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ROCK COUNTY PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (PACE) PROGRAM – TARGET ACQUISITION AREAS FACT SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Rock County PACE Program Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) utilized the Rock County PACE Program's Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) System to identify Program Target Acquisition Areas (Areas). These Areas are clusters of eligible agricultural parcels with high LESA Scores.

The Committee identified both Secondary and Primary Target Acquisition Areas. Secondary Target Acquisition Areas consist of large areas of contiguous Tier I Farmland and Tier II Farmland with higher LESA Scores (6.8 or greater). Primary Target Acquisition Areas consist of Secondary Target Acquisition Areas that meet additional criteria, including:

1. More than 50% of the Secondary Target Acquisition Area is located less than 3.5 miles from the boundary of a City with a population between 4,000 - 10,000 or less than 5 miles from the boundary of a City with a population between 10,000 - 80,000 (per Wisconsin Department of Administration - *Minor Civil Division Final 2009 Population Estimates by County - 2010*), as said boundaries exist on 1-1-2010
2. More than 50% of the Secondary Target Acquisition Area contains soils designated as suitable for a septic system (above or below ground) (per Map 8.2: Municipal Sanitary Sewer Systems and On-Site Waste Disposal Suitability – *Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035*)

Thus, Primary Target Acquisition Areas are clusters of eligible agricultural parcels with high LESA Scores **and** under moderate development pressure.

Primary Target Acquisition Areas are the parcels on which the Program will focus its easement acquisition efforts. Please refer to the Program's *Target Acquisition Areas and Other High-Priority Agricultural Parcels Map* for further detail.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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