ONEIDA COUNTY
Public Participation Plan
for Farmland Preservation Planning

I. Background

The County recognizes the need to engage the public in the planning process. Therefore, this Public Participation Plan sets forth the techniques Oneida County will use to provide an interactive dialogue opportunity between citizens, local decision makers, staff, and the NCWRPC.

The creation of the Public Participation Plan is a task required under Wisconsin’s Farmland Preservation Plan development legislation (§91.10(3) Wis. Stats.).

The Farmland Preservation Plan must be adopted under the same procedures required for adopting Comprehensive Plans (§66.1001(4) Wis. Stats.).

II. Objectives

The following is a list of objectives for the Public Participation Plan:

- Inform residents and landowners of the importance of creating the Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan.
- Request input from residents and landowners to represent the agricultural and forestry interests in Oneida County.
- Provide the public with a variety of opportunities to share their input with the Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Committee, so that it may be carefully considered and incorporated into the farmland preservation planning process.
- Provide public access to all Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan chapters and maps created throughout the planning process.
III. Techniques

The public participation plan for the Oneida County Farmland Preservation planning process will incorporate the following techniques:

1. All meetings for the farmland preservation planning process will be posted, open to the public, and will include time for public comment.

2. NCWRPC will create and maintain a web page on the Internet for the Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan. The chapters and maps created will be posted to this web page throughout the planning process.

3. Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan meeting handouts will be maintained by Land and Water Conservation Department staff, and available for review by the public in the Land and Water Conservation Department offices in the Courthouse.

4. Oneida County will distribute digital copies of the draft Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan to all Oneida County towns, and provide a notice of where to find the draft plan to all governments adjacent to Oneida County.

5. The adopted Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan will be available in the Land and Water Conservation Department, the Olson Memorial Library, and on the Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan web page.

6. The Land and Water Conservation Department will provide regular reports to the Land and Water Conservation Committee.

7. The Land and Water Conservation Committee will hold a public hearing on the Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan after the Land and Water Conservation Committee adopts a resolution recommending adoption of the Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan by the Oneida County Board.
Placeholder for signed Public Participation Plan Resolution.