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File Name: Establishing the Farmland Preservation Taskforce **Final Action:**

Title: ~~BY TITLE ONLY~~ Establishing the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

Notes:

Sponsors: Tag Evers And Yannette Figueroa Cole

Effective Date:

Attachments: SMC_Email Comment_8.22.2022_72997_Ellinger.pdf,
 SMC_Email Comment_8.22.2022_72997_Cannon.pdf,
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History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Council Office	08/02/2022	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT				
	Action Text:	This Resolution was RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT					
	Notes:	Referred to Madison Food Policy Council (08/17/22), Sustainable Madison Committee (08/22/22), Plan Commission (08/29/22), Common Council (09/06/22)					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	08/02/2022	Refer	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL			Pass
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Furman, seconded by Currie, to Refer to the MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL (8/17/22). The motion passed by voice vote/other.					
	Notes:	Additional referrals to Sustainable Madison Committee (08/22/22), Plan Commission (08/29/22), Common Council (9/6/22)					
1	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	08/03/2022	Referred	PLAN COMMISSION			
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred to the PLAN COMMISSION					
1	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	08/03/2022	Referred	SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE		08/22/2022	
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE					

1	MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL	08/17/2022	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt	PLAN COMMISSION	08/29/2022	Pass
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Action Text: Presentation on the attached resolution by Kemble. Additional context provided by alders Evers and Figueroa Cole.

Vidaver: Why is the size of the group constituted of 7 individuals and two alternates?
Kemble: Workgroup on government engagement has shown that smaller groups can have more active participation

Figueroa Cole: What will "Self organized" mean in the context of staffing this task force?
Kemble: technical assistance is being sought for support with Legistar and Zoom

Motion made by Brockel to establish the Task Force on Farmland Preservation. Second by Conroy.
Motion passes with unanimous approval.

1	SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE	08/22/2022	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION S - REPORT OF OFFICER
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Action Text: Public Comment Registrants:

- Michelle Ellinger Linley - Support Yes, I want to speak.
- Beth Sluys - Support Yes, I want to speak.
- Marsha Cannon - Support No, I do not want to speak.

Presentation by: Rebecca Kemble, Ald. Tag Evers, Ald. Figueroa-Cole.

Motion by Green seconded by Ald. Conklin to Adopt the Resolution with the following recommendations:

- "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Task Force on Farmland Preservation is hereby created and charged with creating guidelines for land use decisions when farmland and open space within City limits are proposed for rezoning and development and writing a final report with supporting data, to be referred for review by the Madison Food Policy Council, Sustainable Madison Committee and Plan Commission prior to consideration of acceptance by the Common Council, and"

- Include language to invite and encourage input from subject matter experts from the community to the Task Force to inform decisions (such as Indigenous tribes).

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Text of Legislative File 72997

Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution establishes a Task Force on Farmland Preservation. No budget authority exists for the Task Force. Any costs associated with the Task Force that cannot be covered through existing budget authority would need to be included in a future budget request and subject to Council approval.

Title

~~BY TITLE ONLY~~ Establishing the Task Force on Farmland Preservation

Body

WHEREAS, farmland preservation and increasing access to community gardens and agricultural land for underrepresented groups are highlighted in the 2018 City of Madison Comprehensive Plan (<https://plan.imaginemadisonwi.com>); and,

WHEREAS, farmland preservation provides economic and social benefits (<https://conservationtools.org/guides/147-why-preserve-farmland>) to a broad segment of the community while providing ecosystem services such as flood prevention; and,

WHEREAS, according to the land access survey administered by Rooted, since 2019, demand for farmland for community gardens and small-scale market gardeners within the City of Madison is continuing to increase; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunity to provide these land-based benefits diminishes with each acre of farmland that is used for development; and,

WHEREAS, the Dane County Farmland Preservation Plan is based on tax credits for owners of medium to large parcels of farmland outside of the City of Madison and therefore is not relevant to the needs of urban agricultural practitioners within city limits; and,

WHEREAS, the importance of farmland preservation has been raised numerous times by the Madison Food Policy Council, especially during the Comprehensive Plan Work Group's efforts during the city-wide Imagine Madison process in 2018, but it still has not been formally addressed at a policy level; and,

WHEREAS, City decision makers will benefit from policy guidelines to help them balance development interests with the strong community values that support local food production, local food businesses and the preservation of farmland as expressed in adopted plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Task Force on Farmland Preservation is hereby created and charged with creating guidelines for land use decisions when farmland and open space within City limits are proposed for rezoning and development and writing a final report with supporting data, and will be composed of seven (7) voting members and two (2) alternates:

Voting Members (7)

An Alder (1)

A member of the Plan Commission (1)

A member of the Sustainable Madison Committee (1)

A member of the Madison Food Policy Council (1)

A resident member with expertise in land use and planning (1)

A resident member with expertise in real estate (1)

A resident member with expertise in farmland preservation (1)

Alternate Members (2)

A member of the Dane County Food Council (1)

A member of a non-profit that supports small farmers (1)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following members are hereby appointed:

Members

Alder member: Ald. Tag Evers

Plan Commission member: Ald. Erik Paulson

Sustainable Madison Committee member: Jeannette LeZaks
Madison Food Policy Council member: Rebecca Kemble
Land use and Planning expert: Nan Fey
Real Estate expert: Mark Voss, Latitude Real Estate
Farmland preservation expert: Alison Volk, American Farmland Trust

Alternate Members

Dane County Food Council member: Marcia Caton-Campbell, Rooted
Small farmer-supporting nonprofit member: Yimmuj Yang, Groundswell
Conservancy

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Task Force will be self-organized and self-managed and work will conclude by March 31, 2023.