



February 18, 2025

Mr. Timothy R. Asplund
Monitoring Section Chief
WDNR – Bureau of Water Quality
101 S. Webster Street
Madison, WI 53707-7921

RE: Recommending Amendment of the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* by Adopting an Update of “Environmental Corridors Report”

Dear Mr. Asplund:

We are pleased to submit a proposed amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* (DCWQP), an update to the technical appendix “Environmental Corridors Report” (Report). At our February 13, 2025, meeting, the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) voted to approve Resolution 2025-01, which recommends approval of an amendment to the DCWQP by adopting an update of the “Environmental Corridors Report” appendix.

The Report seeks to update background information, clarify existing information for consistency with current data and practices, and add new information related to Voluntary Environmental Corridors (introduced as Stewardship Areas in the 2050 Regional Development Framework). CARPC staff prepared this update in consultation with a variety of organizations, including the WDNR, Dane County, municipalities, Wisconsin Wetlands Association, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and other subject matter experts. This update will supersede previous versions of this report (last updated in 1996).

On December 10, 2024, a public hearing notice and draft version of the Report was released to the public and interested stakeholders for review and comment. Comments were received from one individual. A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment at the January 9, 2025, CARPC meeting. No members of the public spoke in favor or against the amendment. The final draft report, dated February 2025, is available on the DCWQP [website](#) and has been submitted to the Department’s Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) for DNR’s final review. A version containing tracked changes to the December 2024 draft report has also been submitted to SWIMS.

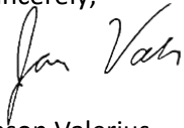
We appreciate your review and administrative decision on this amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr. Timothy R. Asplund

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Valerius". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "V".

Jason Valerius

Executive Director

Enclosures: Final EC Report (February 2025) (via [link](#))
 Tracked Changes Version (via [link](#))
 Public Commentary (via [link](#))
 Resolution 2025-01 (attached and via [link](#))

cc: Helena Tiedmann, Water Quality Planning & Climate Resilience Specialist, WDNR