



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** April 1, 2019  
**MEMO TO:** Jessica Vealitzek, Chair  
Operations Committee  
**FROM:** James L. Anderson  
Director of Natural Resources

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve termination of the existing Row Crop Farm License Agreements at Lake Marie and Ray Lake Forest Preserves.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Conservation; Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The existing Lake Marie and Ray Lake – Squaw Creek Farm License Agreements with Bradley Cockrum generate annual revenue of \$32,722.56 (157.32 acres at \$208.00/acre) and \$17,759.70 (84.57 acres at \$210.00/acre), respectively.

**BACKGROUND:** Under its farming program, the District licenses certain farmed lands that it acquires to farmers to provide cost-effective, interim land use management of such lands until the District is ready to convert such farmland to other forest preserve purposes.

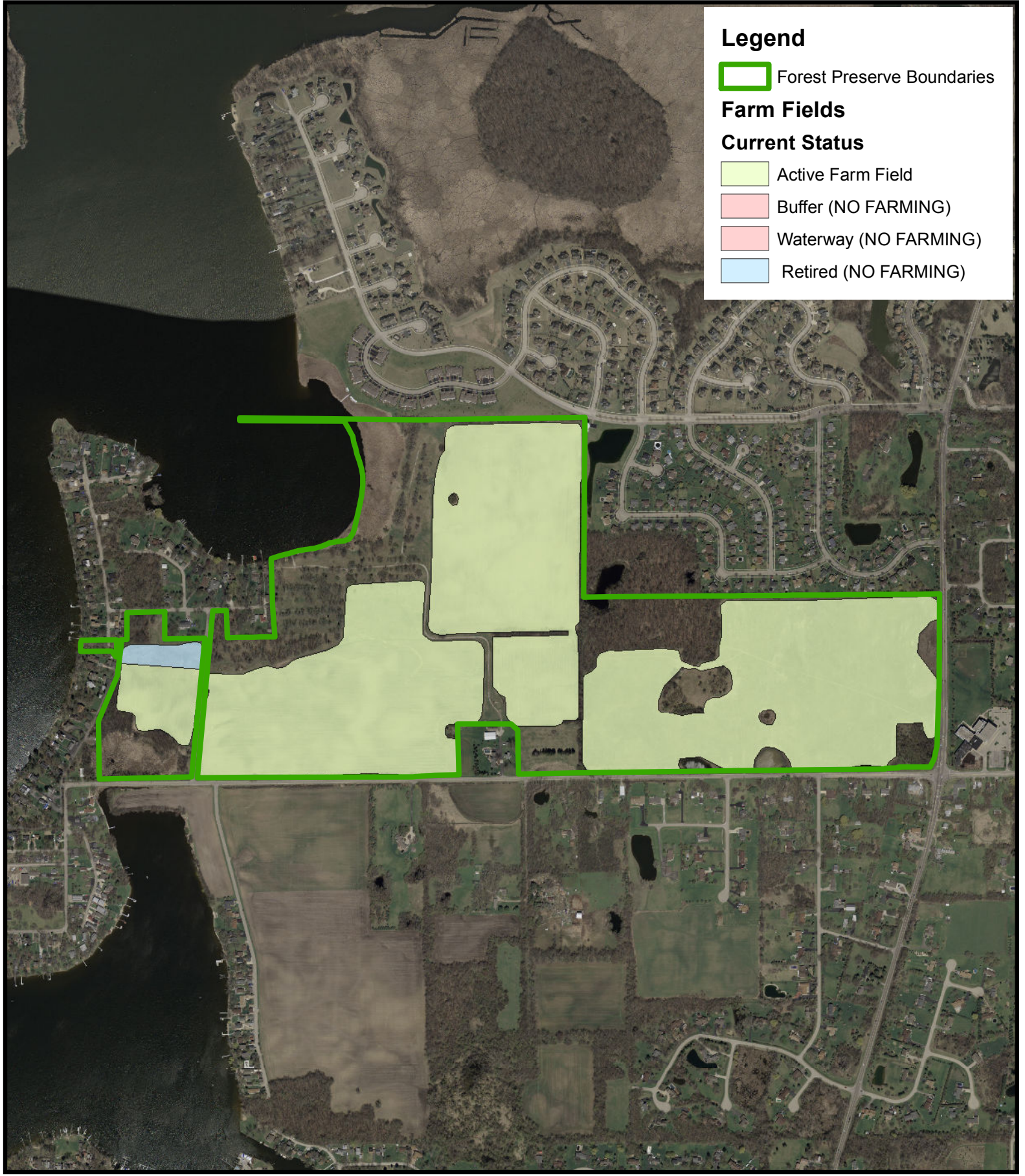
On March 18, 2019, the District received a written notice from Bradley Cockrum requesting termination of their Farm License Agreements at Lake Marie and Ray Lake – Squaw Creek, due to financial hardship. They no longer have the financial ability to farm and are in the process of selling their farm equipment to settle outstanding debts from 2018. To date, Mr. Cockrum has complied with all District farm requirements and has paid all License Fees. District staff will place these licenses out to bid for approval at the May Operations Committee.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel


Motion to approve termination of the existing Lake Marie and Ray Lake – Squaw Creek Farm License Agreements at Lake Marie and Ray Lake Forest Preserves.

