



## **DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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### **SUPPORT FOR FARMLAND AND NATURAL AREA PROTECTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS** the protection of natural areas and open space is critical to the management and conservation of the County's soil and water resources;

**WHEREAS** land stewardship practices and the development of conservation plans on farmland is important to the management and conservation of the County's soil and water resources;

**WHEREAS** the Dakota County Farmland and Natural Area Protection Plan provide the framework for an incentive base program to protect natural areas and adjacent farmlands within developing communities on a voluntary basis;

**WHEREAS** funding implementation of the Dakota County Farmland and Natural Area Protection Plan can be a catalyst to assist other Federal, State and local program funding opportunities and become part of all County watershed management planning efforts;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District supports the Level 4 funding option by which the County holds a referendum for implementation of a natural resource and farmland protection plan provided citizen survey results support this funding option.

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Rick Hansen, Chair  
Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District

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