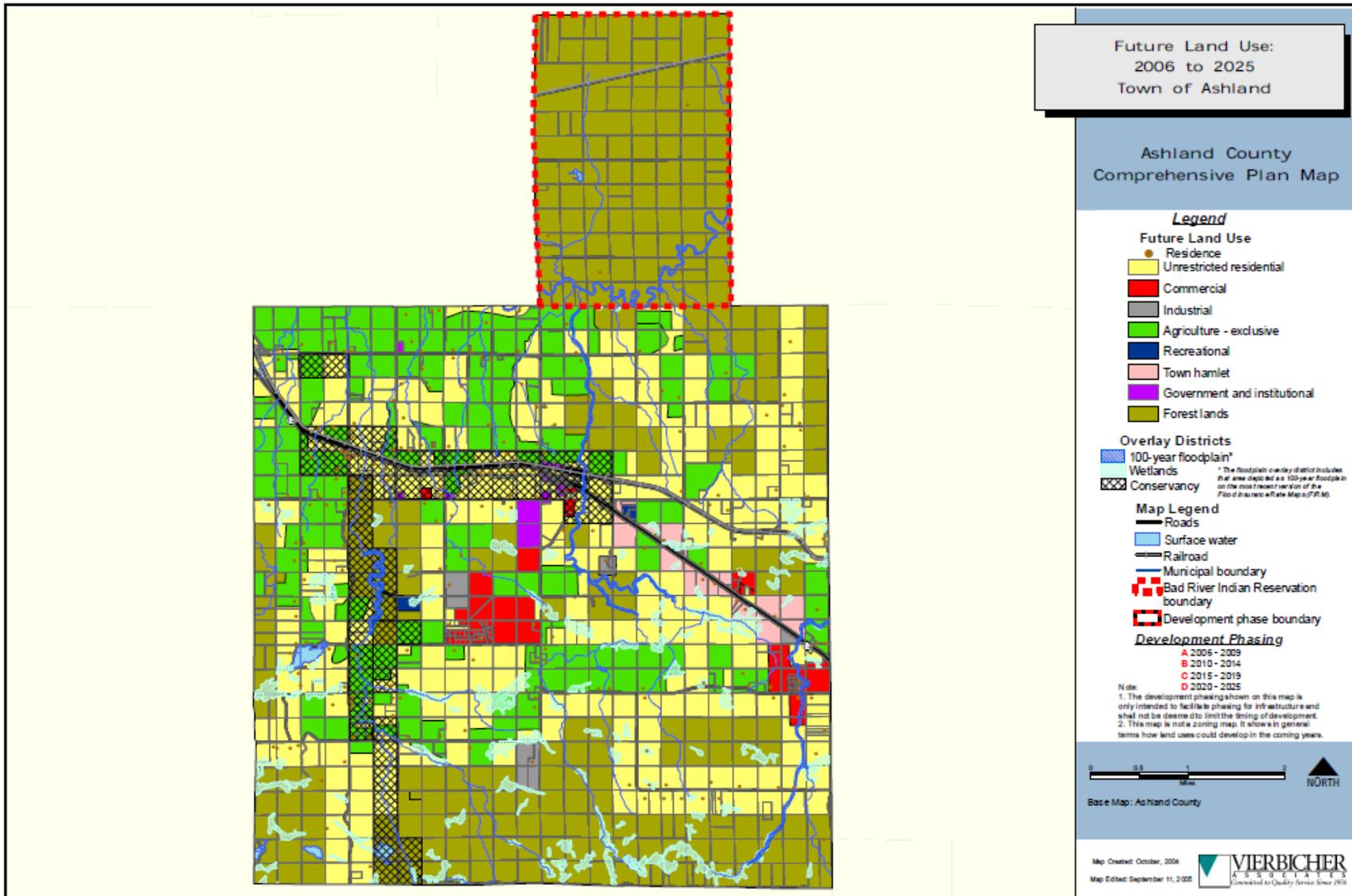
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 Attachment C – Future Land Use Maps



Town of White River Future Land Use Map



Town of Marengo Future Land Use Map



Town of Ashland Future Land Use Map

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Attachment D – Agricultural Development Activities

D. Agricultural Development Activities

Type of Activity	Existing/Future	Additional Details
Joint Marketing	Existing	Five agricultural producers within the proposed AEA are members of the Bayfield Regional Food Producers Cooperative. Together they market their products direct to consumers in Northern, WI. The meat producing Members market their beef, poultry, and lamb under the South Shore Meats label. In addition, the Members supply product for the Lake Superior CSA and participate in a agri-tourism event called the Bayfield Shores Harvest Trail.
Value-added Processing	Existing	A cash crop producer is producing straw pellets for animal bedding and soil improvements. In addition, the producer sells birdseed mixtures made from grains grown on the farm.
Dairy Modernization	Existing	Dairy producers have improved housing and milk parlor facilities to accommodate additional animals and improve operational efficiency.
Farm-to-School	Existing	Some of the small diversified operations are selling fruits, vegetables, meats, and value-added products to local school districts and Northland College.
On-Farm Research	Existing	Jason Fischbach and area dairy producers have been conducting on-farm research trials since 2007. Trials have looked at optimizing nitrogen fertilization of corn, winter rye, and hay fertilization. Three producers received a SARE Farmer-Rancher grant for the winter rye project.
Nutrient Management	Existing	The South Shore Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program has provided resulted in nutrient management plans being produced for 11 farmers within the AEA.
Pasture Management	Existing	Ashland County owns and leases a no-till drill to enable producers to renovate pastures and hayground with minimal tillage. This helps maintain ground in perennial living cover and reduces soil erosion.

