

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**  
**AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT WORK GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by John at 7:05 p.m. at the Public Agency Center in Room 1113A/B.  
Those present included:

**Work Group Members Present:**

Marilyn John, Chairperson.....	Town of Trenton
David Baldus, Vice-Chairperson .....	Town of Polk Citizen
Mary Krumbiegel.....	Washington County Board Supervisor
Robert Bingen.....	Town of Addison
Joe Peters .....	Town of Barton
Ike Roell.....	Town of Farmington
Dale Dhein .....	Town of Germantown
Richard Beine.....	Town of Hartford
Daniel Schmidt.....	Town of Kewaskum
Albert Schulteis.....	Town of Polk
Kieth Kriewaldt.....	Town of Wayne
Andy Pesch .....	Village of Kewaskum
Michael Heili .....	Village of Newburg
Roger Walsh.....	Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Rod Bartlow.....	Ice Age Trail Foundation
Kevin Dittmar.....	Metropolitan Builders Association
Helmut Wagner.....	Town of Erin
Sue Millin .....	Land Conservation Partnership

**Excused Members:**

Norbert Dettmann .....	Landmarks Committee
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**Absent:**

Melvin Ewert .....	Washington County Board Supervisor – PCPC
Ross Bishop .....	Agribusiness Cluster Council

**Staff:**

Deb Sielski.....	Assistant Administrator for Planning
Washington County Planning and Parks Department	

Herb Wolf .....	Assistant Administrator
Washington County Planning and Parks Department	

Paul Sebo .....	Senior Technician
Washington County Planning and Parks Department	

Josh Glass .....	Planner
Washington County Planning and Parks Department	

Todd Roehl .....	Planner
SEWRPC	

Kelly Hahm.....	Administrative Secretary
Washington County Planning and Parks Department	

### **Others in Attendance**

Kevin Trastaad  
Betsy Gillen  
Mark Pamperin

### **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Call Meeting to Order/Review Agenda

John called meeting to order and reviewed agenda items.

### **SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Approval of November 1, 2006 Minutes

John asked the work group to review the revised minutes as presented. (See Attached).

Daniel Schmidt stated that he was excused from the November 1, 2006 meeting. Heili stated that his name should only be listed once for attendance. Krumbiegel stated she made a comment, which was listed with Sebo's name.

**Motion by Krumbiegel, seconded by Heili to approve the November 1, 2006 minutes with changes. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Review Revised LESA Criteria and Scaling

Sielski presented and reviewed the revised LESA criteria. (See Attached). Sielski stated that a list of the hamlets was presented at last month's meeting, and staff is awaiting to here responses from the municipalities regarding which hamlets they would like analyzed as part of SA-2-B.

Sielski asked for any questions or comments regarding the revised LESA criteria. Krumbiegel suggested to have SA-1 language changed from "farmer" to "operation". Discussion ensued regarding the changes to the SA-3 factors. The objective of the LESA assessment is to determine areas in the county to preserve. Dittmar suggested that traffic counts be used in the LESA process. Sielski stated that we can consider using that type of information. Krumbiegel requested to have a map with the traffic counts at the next meeting. Sielski stated that this information can always be added as we are working on the LESA process. Sebo suggested changes to SA-3-A. Discussion ensued on possible percentage changes.

**Motion by Heili, seconded by Wagner to change SA-3-A to state: More than 19% = 10; 5% - 19% = 5; Less than 5% = 0. Motion carried unanimously.**

Walsh suggested changing the wording in SA-3 - C wording to state "20 acres" or more to be consistent. Sielski agreed.

**Motion made by Wagner, seconded by Beine to approve LESA criteria and scales with the following changes:**

**Changing farmer to read farmer operation on SA-1-A and change the language to 20 acres or more.  
Changing language on SA-3 - C to state 20 acres or more for consistency purposes.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Sielski stated that next month the criteria can be tested.

### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Develop Weighting for LESA Criteria

Sielski reviewed the excerpts from the LESA Guidebook. (See Attached). Sielski presented the Potential Site Assessment Weights handout. (See Attached). Sielski explained and reviewed the weighting process used in Dane County. (See Attached). Kriewaldt suggested to have everyone rate each factor. The work group weighted each factor on a scale of 1-3. Sielski reiterated that this is just a starting point for the

weighting process and some changes can be made as the criteria are being tested. Sielski also stated that the weights may need to equal 1, so staff may need to use a multiplier to calculate exact weights that will be used in the analysis.

*SA-1 A. Size of farm in contiguous management by 1 farm operation. #1 = 2; #2 = 5; #3 = 12 (n = 19)*  
Group ranking 3.0

*SA-1 B Compatibility of adjacent land uses. #1 = 2; #1.5 = 1; #2 = 7; #3 = 8 (n = 18)*  
Group ranking 2.5

*SA-1 C Compatibility of surrounding land uses within 0.5 mile. #1 = 8; #2 = 10; #3=1 (n = 19)*  
Group ranking 1.5

*SA-1 D Percent of farm in agricultural use. #1 = 5; #2 = 8; #3 = 5 (n = 18)*  
Group ranking 2.0

*SA-2 A Distance from sewer service area. #1 = 5; #2 = 8; #3 =5 (n = 18)*  
Group ranking 2.5

*SA-2 B Distance from selected hamlets. #1 = 10; #2 = 8; #3 = 0 (n = 18)*  
Group ranking 1.5

*SA-2 C Distance from interchanges along US Highway (USH) 41 & USH 45. #1 = 7; #2 =9; #3 = 2 (n = 18)*  
Group ranking 2.0

*SA-3 A Primary or secondary environmental corridors or isolated natural resource areas or natural areas/critical species habitat outside environmental corridors present on farm. #1 = 4; #2 = 6; #3 = 7 (n = 17)*  
Group ranking 1.0

*SA-3 B Floodplains present on farm – using current 100 year floodplain. #1 = 9; #2 = 6; #3 = 2 (n = 17)*  
Group ranking 1.0

*SA-3 C Proximity of permanently protected land greater than 20 acres in size (fee simple or easement; public or nonprofit conservation organization). #1 = 5; #2 = 6; #3 = 6 (n = 17)*  
Group ranking 2.0

**Motion by Baldus, seconded by Bartlow to have staff test the new weighting system.** Discussion ensued. Krumbiegel commented that 1B should be 3 because the compatibility is the most important to farmers. Majority did not support comment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Review Attendance Procedure

Sielski briefly highlighted items in the Attendance Procedure. (See Attached). Sielski stated that staff has been directed by the Advisory Committee to follow this attendance procedure.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Public Comment

No comments given.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings

Sielski stated that the next meeting will be January 10, 2007. Sielski added that we should be able to test the LESA process. Krumbiegel stated she will not be able to attend that meeting and will have an alternate in her place at that meeting.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Adjournment

**Motion by Kriewaldt, seconded by Peters to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Sielski  
Assistant Administrator for Planning

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn John, Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_

