



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: May 6, 2019

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the award of two Farm Licenses at Lake Marie and Ray Lake Forest Preserves to the highest qualified bidders.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation; Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: Awarding the licenses will generate \$24,106.26 annually and will be credited to the Farmland Management Fund (28642500-403000). Revenue generated from this land in 2018 was \$50,482.26.

BACKGROUND: The farming program of the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") licenses certain lands acquired by the District for agricultural use to provide cost-effective, interim land use and management until the District is ready to convert farmland to other forest preserve purposes. Bradley Cockrum was the former Licensee for these farm parcels; however, Mr. Cockrum contacted the District in late March to request a termination of these agreements due to financial hardship. The license agreements were terminated on April 1, 2019, after review and approval by the Operations Committee.

The farm licenses were advertised in the News-Sun and bid packages were available on the District's website. The licenses were advertised for a 1-year term effective as of the date of license award. Two potential Licensees submitted bids. The highest qualified bidders for the parcels are noted below:

SITE	TERM	ACREAGE	HIGHEST BIDDER	PRICE PER ACRE
Lake Marie	1 Year	157.32	Charles Herman	\$ 107.00
Ray Lake – Squaw Creek	1 Year	84.57	Mike Horcher	\$ 86.00

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

APPROVAL:

Motion to approve farm license agreements to the highest bidders for the Lake Marie and Ray Lake-Squaw Creek sites.

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____



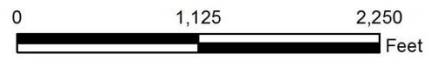
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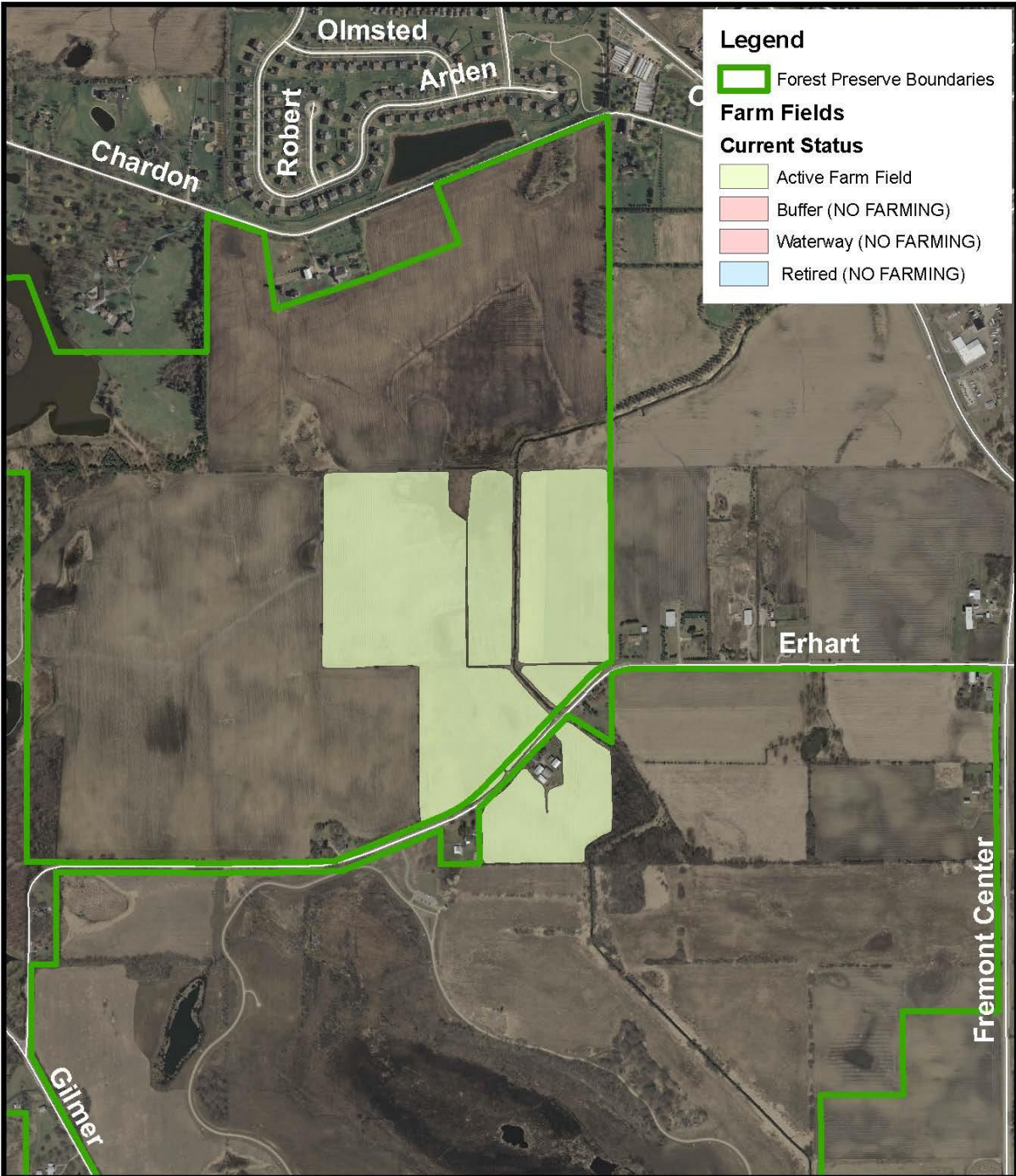
- Forest Preserve Boundaries
- Farm Fields**
- Current Status**
- Active Farm Field
- Buffer (NO FARMING)
- Waterway (NO FARMING)
- Retired (NO FARMING)



Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program
 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.





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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