

TOWN OF NEPEUSKUN

FARMLAND PRESERVATION UPDATE JANUARY 2013

The State of Wisconsin (DATCP) has certified the Town of Nepeuskun zoning ordinance and related maps as of December 28, 2012.

As a landowner who has had your land zoned and mapped for participation in the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP), this update will lay out the next steps you will need to complete in order to file for a tax credit if you so desire.

Certification of Compliance with the State Agricultural Performance Standards, required to receive the Farmland Preservation Program State Tax Credit, is done by the Winnebago County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD).

All cropland and livestock facilities owned by the applicant/participant must be in compliance with the State Agricultural Performance Standards to receive Certification of Compliance from LWCD.

First Steps and Basic Program Requirements

- 1.) Contact LWCD at 920-232-1950 and make an appointment to come in and enroll in the program. (Program details will be review with you at that time.)
- 2.) Cropland Compliance requires that you address any erosion issues deemed a concern by LWCD, that your land is farmed in accordance with an approved Nutrient Management Plan that is submitted annually to LWCD, and that you are following the livestock waste management requirements.
- 3.) Livestock Facilities compliance requires that all livestock facilities owners must address any livestock waste runoff issues or any other resource impacting issues deemed a concern by LWCD.

Your Town and County officials worked very hard to get Nepeuskun's Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance certified for 2012. Achieving full compliance will be difficult for many landowners to qualify for the tax credit in 2012. To get the process started, and to determine your current compliance status, please contact Tom Davies, LWCD at **920-232-1950. MAKE THE PHONE CALL TODAY!**

Also be aware that there are other requirements regarding gross income generated on the land and property taxes that need to be met. You do not need to provide any information to LWCD for this requirement. It is part of the income tax filing process and will be handled by your tax preparer.

Town Chair, Ronald Bahn, will also try to answer any of your questions. 920-570-3296