### **CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM** ·

DATE:

January 27, 2005

TO:

Laura Bub-WT/2

FROM:

Cindy Koperski-La Crosse

SUBJECT:

Removal of Stream Classifications from NR104 for Ridgeview Inn, Readstown, and Vernon

County Home

The following facilities no longer discharge to the identified receiving streams for a variety of reasons. The stream classifications associated with these stream classifications should be removed from NR104.

### Ridgeview Inn, La Crosse County

Receiving stream: Tollefson Coulee Creek which is a tributary to Bostwick Creek

Ridgeview Inn burned down in 2002 and the associated wastewater treatment plant was also destroyed. The business and associated wastewater treatment plant has not been rebuilt. The property was sold to a developer for a single family residence development. (See attached news article.)

### Readstown, Vernon County

Receiving stream: Backwater to the Kickapoo River

Readstown recently completed a facility plan which included the recommendation to move their outfall from the backwater to the mainstem of the Kickapoo River. This work was completed in 2003. Currently Readstown discharges to the Kickapoo River which is FFAL. (See attached page of 1 of inspection report.)

### Vernon County Home, Vernon County

Receiving stream: A tributary to Springville Branch

The Vernon County Home abandoned their wastewater treatment plant a number of years ago. They currently discharge to the Viroqua wastewater treatment facility.

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Paul La Liberte-WCR

Charlie Cameron-La Crosse



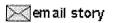


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### Ridgeview Inn sold

By STEVE CAHALAN | Tribune business editor

Three developers last week purchased the land just north of Hwy. 33, seven miles east of La Crosse, where Dennis Cole has hosted Rockin' the Ridge outdoor concerts since 1998, operated the Ridgeview Inn restaurant until it burned in April 2002, and continues to operate A Ridgeview Inn bed and breakfast. The new owners plan to sell lots for construction of single-family homes.

Because he no longer owns the property, Cole has applied to La Crosse County for a conditional-use permit to allow him to hold one last concert at the site - a July 24 show featuring Poison, Vince Neil (lead singer for Motley Crue) and Skid Row.

The La Crosse County Board's Planning, Resources and Development Committee will hold a public hearing on Cole's request June 30, and the county board will vote on it July 17, said Jeff Bluske, county zoning, planning and land information director.

After the July 24 show, "I will consider doing concerts in the future if I find an acceptable site," Cole said Thursday. "Or I may just use public sites like the La Crosse Center or the Oktoberfest grounds.

If he continues to hold concerts, he said, he'll need to look for a location "with a lot less overhead."

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"Although everybody thinks I was making tons of money, I was losing money on the concerts with the cost of the land, the cost of taxes and the high costs of the bands," he said.

Cole said he doesn't know if he will ever build another restaurant. "Being underinsured as I was, and in today's economic conditions, I was not that comfortable about going back that far into debt" by rebuilding the Ridgeview Inn at the site, he said. "I thank all my past customers," Cole said. "I miss them, and the employees. It was a very

tough decision. As little as two months ago, I was still considering rebuilding the restaurant. I was approached about selling the property. After a lot of soul searching and thinking about it, I decided I would sell the property."

Under terms of the sale, Cole can live in and operate the bed and breakfast until Oct. 1. He said he will continue to operate that business until then.

Single-family homes will be built on the property, said William J. Kratt of La Crosse, one of the three members of KST, LLC, the limited liability company that bought the property.

"The site is a very desirable (residential) building site," Kratt said, when asked why KST bought the property.

"It's use has not been determined," Kratt said of the bed and breakfast inn. But that building will

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remain, he said.

The conditional-use permit that the La Crosse County Board issued in April 1999 for Cole's outdoor concerts specified that it was not transferable if the property was sold, Bluske said. That's why Cole - with the new owners' consent - applied last week for a new one to allow the July 24 concert, Bluske said.

"I think the community will miss them," La Crosse Center Director Art Fahey said of the outdoor concerts that Cole has hosted on the property. "Dennis was creating his own little festival, where he'd bring in three or four acts during the summer. It filled a nice void.

"Doing a show indoors during the summer around here is a little challenging, because people like going outdoors" in warm weather, Fahey said.

"I think he's done a pretty good job up there," Fahey said of Cole.

Fahey said he had heard rumors that Cole had sold the property. The La Crosse Center has been one  $\phi^{\varsigma}$  the ticket outlets for the Rockin' the Ridge concert series.

The outdoor concerts began in 1998 with a performance by REO Speedwagon.

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### WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REVIEW FOR AN INTERMITTENT TRIBUTARY TO STREAM 28-16, LACROSSE CO NEAR RIDGEVIEW INN RESTAURANT

### April 11, 1994

### PAUL LA LIBERTE

An intermittent tributary to La Crosse County stream 28-16 receives the continuous discharge of treated wastewater from Ridgeview Inn Restaurant under a WPDES permit. The stream was originally classified prior to construction of the WWTP in 1984. The classification was reviewed and retained unchanged in 1988.

The stream was inspected on 4-7-94. The effluent travelled only about 100 yds before seeping entirely into the ground. The condition of leaves lying in the dry drainageway downgradient indicated that discharges do not regularly pass beyond this point. Over one fourth of a mile of dry drainageway separates the effluent from the continuously flowing portion of Creek 28-16. Two reference macroinvertebrate samples collected from the continuously flowing portion of Creek 28-16 in previous years had similar Hilsenhoff Biotic Index values. Because the two previously collected samples provide sufficient background information and the effluent has yet to reach the flowing stream, no additional sampling was done.

