



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 Raven Glen Forest Preserve.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections; Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: Removal of 17.72 acres from the farm program will reduce annual revenue generated by the Raven Glen Farm License from \$20,098.96 (75.56 acres at \$266.00/acre) to \$15,385.44 (57.84 acres at \$266.00/acre); a loss of \$4,713.52 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.

The District recently partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to gain federal funding to complete a connection of the Millennium Trail. This connection will provide for construction of a trail and tunnel under U.S. Route 45 to link Raven Glen and Ethel’s Woods Forest Preserves. The current Farm License Agreement for the farmland at Raven Glen will need to be amended to remove a portion of the licensed farmland to accommodate the construction of the trail and underpass in 2021.

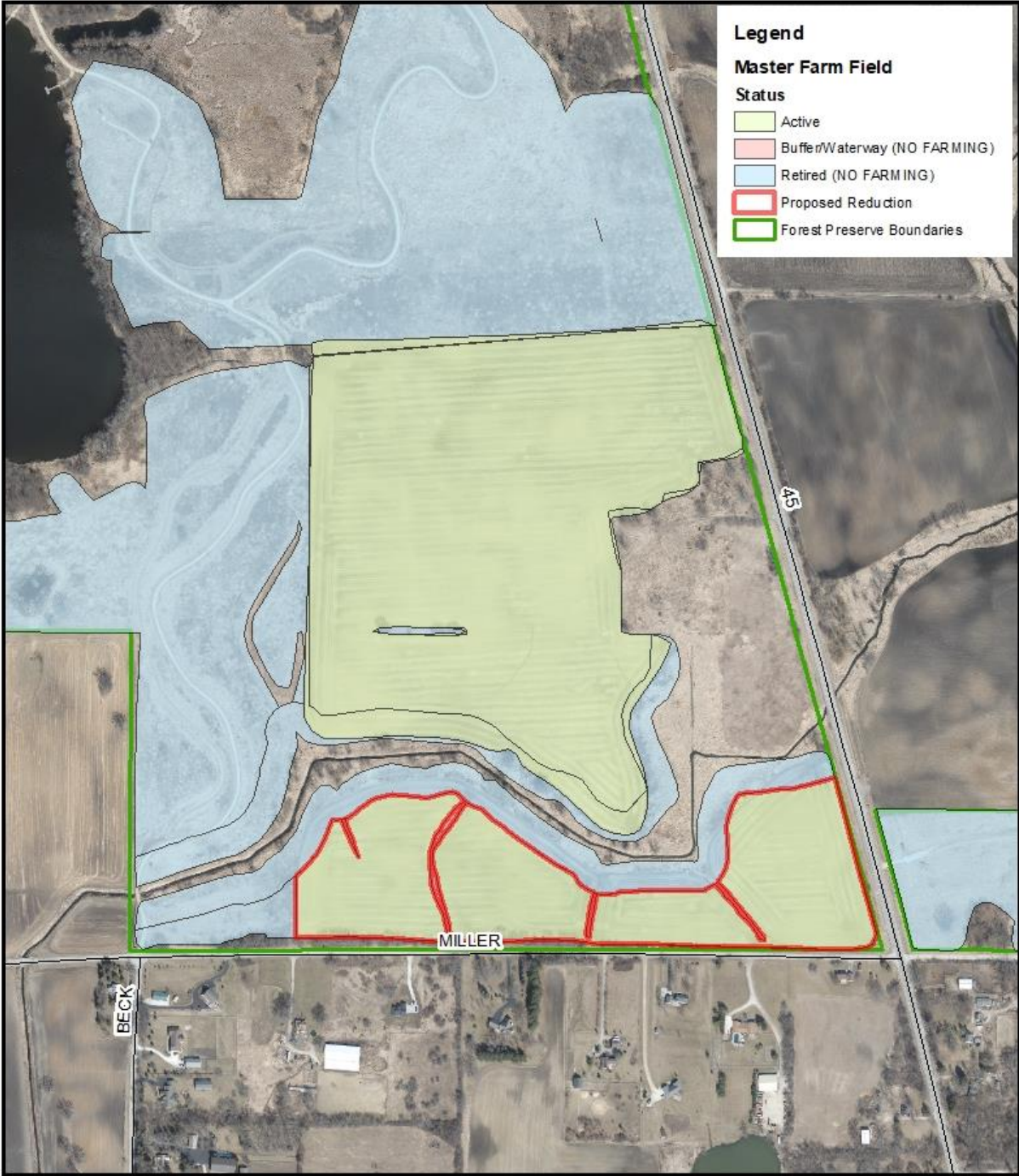
REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel


MOTION: Motion to authorize staff and Corporate Counsel to amend the current Farm License Agreement for the farmland at Raven Glen Forest Preserve to remove a portion of the licensed farmland to accommodate the construction of the trail and underpass in 2021.

APPROVED:

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

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____




 Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program
 Raven Glen Farm License
 Current Acreage: 75.56 ac
 Proposed Reduction: 17.72 ac
 New Acreage: 57.84 ac

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