

Re: Subdivision planning

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Halee and John Wepking - Meadowlark Organics <meadowlarkorganics@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 8, 2026 at 10:44 AM

To: clerk@ridgewaywi.gov

Cc: Bradley Butler <president@ridgewaywi.gov>, Marj Riniker <admins@ridgewaywi.gov>

Hi Lori,

I would love an opportunity to speak at the Plan Commission meeting on July 1st. We are at an early conceptual stage in our design work, and are most interested in declaring our intentions and goals, so that we can move forward in a way that is in the best interests of the community as well as fulfilling our goals as farmer/landowners. That said, I don't have any formal plans or designs, but I have attached some maps that we can reference in a discussion. In the meantime, please let me know if there are any questions you have for me, or if there are any specific questions I can be prepared to answer at the meeting.

Best,
John Wepking

On Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 2:30 PM Lori Phelan <clerk@ridgewaywi.gov> wrote:

Hi John and Halee,

I have been out of the office and am now catching up on emails.

You are correct; this needs to be presented to the Plan Commission for discussion. We can hold a Plan Commission meeting on July 1st where you can present your thoughts to the Commission. If you have drafted any designs or plans, please share them. I can include them in the meeting packet. Would July 1st work for you, allowing you time to prepare a presentation?

Thank you,

Lori Phelan*Clerk/Treasurer*[208 Jarvis St., Suite A, Ridgeway, WI 53582](#)www.ridgewaywi.gov

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On Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 12:37 PM Marj Riniker <admins@ridgewaywi.gov> wrote:

I am sorry I didn't respond - I had passed it on, but realize now I never got back to you on the process.

I have included the Clerk on this response, and she will reach out to you regarding next steps.

On Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 12:28 PM Halee and John Wepking - Meadowlark Organics <meadowlarkorganics@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi again. If there's a better contact at the village for this, or if there's are board members you'd recommend I reach out to, please let me know.

Best,
John

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On Fri, May 22, 2026 at 4:15 PM Halee and John Wepking - Meadowlark Organics <meadowlarkorganics@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi All,

My wife and I own Bickford Farms and I have attended a few public meetings. We are looking into partnering with a local developer on a residential subdivision adjacent to the village owned land that is behind the Cardinal Way subdivision. We are thinking of doing an agricultural/conservation subdivision that would set aside some of the land as common space and some as working farmland.

We are also thinking about pursuing this on land that is just outside but next to the village on the south side of the highway, in the semi-wooded valley to the east of county H, just on your left when you go south out of town, and before you get to Rock road and what was Bruce Pauls old farm buildings that were annexed into the village recently. That valley is impractical for rotational grazing, and we don't have a realistic path to managing it productively and sustainably as farmland.

We would like to pursue this in partnership with the village owned land, and would like to do what is best for the growth and character of the community. Who would be best to speak with about this process? I'm guessing members of the plan commission to start, but I wanted to check and be sure I'm on the right path.

Best,
John Wepking

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