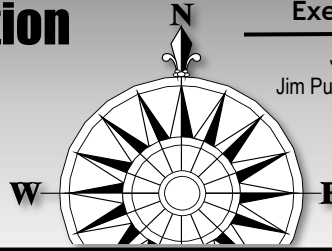


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Re: Proposal to address issues of unlimited animal units in new Dane County Zoning Code

A working group of Dane County town representatives met on June 26, 2019 and discussed the issue of unlimited animal units in the new Dane County Zoning Code. The issues are:

FP-1 (small lot farmland preservation) zoning district, allows unlimited animal units on parcels from 1 to 35 acres. Many parcels previously zoned A-4 are being rezoned to FP-1 creating concerns regarding unlimited livestock on parcels that can be as small as one acre.

RM-8 (rural mixed use 8 to 16 acres) and RM-16 (rural mixed used 16 to unlimited acres) zoning districts, allow unlimited animal units. Many properties zoned A-2 and RH-4 are being rezoned to these districts.

The workgroup proposes that Dane County amend the zoning code to:

Amend FP-1 District

Change permitted uses in the FP-1 zoning district to allow unlimited animal units only on parcels greater than 5 acres. Lots less than 5 acres would not allow livestock. This would be consistent with the previous zoning code that restricted unlimited livestock to parcels greater than 5 acres.

Establish RR-16 District

Create a new residential zoning district for single family homes with agricultural uses based on the existing RR-8 district. The RR-8 district has a minimum of 8 acres and a maximum of 16 acres. The proposed new district would be called RR-16 and would have a minimum of 16 acres and a maximum of 35 acres and similar permitted and conditional uses as the RR-8 district. RR-16 could be used by towns that are uncomfortable with the unlimited animal unit provision in the FP-1 zoning district. RR-16 could also serve as a possible alternative for Towns that don't want to rezone properties to RM-16. Similar to RR-8, the RR-16 would be for single family homes with agricultural uses and allow one animal unit per acre.