

Nebraska State Office

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Subject: LNU-Farmland Protection
Benjamin Villas Project
NEPA/FPPA Evaluation
Madison County, Nebraska

Date: September 18, 2024

To: Mesner Development County
Attn: Chritopher Lenz

We have reviewed the information provided in your correspondence dated September 4, 2024, concerning the residential housing project located in Madison County, Nebraska. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development (HUD). We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The proposed site contains areas of Prime Farmland and Statewide Important Farmland and we have completed the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating form (AD-1006) for the proposed site. The combined rating of the site is 129. The FPPA law states that sites with a rating less than 160 will need no further consideration for protection and no additional evaluation is necessary. We encourage the use of accepted erosion control methods during the construction of this project.

If you have further questions, please contact Elizabeth Gray at 402-437-4068 or by email at Elizabeth.gray@usda.gov (preferred).

Sincerely,

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