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To: Members of the Planning and Zoning, Land and Water Conservation, and Agriculture and Extension Education Committees

From: Jeff Schuler, Director *JS*

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Re: Upcoming Joint Committee Meeting

First, I must begin with an apology. When I previously distributed the draft that had been recommended to the Joint Committees by the Farmland Preservation Ad Hoc Steering Committee, I inadvertently used a copy that was missing several key revisions that had been adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee at their April 18, 2016 meeting. To simplify my correction of this error, I am including in your meeting packet a document labeled "Additional Ad Hoc Committee Revisions". These are the single pages with the final changes, as approved, in red strikethrough and underline.

In addition to that document you will find pages 53-74 of the document, which reflect the changes discussed above. Our job for the July 26th joint review meeting will be to provide a final review of this last section of the Farmland Preservation Plan document, and potentially recommend the draft for public comment. Staff will be bringing suggestions for the "Land Use Issues Related to Preserving Farmland" on page 66 to the meeting for discussion.

Sarah Brish of the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau will NOT be able to attend our meeting, but has provided information on Ag Tourism (also attached) for the Committees to review and discuss.

There will not be a lot of new information presented, and you have had the Plan text pages to review for a month now, so we should be able to accomplish our goal of final review. And of course, we will expand our research and information gathering should something new come up.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.