



DATE: January 4, 2021

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Approve an amendment to the existing Farm License Agreement at Dutch Gap Forest Preserve.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: Removal of 57.84 acres from the farm program will reduce annual revenue generated by the Dutch Gap Farm License from \$100,303.08 (461.1 acres at \$217.53/acre) to \$87,721.15 (403.26 acres at \$217.53/acre); a loss of \$12,581.93 annually.

BACKGROUND: The farming program is conducted with local farmers to provide cost-effective, interim land use and management until the District is ready to convert farmland to other forest preserve purposes.

Terry Brothers Grain Farm has been the licensee for the Dutch Gap Farm License since 2017. For the past two years, portions of the site have not been farmable, due to failing drain tiles and wet soil. The licensee has continued to pay the entire license fee even during years that areas within the site were not farmable, but have now requested that these areas be removed from the licensed acreage. Staff recommends amending the Farm License Agreement at Dutch Gap to remove areas that cannot be farmed.

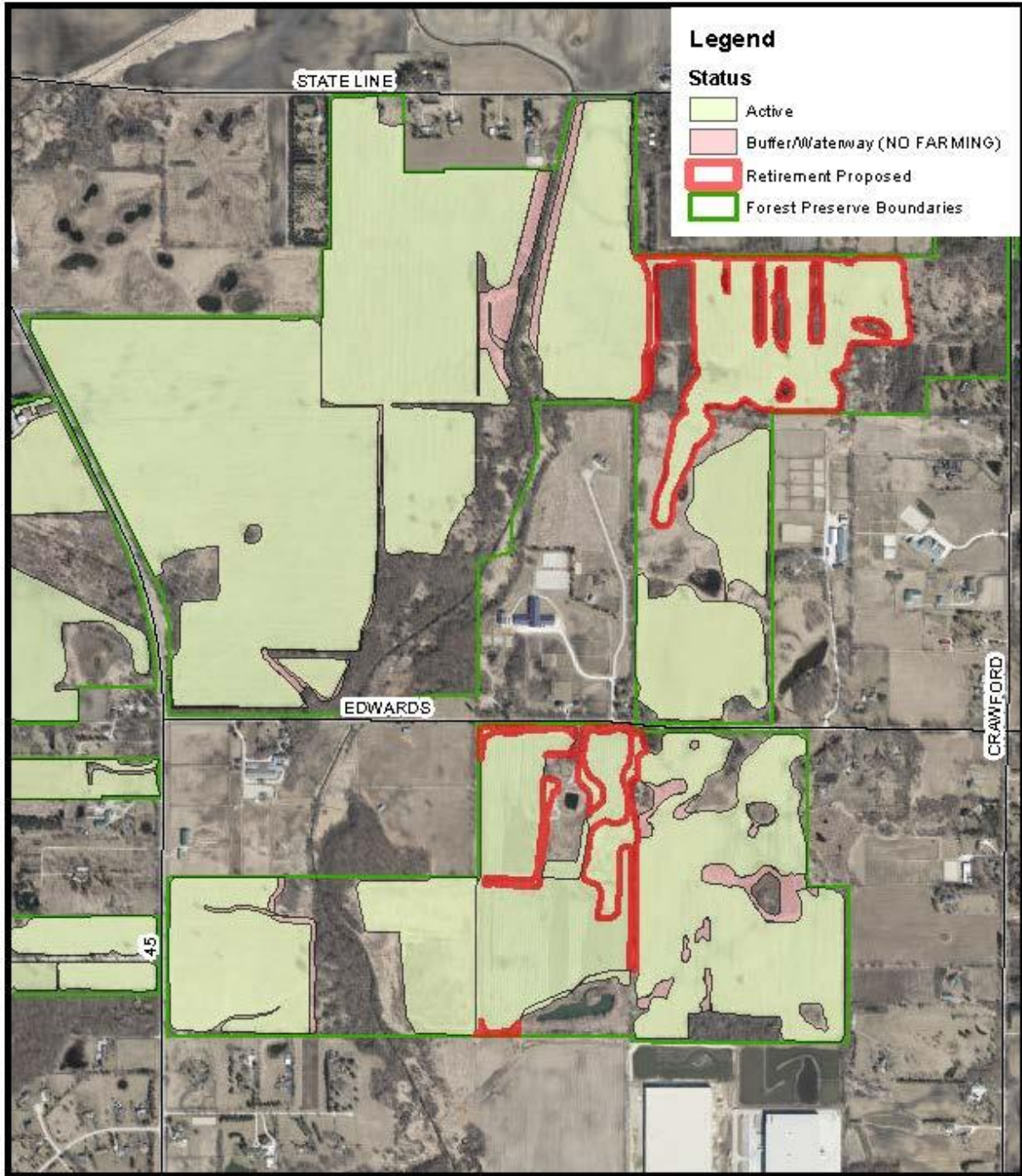
REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel

MOTION: Motion to authorize staff and Corporate Counsel to amend the current Farm License Agreement for the farmland at Dutch Gap Forest Preserve to remove nonfarmable land.

APPROVED:

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

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____



Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program
 Dutch Gap Farm License
 Licensee Proposed Reductions

