TOWN OF DUNKIRK
DANE COUNTY
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Stoughton, WI 53589-4354
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Telephone: (608) 873-9177

As a Town of Dunkirk landowner of 35 acres or more, you are eligible to apply for the Town's Rural Preservation Program (RPP). On April 2, 2019, Town of Dunkirk residents voted to develop the RPP to preserve our agricultural and natural areas. This program allows you to sell some or all of your property's development rights (also known as "splits" or land division rights) to the Town of Dunkirk, while continuing to privately own the land.

The Rural Preservation Commission was formed to administer the RPP and is pleased to inform you that there is matching funding available from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS-USDA) to help support this effort. The RPP is a voluntary program in which you are compensated monetarily for the full value of the development rights, which is determined by an independent, qualified appraiser.

Our excellent farmland and natural areas are worth protecting as growth continues around us. The Rural Preservation Program (RPP) is meant to support the interests of town residents in preserving the rural character of Dunkirk Township, and to provide some certainty about the future. The RPP compensates landowners for placing permanent development restrictions on their land. The Town of Dunn has had a successful program in place since 1997, which has helped landowners receive a payment for a portion of their property value without having to sell any land.

If you would like to learn more about the process, and the possibility of including some or all of your land in the Dunkirk Rural Preservation Program, please return the enclosed "Notice of Interest" form by September 15, 2021 in order to be considered in this first funding cycle. Completion of this form is non-binding and is provided as a way for you to express interest in the program and begin a conversation.

An information session about the RPP will be held Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at the Dunkirk Town Hall, at 7 pm. If you are unable to attend, or would simply prefer to meet in private to discuss your property, we are happy to set up a meeting at another time.

Sincerely,

Deb Wiepz (RPP Commission Chair): 608-445-1320, dwiepz@gmail.com
Kim Maerz (RPP Commission Secretary): 608-692-3026, themaerz@gmail.com

RPP Commissioners:

Tracy Wiklund	Bill Delehanty
Matt Harried	Richard Barton
Stephen Manderfeld	Ken Martin

Rural Preservation Program (RPP)

Notice of Interest

Notices of interest in the program are welcome any time, but please return this form by <u>September 15, 2021</u> to be considered for the upcoming funding cycle.

Please complete the following "notice of interest" form if you would like to have your land considered for the Town of Dunkirk's RPP. Completion of this form in no way commits you to selling your development rights to the town. However, if you wish to be considered in the next round of RPP negotiations, you must send a completed form to the Dunkirk Town Hall.

Please fill out as much of the following information as possible. You will be contacted by the Dunkirk RPP Commission, which oversees the program, to discuss your interest and to go over the specific features of your land. Once the RPP Commission has reviewed all applications, the land parcels will be ranked using objective criteria. Ranking criteria include such factors as: quality of farmland; development pressure; and natural, historical or archaeological features. Because funds for the RPP are limited, applications that rank highest will receive consideration first.

Name:_____

Telephone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

(over)

Names of ALL Property Owners: _____

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Location of Property:

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Parcel # (if known): _____

Please return this form using one of the following:

1. Standard mail to:
   Dunkirk Town Hall, 654 County Rd N, Stoughton, WI 53589
   or
2. Scan the form and email it to:
   townofdunkirk@att.net