



March 5, 2021

Chela O'Connor
Save the Farm

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

RENEW Wisconsin is pleased to support Save the Farm's efforts to acquire the 66 acre Voit Farm and create a new neighborhood in Madison centered around affordability, sustainability and diversity. RENEW's mission is to build a stronger, healthier, more vibrant Wisconsin through the advancement of renewable energy. We see an alignment of vision and goals between Save the Farm and RENEW, especially in weaving clean energy into the fabric of this development.

For the better part of our nearly 30-year history, RENEW has engaged and partnered with organizations, businesses, and institutions seeking to integrate clean energy into their core operations. Through our programs and with our active support, entities such as Aspirus Health Care, Sawyer County Housing Authority, and Dane County are now making tangible progress towards achieving their clean energy and carbon reduction goals. We look forward to forging a productive collaboration with Save the Farm that will result in Wisconsin's first carbon neutral neighborhood powered by clean energy, principally from onsite sources.

Save the Farm and RENEW have identified several clean energy initiatives that would be integral for achieving the goal of environmental sustainability. In the near term, these would include:

- Designing a solar garden that mixes food production with electricity generation, in what could become the first example of agrivoltaics in Wisconsin;
- Incorporating high levels of energy efficiency, electrification, and onsite energy capture into residential spaces
- Identifying beneficial uses of biogas derived from an onsite composting center; and
- Establishing a microgrid onsite to ensure energy reliability

The vision that animates the Save the Farm initiative is unique and compelling. Opportunities to bring such a vision to fruition, relying on the support and expertise of organizations that share your values, are rare. RENEW would welcome the opportunity to bring our talents and experience to this initiative and do what we can to make your vision a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HGA', written in a cursive style.

Heather Allen
Executive Director