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## IROQUOIS VALLEY FARMLAND REIT MAKES FIRST FARMLAND INVESTMENT OF 2025 AFTER RECORD-SETTING 2024

Impact Investing Leader Continues Critical Partnerships with Farmers to Transition Conventional Farmland to Organic, Regenerative Production For the Benefit of the Environment and Human Health

**Chicago, III. – February 18, 2025** – <u>Iroquois Valley Farmland REIT</u>, PBC, an impact-driven leader in the investment and stewardship of organic, regenerative farmland, is not only taking stock of its successful 2024, but already preparing for the next season of growth with its first significant investment of 2025. Rex Wettstein, a fifth-generation farmer with an existing partnership with Iroquois Valley, wanted to expand his family's operations. The 200-acre farm in Woodford County, Illinois will grow organic corn, wheat and soy and become the first Iroquois Valley farm to host two wind turbines, a move towards more renewable energy investment.

"Expanding Rex's operations is not just about growing more organic crops, but also about building a thriving organic hub here in Illinois," said Andy Ambriole, Managing Director, Farmland Investments at Iroquois Valley. "By building resilient, organic communities it creates a model for sustainable, profitable farming that benefits the community, the environment and future generations."

In 2024, Iroquois Valley successfully deployed \$37 million of impact investor dollars across 20 transactions with 18 different farmers. The company, in its 17th year, has a pipeline of nearly \$45 million of organic, regenerative investment opportunities for new and existing farmers who are waiting to become a part of the portfolio as soon as Iroquois Valley raises more capital. At the close of the year, Iroquois Valley managed 115 farmland properties, which translates into more farmers expanding their organic farmland, growing healthier food for healthier people.

"By raising impact-driven capital across our REIT Equity Shares and RNR Notes last year, Iroquois Valley provided significant support to farmers. We continue to see a growing need for more organic, regenerative farming in America," said Chris Zuehlsdorff, CEO of Iroquois Valley. "Iroquois Valley receives support from over 925 accredited and non-accredited individuals and institutional investors, and investments range from \$5,000 to over \$9 million. Patient investor capital is the cornerstone of our long-term support for organic, regenerative farmers, but we need more individuals and institutional investors who want to join our mission."

Iroquois Valley's portfolio totals \$126 million in assets across 20 states, spanning 36,000 acres. The company has partnered with over 70 individual farmers. The impact investment company is ready to

continue growing its footprint of organic, regenerative farming across the country by partnering with farmers to transform our agricultural system for healthy soil, healthy food and healthy people. To learn more about investing, visit <u>iroquoisvalley.com</u>.

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## ABOUT IROQUOIS VALLEY FARMLAND REIT

Iroquois Valley Farmland REIT, PBC is a pioneering farmland investment company focused on organic, regenerative agriculture. The company provides long-term, low-interest financing to organic farmers and works to build a more sustainable food system by preserving farmland for organic production. Structured as a real estate investment trust (REIT), a public benefit corp and a B Corp that is registered with the SEC, they offer impact-driven individuals and institutions the opportunity to invest in transforming our agricultural system in partnership with land stewards.

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