## Town of <u>Drammen</u> RESOLUTION APPROVING FARMLAND PRESERVATION AREAS MAP FOR INCLUSION IN THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Drammen has participated in the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program (Program) dating back to the original Eau Claire County Farmland Preservation Plan adopted in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County must now update said Farmland Preservation Plan no later than January 1, 2015 for continued inclusion in the Program as required by the Working Lands Initiative and subsequently update that plan every ten years; and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County has prepared individual agricultural preservation area maps for participating towns as a required component of the Eau Claire County Farmland Preservation Plan in accord with Wisconsin Statute Chapter 91 and Administrative Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Drammen wishes to continue participating in the Farmland Preservation Program through adoption of the Agricultural Preservation Area Map and inclusion in the Eau Claire County Farmland Preservation Plan as a means to promote the economic development of agriculture in Eau Claire County; and

WHEREAS, participating in this plan provides landowners within the Town of Drammen the opportunity to maintain eligibility for income tax credits along with the potential to receive state and/or federal grant funding for installing certain soil and water conservation practices in an effort to preserve valuable farmland and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed Agricultural Preservation Area Map for the Town of Drammen with staff from the Eau Claire County Planning and Development Department and found that the map's preservation areas are consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan and the desires of the residents of (insert town name).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Drammen hereby
approves the proposed Agricultural Preservation Area Map for the Town of Drammen and
requests inclusion of the map within the Eau Claire County Farmland Preservation Plan.

Ado	pted by	y the Town	Board of Drammen on	November 11	, 2013
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Gary Isaacson Chairman Mark Zuber Clerk