

AGRICULTURE EVALUATION

Factor Sheet A-3

Alternative	Total Length of Center Line of Existing Roadway Length of This Alternative
Preferred <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None identified	

See FDM Procedure 20-10-20, Federal Agricultural Policy, for guidance on the Farmland Preservation Act. Information about agricultural land use in a given area may be obtained from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

1. Total acquisition interest, by type of agricultural land use:

In FDM Procedure 24-10-15, a farm operation is defined as, "any activity conducted solely or primarily for the production of one or more agricultural commodities in sufficient quantity to be capable of contributing materially to the operator's support." Guidance from DATCP defines a "farm operation" as an operation that can generate \$1000 per year of profit or rent.

Type of Land Acquired From Farm Operations	Type of Acquisition (acres)		Total Area Acquired (acres)
	Fee Simple	Easement	
Crop land and pasture			
Woodland			
Land of undetermined or other use (e.g., wetlands, yards, roads, etc.)			
Totals			

Houses, lawns, barnyards and outbuildings are all included in the "other" use category. Also included in this category are wetlands (except farmed wetlands which are included in the "cropland and pasture" category). Information about pastured, croplands and set-aside land data and wetland information can be obtained from the NRCS. "Woodlands" are defined as being at least one acre in size. Resources to determine the presence of wetlands include Wisconsin Wetland Inventory mapping, the WisDOT Regional Environmental Coordinator and the WDNR Environmental Impact Coordinator (liaison to WisDOT).

2. Indicate number of farm operations from which land will be acquired:

Non-contiguous parcels owned or operated by the same entity are considered one farm operation.

Acreage to be Acquired	Number of Farm Operations
Less than 1 acre	
1 acre to 5 acres	
More than 5 acres	

3. Is land to be converted to highway use covered by the Farmland Protection Policy Act?

- No
 - The land was purchased prior to August 6, 1984 for the purpose of conversion.
 - The acquisition does not directly or indirectly convert farmland.
 - The land is clearly not farmland
 - The land is already in, or committed to urban use or water storage.
- Yes (This determination is made by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) via the completion of the Farmland Impact Conversion Rating Form, NRCS Form AD-1006)
 - The land is prime farmland which is not already committed to urban development or water storage.
 - The land is unique farmland.
 - The land is farmland which is of statewide or local importance as determined by the appropriate state or local government agency.

4. Has the Farmland Impact Conversion Rating Form (AD-1006) been submitted to NRCS?

The completed Form AD-1006 should be transmitted to the NRCS office having jurisdiction over the area affected by the project regardless of any point totals in Part VI. NRCS is unlikely to comment on any project that scores less than 60 points in Part VI of Form AD-1006. NRCS has 10 days to respond to the AD-1006 transmittal.

- No - Explain.
- Yes
 - The Site Assessment Criteria Score (Part VI of the form) is less than 60 points for this project alternative.
Date Form AD-1006 completed. _____
 - The Site Assessment Criteria Score is 60 points or greater.
Date Form AD-1006 completed. _____

5. Is an Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) Required?

See FDM Procedure 12-5-3, Acquisition Restrictions, for guidance. DATCP must be notified of any project which may involve the acquisition of an interest in land from a farm operation through the use of Eminent Domain.

- No
 - Eminent Domain will not be used for this acquisition
 - The project is a "Town Highway" project
 - The acquisition is less than 1 acre
 - The acquisition is 1-5 acres and DATCP chooses not to do an AIS.
 - Other. Describe _____

- Yes
 - Eminent Domain may be used for this acquisition.
 - The project is not a "Town Highway" project.
 - The acquisition is 1-5 acres and DATCP chooses to do an AIS.
 - The acquisition is greater than 5 acres.

See FDM Procedure 21-25-30, Agricultural Impact Statement for information on the preparation and submittal of the Agricultural Impact Notice.

6. Is an Agricultural Impact Notice (AIN) Required?

See FDM Procedure 21-25-30 for guidance.

- No, the project is not a State Trunk Highway Project - AIN not required but complete questions 7-16.
- Yes, the project is a State Trunk Highway Project - AIN may be required.

Is the land acquired "non-significant"?

- Yes - (All must be checked) An AIN is not required but complete questions 7-16.
 - Less than 1 acre in size
 - Results in no severances
 - Does not significantly alter or restrict access
 - Does not involve moving or demolishing any improvements necessary to the operation of the farm
 - Does not involve a high value crop

Note that, while an AIN is not required for a project where all acquisitions are "non-significant", a summary must be sent to DATCP, as described in Procedure 21-25-30, page 3.

- No
 - Acquisition 1 to 5 acres - **AIN required.** Complete Pages 1 and 2, Form DT1999, (Pages 1 and 2, Figure 1, Procedure 21-25-30.)
 - Acquisition over 5 acres - **AIN required.** Complete Pages 1, 3 and 4, Form DT1999. (Pages 1, 3 and 4, Figure 1, Procedure 21-25-30)

If an AIN is completed, do not complete the following questions 7-16.

7. Identify and describe effects to farm operations because of land lost due to the project:

- Does Not Apply.
- Applies – Discuss.

8. Describe changes in access to farm operations caused by the proposed action:

- Does Not Apply.
- Applies – Discuss.

9. Indicate whether a farm operation will be severed because of the project and describe the severance (include area of original farm and size of any remnant parcels):

- Does Not Apply.
- Applies – Discuss.

10. Identify and describe effects generated by the acquisition or relocation of farm operation buildings, structures or improvements (e.g., barns, silos, stock watering ponds, irrigation wells, etc.). Address the location, type, condition and importance to the farm operation as appropriate:

- Does Not Apply.

Applies – Discuss.

11. Describe effects caused by the elimination or relocation of a cattle/equipment pass or crossing. Attach plans, sketches, or other graphics as needed to clearly illustrate existing and proposed location of any cattle/equipment pass or crossing:

- Does Not Apply.
- Replacement of an existing cattle/equipment pass or crossing is not planned. Explain.
- Cattle/equipment pass or crossing will be replaced.
- Replacement will occur at same location.
- Cattle/equipment pass or crossing will be relocated. Describe.

12. Describe the effects generated by the obliteration of the old roadway:

- Does Not Apply.
- Applies – Discuss.

13. Identify and describe any proposed changes in land use or indirect development that will affect farm operations and are related to the development of this project:

- Does Not Apply.
- Applies – Discuss.

14. Describe any other project-related effects identified by a farm operator or owner that may be adverse, beneficial or controversial:

- No effects indicated by farm operator or owner.
- Applies – Discuss.

15. Indicate whether minority or low-income population farm owners, operators, or workers will be affected by the proposal: (Include migrant workers, if appropriate.)

- No
- Applies – Discuss.

If minority or low income farm owners are present, Environmental Justice Evaluation, Factor Sheet B-4, must also be completed.

16. Describe measures to minimize adverse effects or enhance benefits to agricultural operations:

All environmental commitments must be listed on Basic Sheet 8, Environmental Commitments.