



The Somers Farm is located in northeastern Kenosha County

# SOLUTIONS IN THE LAND

The Somers Farm  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

THE SOMERS FARM includes productive farmland and is in close proximity to major and minor Midwestern markets, including Milwaukee, Chicago, Racine and Kenosha. Agricultural activities seek to best leverage and maintain ample natural resources and ecological services available at the Somers Farm. Ecological restoration and soil health building must be guided by a measurable set of goals and sound scientific principles. Returns to the region and neighborhood must be authentic; cropping systems based on market opportunities, lease arrangements that are beneficial to the tenant and landlord. Through these principles of sustainability, agriculture at the Somers farm will preserve and utilize farmland in Kenosha County.



Responsible development while preserving natural and social history. Preserving ecosystems and working lands.

Solutions in the Land contributes guidance in sustainable land stewardship, meaning profitable and responsible land management. We anticipate shifting agricultural values. We want to assess and market the values of the Somers Farm in innovative ways. These new values include ecological services provided by the land, like improved water quality water, addition to social importance of the property to the region. We also must identify economic opportunities these values provide. The plan created for the Somers Farm must minimize the future burden on the region and on the stewards of the land. Instead it should create a self-sustaining model of land use that prepares the farm to adapt and thrive in the future.



Land stewards are advocates of rural life, productive yet restorative use of agriculture parcels, woodland, prairie, and wetland conservation and preservation.

At the core of our discussions has been the principle of authenticity. Any story told about the property and family legacy strives to be authentic. Ecological restoration and soil health building must be guided by a measurable set of goals and sound scientific principles. Returns to the region and neighborhood must be authentic; cropping systems based on market opportunities, lease arrangements that are beneficial to the tenant and landlord. In whole systems land planning, it is crucial to view the region, the farm and the systems they encompass as part of a larger integrated framework and context before prescribing actions and activities for the land.