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E. Other AEA Activities

Ad Hoc Dairy Producers Group

The Ashland County dairy producers have been meeting periodically to discuss ag development efforts. In 2011, the producers visited a biofuel facility to explore options for producing oilseeds for fuel and protein. In 2012, the producers hosted a meeting with the DOT, local sheriff's deputies, and Extension educators to discuss road weight restrictions and opportunities for pumping and injecting manure to reduce hauling expenses and use of roadways. In addition, this group advises Jason Fischbach on cropping research trials.

As the primary petitioners for the Fields, Waters, and Woods AEA, these dairy producers will continue meeting with Jason Fischbach, Tom Fratt, and Ben Dufford toward development of farmland preservation agreements and continued development of the agricultural economy within the AEA.

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Attachment F – Designated Contacts for the AEA**

Part 1. J. Designated Contacts for the AEA

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**List of Businesses/Organizations Providing Agricultural Products and Support Services in the
Fields, Waters, and Woods Agricultural Enterprise Area**

The following is a partial list of primary organizations and businesses that provides support services or products to agricultural producers within the proposed Fields, Waters, and Woods Agricultural Enterprise Area.

Northland Lawn and Sport

63750 U.S. 63, Mason, WI 54856

Lulich Implement, Inc.

64850 US 63, Mason, WI 54856

United Ag Services

323 Sanborn Ave., Ashland, WI 54806

White River Ag Products

58330 Nelson Rd, Mason, WI 54856

Deer Creek Seed

48200 Wisconsin 112, Ashland, WI 54806

Ashland Area Veterinary Clinic

2700 Farm Rd, Ashland, WI 54806

Willow Animal Hospital

50172 State Hwy 112, Ashland, WI 54806

Graymont (lime)

Foot of Hill Avenue, Superior, Wisconsin 54880

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Wendy Kannel

1416 Third Street West, Ashland, WI 54806

Midland Energy Services (fuel)

220 3rd Avenue West, Ashland, WI, 54806

Don's Repair Services, Inc

Don Lulich

68330 Kanes Rd, Ashland, WI 54806

Meetings With Municipal Partners Regarding Development of the Fields, Waters, and Woods Agricultural Enterprise Area

Solicitation of input from the general public and stakeholders regarding the petition for designation of the Fields, Waters, and Woods Agricultural Enterprise Area was conducted through the municipal meeting process. The following is a list of the 15 separate meetings across 7 different municipalities held from January 28, 2013 through April 15, 2013.

Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians

March 28, 2013 Bad River Natural Resources Department Meeting

- Initial review of the proposed AEA

April 3, 2013 Bad River Tribal Council Meeting

- Unanimous vote to pass resolution in support of proposed AEA

Bayfield County

February 5, 2013 Town of Kelly Planning Commission

- Initial review of the proposed AEA
- Recommended approval to Town Board

February 11, 2013 Town of Kelly Board Meeting

- Initial review of the proposed AEA
- Unanimous vote to pass resolution in support of proposed AEA

February 1, 2013 Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation Committee

- Initial review of the proposed AEA
- Tabled the issue until after consideration by the Town of Kelly

April 12, 2013 Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation Committee

- Voted unanimously to forward a resolution in support of the proposed AEA to the Bayfield County Board

April 15, 2013 Bayfield County Board

- Voted to approve a resolution in support of the proposed AEA

Ashland County

February 11, 2013 Town of Marengo Board Meeting

- Initial review of the proposed AEA
- Put the resolution on the next Board meeting agenda

March 11, 2013 Town of Marengo Board Meeting

- Unanimous vote to pass resolution in support of proposed AEA

February 14, 2013 Town of Ashland Board Meeting

- Initial review of the proposed AEA
- Put the resolution on the next Board meeting agenda

March 14, 2013 Town of Ashland Board Meeting

- Unanimous vote to pass resolution in support of proposed AEA

February 20, 2013 Town of White River Board Meeting

- Initial review of the proposed AEA
- Put the resolution on the next Board Meeting agenda

March 20, 2013 Town of White River Board Meeting

- Unanimous vote to pass resolution in support of proposed AEA

January 29, 2013 Ashland County Land and Water Conservation Committee

- Voted unanimously to forward a resolution in support of the proposed AEA to the Ashland County Board

March 21, 2013 Ashland County Board

- Voted to pass a resolution in support of the proposed AEA