



Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative

Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative was passed as a part of the state's 2009-2011 biennial budget process. Main components include: the expansion and modernization of the state's existing Farmland Preservation Program, the establishment of Agricultural Enterprise Areas, and a state program to help with the purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements.

The Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative provides landowners with an opportunity to claim [farmland preservation tax credits](#) through participation in the program. These tax credits are income tax credits that are applied against tax liability. Farmland Preservation is eligible in the Towns of Eagle, Oconomowoc and Ottawa. (See [maps](#)) Farmland Preservation Agreements are only eligible in the Ashippun/Oconomowoc Agricultural Enterprise Area.

Under the Working Lands Program, farmers who claim a farmland preservation tax credit must comply with [state soil and water conservation standards](#).

More information can be found at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) [website](#) or contact Waukesha County Land Resources at (262) 896-8306.