**APPROVED:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Roll Call Vote: Ayes: \_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: \_\_\_\_\_





**Legend**


 Forest Preserve Boundaries


**Farm Fields**

**Current Status**

 Active Farm Field

 Buffer (NO FARMING)

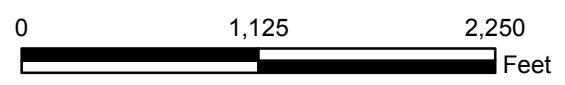
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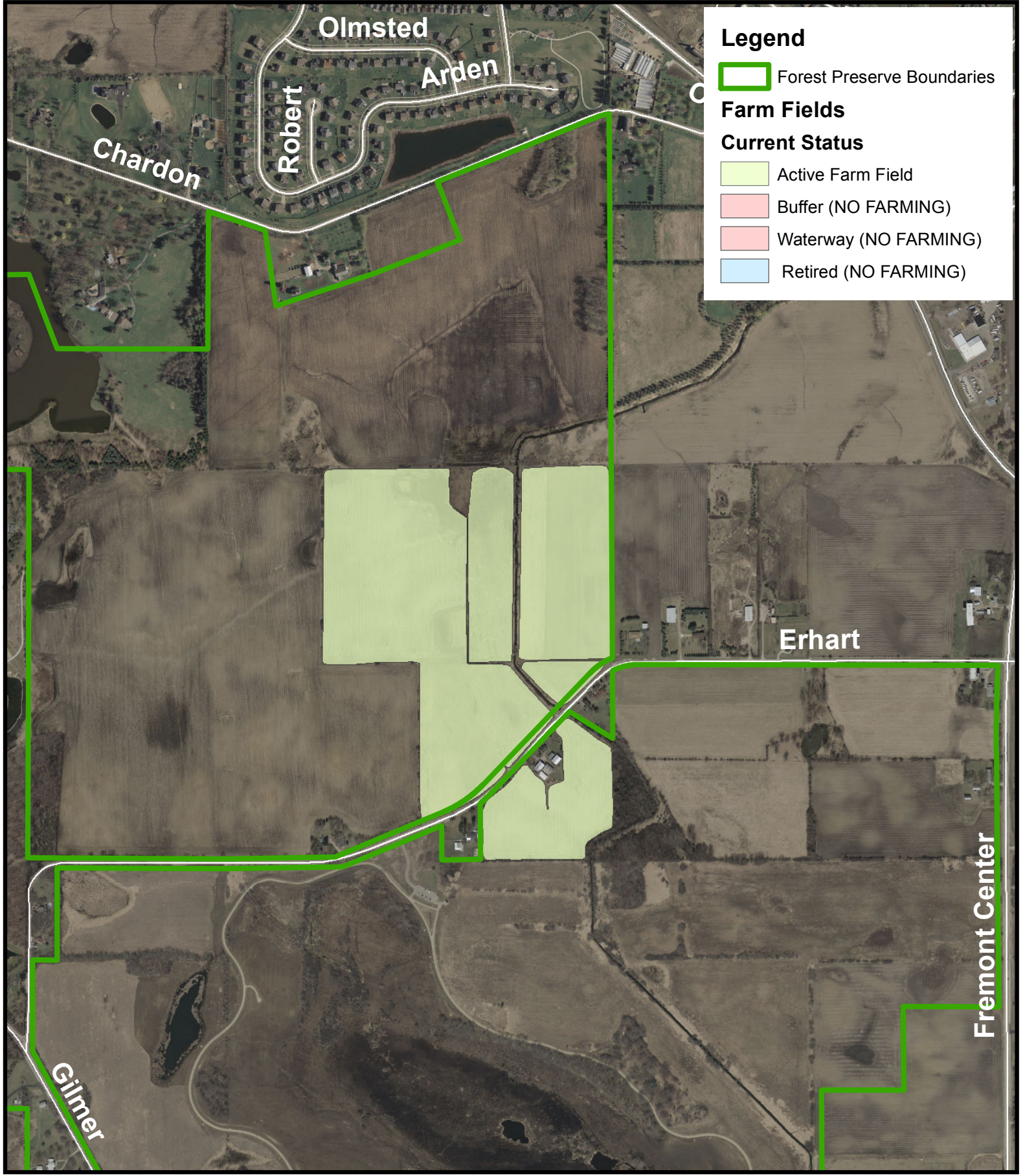
 Retired (NO FARMING)

Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program  
 Lake Marie Forest Preserve; Lake Marie Farm License  
 Acreage: 157.32  
 Farm: 2910/4522  
 Tract: 23/1452  
 Field: 1/1,2,4



Only those fields identified on this map shall be included in the farm license. All other fields shown are incidental and will NOT be included in the farm license.





**Legend**

Forest Preserve Boundaries

**Farm Fields**

**Current Status**

- Active Farm Field
- Buffer (NO FARMING)
- Waterway (NO FARMING)
- Retired (NO FARMING)

Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program  
 Ray Lake Forest Preserve; Ray Lake - Squaw Creek  
 Acreage: 84.57  
 Farm: 1077/1009  
 Tract: 1264/1258  
 Field: 1,2/1,2,3,4



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