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DNR Project No. DC-0241

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[Subject: CARPC Dane County Water Quality Plan Amendment Resolution 2025-01 - Environmental Corridors Report](#)

Dear Mr. Bower:

On December 16th, 2024, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (department) received Resolution No. 2025-01 from the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC), on behalf of Dane County. Resolution No. 2025-01 requested the department's administrative review of an amendment to the Dane County Water Quality Plan by updating the "Environmental Corridors Report" Appendix. The amendment to the plan will update background information, refine existing information for consistency with current data and practices, and introduce new information regarding "Voluntary Environmental Corridors." Stormwater, sediment control, and other best management practices, as described in the amendment documentation shall be implemented, and the recommendations should be implemented to further protect water quality.

The proposed amendment is hereby approved in accordance with water quality standards under ss. 281.15 and 283.83(1m), Wis. Stats., along with CARPC's recommended actions described in Resolution No. 2025-01. A public hearing was held on January 9, 2025. CARPC had voted to recommend approval of the amendment at their February 13, 2025, meeting. This amendment is a formal amendment to the state's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, per ch. NR 121, Wis. Adm. Code. The Dane County Water Quality Plan Amendment "Environmental Corridors Report" Amendment will be forwarded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act of 1987 (Public Law 92-500 as amended by Public Law 95-217) and outlined in the code of federal regulations, 40 CFR Part 35. This review is an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20(2)(a)3., Wis. Adm. Code. By means of this review, the department has complied with ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and with s. 1.11, Wis. Stats. The approval of this USA amendment does not constitute approval of any other required local, state, or federal permit for sewer construction or associated land development activities.

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Sincerely,

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