



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** June 4, 2014

**MEMO TO:** S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** James L. Anderson, Director  
Natural Resources

**SUBJECT:** Lake Marie-West Farm License Reduction

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve reduction of the existing Farm License Agreement at Lake Marie Forest Preserve.

**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 Lake Marie–West farm parcel is licensed to Mr. Don Gerou. Mr. Gerou has requested a field reduction because low hanging branches on trees growing adjacent to the farm fields encroach into the licensed area at several locations. These branches make planting and harvesting crops impossible due to restricting access to farm equipment. Because all of these trees are native and desirable (mostly oaks), District Staff recommend tree preservation, rather than removal or trimming. Preserving these large trees intact will benefit future site planning and natural resource restoration efforts. Reducing the existing farm license by 0.9 acres will remove sufficient area to allow for natural tree growth without further impacts to farming.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Committee approval is required in accordance with District Farm Management Policy.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Director of Natural Resources, Director of Finance, Chief Operations Officer, Executive Director

**FINANCIAL DATA:** Removal of 0.9 acres from the farm program will reduce annual revenue generated by the Lake Marie - West Farm License from \$18,800.00 (94.0 acres at \$200/acre) to \$18,620.00 (93.1 acres at \$200/acre); a loss of \$180.00 annually.

**PRESENTER:** James L. Anderson

June 4, 2015

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**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

**APPROVED:**

	YEA	NAY
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