

**Amendatory Ordinance No. 5-0216**

**Whereas**, the County Board of Iowa County, Wisconsin, has adopted Ordinance No. 400.15 the "Iowa County Comprehensive Plan" pursuant to §66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes;

**Whereas**, Iowa County adopted a Farmland Preservation Plan in 1980 that was certified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) as making qualified land eligible for farmland preservation tax credits;

**Whereas**, the Farmland Preservation Program empowering statute, Chapter 91 WI Stats., was revised by the 2009-2011 Wisconsin State Budget with Administrative Rules promulgated in 2012 directing the comprehensive revision of all existing county farmland preservation plans;

**Whereas**, Chapter 91.10(2) WI Stats. now requires consistency between the Farmland Preservation Plan and the county's Comprehensive Plan, which DATCP has deemed accomplished by incorporating the Farmland Preservation Plan into the Comprehensive Plan;

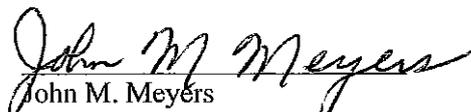
**Whereas**, the Iowa County Office of Planning & Development and Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee undertook a 7-year planning process involving 32 public meetings, numerous plan drafts, workshops and efforts at public outreach;

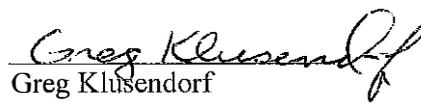
**Whereas**, the final draft of the revised Farmland Preservation Plan has been reviewed and certified by DATCP with the condition that it be approved by the Iowa County Board and incorporated into the county's Comprehensive Plan;

**Whereas**, a public hearing was held before the Iowa County Planning & Zoning Committee on January 27, 2016 as required by §66.1001(4) Wisconsin Statutes after which action was taken by the Committee to recommend approving the revised Farmland Preservation Plan through incorporation into the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the County Board of Iowa County, Wisconsin agrees to approve the revised Iowa County Farmland Preservation Plan and to incorporate it into the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan as Appendix J2.

Adopted by the County Board this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

  
John M. Meyers  
Iowa County Board Chair

Attest:   
Greg Klusendorf  
Iowa County Clerk