

**Food, Land and Water Project  
Future of Working Lands Workgroup**

***Draft Agenda for November 10, 2016 Meeting  
Hotel Mead – Wisconsin Rapids***

**8:30 AM: Continental Breakfast and Conversation**

**9:00 AM: Plenary Session With Other Workgroups (Jim VandenBrook)**

- Welcome
- Progress Report
- Today's Plan and Next Steps

**9:30 AM: Workgroup (Morning Session)**

9:30 AM: Getting Started (Facilitator and Co-Chairs)

- Welcome
- Introduce New Members
- Attendance Check
- Approve Minutes of August 23 Meeting
- Facilitator and Co-Chair Comments (reflections on last meeting, hopes for this meeting)
- Plan for this Meeting

10:00 AM: Background Information (Expert Presentation and Discussion)

- Farmland Trends and Farmland Preservation Program (Alison Volk, DATCP).  
*60-minute presentation plus 15-minute Q&A.*
- Can the Farmland Preservation program achieve sustainability goals?

**11:45 AM: LUNCH and informal conversation (with other workgroups)**

**12:45 PM: Workgroup (Afternoon Session)**

- Continue to address questions from workgroup charter (attached). *Key task for this meeting is to identify our "bottom-line" working lands preservation and sustainability goals.*
- What progress can our Workgroup report to the Steering Committee at its next meeting?
- What can our Workgroup reasonably hope to achieve over the course of this project (2 more meetings)? What should be our primary focus?

**3:00 PM: ADJOURN**

*NOTE: Breaks may be scheduled at the discretion of the Workgroup*

## Questions from Workgroup Charter

- What are the key trends affecting Wisconsin's "working lands?"
  - Total land in agriculture and forest use
  - Conversion of land to other uses
  - Changing ownership patterns
  - Form and intensity of use
  - Population, housing, development and infrastructure trends
  - Areas heavily affected by land use changes and development
- What are the key Impacts?
  - Agriculture, forestry, recreation and tourism
  - Environment
  - Local government
- Do current trends lead to a sustainable future? How do we define sustainable?
- What are our "working lands" preservation goals, if any?
- What, if anything, are we doing to achieve our goals?
- Are we making progress toward our goals? If not, why not?
- If progress is inadequate, what would it take to achieve our goals? Are incentives adequate?
- What are the trade-offs?
- Where do we go from here?