

**Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Farmland Preservation Program (ch. 91, Wis. Stats.)**

***State of Wisconsin Fee for Rezoning Land Out of an Agricultural
Preservation Zoning District***

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is requiring that, under s.91.48, Wis. Stats., beginning January 1, 2010, any person who requests that land be rezoned out of an Agricultural Preservation zoning district must pay a conversion fee for each acre of land to be rezoned or portion thereof, equal to three times the per acre value of the highest value category of tillable cropland in the town. The fee is required to maintain Waukesha County's compliance with the Farmland Preservation Program. The fee is collected by the Waukesha County Planning and Zoning Division and submitted to the DATCP by March 1st of each year. **Please note:** Payment of the fee will be required following County Board approval of the zoning amendment and prior to recording of the final certified survey map or deed transfer document as a condition of the approved amendment. The approved zoning amendment shall be effectuated within twelve months of County Board action. This fee is separate from and is charged in addition to any other fees charged by the County or Town. Further, any city or village with an Agricultural Preservation zoning district and certified farmland protection plan is responsible for the collection of fees as established by the DATCP, based upon Dept. of Revenue rates. The per acre 2010 fee for each town in Waukesha County is shown below:

***2010 DATCP Rezoning Fee**

Town of Brookfield	\$ 894 per acre
Town of Delafield	\$ 906 per acre
Town of Eagle	\$ 921 per acre
Town of Genesee	\$ 918 per acre
Town of Lisbon	\$ 897 per acre
Town of Merton	\$ 909 per acre
Town of Mukwonago	\$ 912 per acre
Town of Oconomowoc	\$ 909 per acre
Town of Ottawa	\$ 906 per acre
Town of Summit	\$ 912 per acre
Town of Vernon	\$ 927 per acre
Town of Waukesha	\$ 918 per acre

*The Department of Revenue updates assessment rates annually; this fee is valid until December 31, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this fee, please contact the following:

DATCP	608-224-4500	<u>DATCPWorkinglands@wisconsin.gov</u>
Legislative Hot Line	800-362-9472	<u>legis.wisconsin.gov</u>
Wisconsin Governor's Office	608-266-1212	