

**Resolution No. 4-0314**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FARMING CROPLAND  
WITHIN TOLERABLE SOIL LOSS STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 151 governs runoff management in the State of Wisconsin and sets performance standards and prohibitions for farming practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 151 defines "tolerable soil loss" (or "T") as the maximum rate of erosion, in tons per acre per year, allowable for particular soils and site conditions that will maintain soil productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter ATCP 50 governs soil and water resource management in the State of Wisconsin and identifies conservation practices that farmers must follow to meet runoff performance standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa County Land Conservation Department has primary responsibility for implementing agricultural runoff standards and is a leader in protecting soil and keeping water clean; and

**WHEREAS**, soil and clean water are critical resources for rural and urban communities alike, and Iowa County recognizes the inherent value in farming practices that conserve these resources;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that all farms and farmers within Iowa County are hereby encouraged to conserve soil, keep water clean, and meet State of Wisconsin runoff performance standards by farming their cropland within tolerable soil loss standards; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that best efforts will be made to ensure that all cropland owned or leased by Iowa County will be farmed within tolerable soil loss standards to conserve soil, keep water clean, and meet State of Wisconsin runoff performance standards.

Resolution drafted by Iowa County Corporation Counsel at the request of, and respectfully submitted by, the Iowa County Land Conservation Committee.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.