



COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Columbia County Farmland Preservation Plan Update Survey

The Columbia County Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP) provides direction for farmland preservation within the county in 10-year intervals. The FPP provides us with the framework for protecting agricultural and open space land uses. The main goal of the FPP is minimizing conversion of these important landscapes. The FPP, as adopted, is certified under the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative (Chapter 91 of Wisconsin Statutes) and allows the county to provide valuable programs to the community, including tax credits and conservation compliance. The FPP identifies farmland preservation areas within the county and provides a plan to accommodate compatible growth, responding to emerging trends, activities, policy discussions, and opportunities.

The plan is due for re-certification from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) by the end of 2025. As part of this re-certification process, the Planning and Zoning Department is requesting insight from the community in regard to their history, applicability, and thoughts on farmland preservation. It is vital for the department to receive community feedback to implement a well-rounded plan that is reflective of our community's needs. This insight will help us predict trends and future needs and wants of the agricultural landscape moving forward.



How can you take this survey?

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1. Scan the QR Code on this page with your phone camera. While your phone is hovering over the code, a yellow pop-up will appear to open the link. Click this! The survey will then appear, and you can take it, and hit submit. Doing so will send the responses to the Department.
2. We have the survey on our website. Go to Columbia County WI website and find the Planning & Zoning Department. There is a link to the survey on this webpage. You can submit it online, or print it out, fill it out, and mail it to us.
3. You can stop by our office at 112 E Edgewater Street, Portage, and we have paper copies for you to fill out and turn in.



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