The original stream classification is still correct, limited aquatic life (diffuse surface water).

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### CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

STATE OF WISCONSIN

June 8, 1988

File Ref:

To.

Ridgeview Inn Facility File

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From:

Paul LaLiberte

Subject:

Water Quality Standards Review for the Ridgeview Inn POTW

Since the receiving stream was classified in 1984, a treatment plant was constructed and commenced discharge to the headwater area of unnamed stream 28-16. In 1986, the POTW was discharging less than 1/2 of design flow. An inspection on 3-9-86, following a soil-saturating rainfall confirmed that the discharge seeped to groundwater prior to reaching the continuous stream. Macroinvertebrate samples collected at the same site in stream 28-16 in 1984 and 1986 (after the discharge began) had virtually identical Hilsenhoff Biotic Index values, indicating no change in water quality. No change in aquatic use classification is warranted.

Because the effluent does not reach a continuously flowing water body and is confined to a steep, narrow, shallow channel, the receiving stream should be classified as partial body contact recreational use. It is the consensus of WD Water Resources Management (Art Bernhardt and Paul LaLiberte) and Wastewater Management (Jon Kling and John Paddock) that disinfection not be required.

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CLASSIFICATION OF STREAM 28-7 & STREAM 28-16, TRIBUTARIES TO BOSTWICK CREEK, LA CROSSE COUNTY, LA CROSSE RIVER BASIN (RIDGEVIEW INN RESTAURANT)

### Evaluation Date - 3/26/84 by Paul LaLiberte

Two unnamed streams were evaluated for potential ability to assimilate treated wastewater discharge from the Ridgeview Inn, NE, NE, Section 9, T16N, R6W, La Crosse County. Stream 28-7 originates about 1/2 mile west of the restaurant in Hagenbarth Coulee. Stream 28-16 has its headwaters about 3/4 mile east of the restaurant in Tollefson Coulee. In all but very dry years, both streams have their origin at well-defined springs (see map) and flow continuously to the north where they join Bostwick Creek (class III trout) near Barre Mills. Topography is steep, and the streams are subject to rapid flow increases during storm water events. Both streams are 3-7 feet wide and about 1/2 foot deep. Flow is greater in stream 28-7, probably due to a larger drainage area. The  $Q_{7.10}$  in Bostwick Creek near Barre Mills is 9.7 cfs.

### Description of Stream 28-7

This stream arises at a series of springs in a relatively protected environment in the midst of a low density residential area (about 20 homes) called Valleywood Springs. The stream is 3.2 miles long and has a gradient of 46.2 feet per mile. The ravine which extends upstream from the springs towards the Ridgeview Inn is dry except for runoff events and should be considered diffuse surface water drainage. Downstream from the residential area, land use along the stream is agriculture (pasture and corn). For the most part, the bottom type is shifting sand with some silt. A few gravel and rock riffles exist. Cattle are in the stream throughout most of its length, and bank erosion is common. Only about 10% of the stream contains habitat suitable for the development of a diverse macroinvertebrate community. The stream habitat rating index was poor (220). Several intermittent tributaries drain into Stream 28-7.

### Description of Stream 28-16

Stream 28-16 has its origin at some springs in a pasture. It has a length of 2.1 miles and a gradient of 87.5 feet per mile. Upstream from the springs on the valley floor, is a short segment of dry stream channel which receives diffuse surface water from several ravines during runoff events. Two ravines extend up to the vicinity of the Ridgeview Inn. The stream segment immediately downstream from the springs has been straightened and experiences severe erosion and runoff due to agricultural practices. Land use in the watershed is pasture and cropland. Cattle are in the stream throughout most of its length. The stream bottom is mainly shifting sand with some silt. Gravel and rock riffles appear to be slightly more abundant in Stream 28-16 than in 28-7. Bank erosion is common, and only about 30% of the stream contains habitat suitable for supporting a diverse macroinvertebrate community. The stream habitat rating index was poor (215). The U.S.G.S. map indicates one intermittent tributary draining into Stream 28-16.

### Water Quality

Flow and water quality data are not available for these streams. Aquatic insects found in the headwaters and middle segments of the stream indicate that flow is continuous. Macroinvertebrate samples were taken in relatively protected sections of each stream with good habitat. The Hilsenhoff Biotic Index was 1.66 in Stream 28-7 and 0.93 in Stream 28-16. indicating excellent water quality. However, localized water quality problems probably exist due to poor land use, particularly feedlot drainage. The steep stream gradient apparently provides reaeration adequate to reduce the length of stream impacted by high BOD feedlot drainage. Scouring during storm events may also be a factor influencing the macroinvertebrate community, especially in the headwater areas.

### Fishery

Electrofishing surveys were conducted in Stream 28-7 in 1974, 1975, 1979, and 1980 and in Stream 28-16 in 1974. The results are summarized in Table 1. No DNR fish management activities have occurred on Stream 18-16, since 1974. An experimental introduction of brook trout was made in Stream 18-7 in 1974. The 1975 survey found poor survival and suggested unusual, extensive flooding as the problem. Restocking was recommended. The 1979 survey found only one trout and noted that severe flooding and overgrazing had destroyed previously existing habitat. The 1979 survey recommended no further stocking of trout. DNR fish management has not made a final determination of the status of Stream 28-7 but is presently considering it as trout water.

Table 1. Fish Data

	Cr 28-7 and Tr	ributaries	Abundance *	Tolerance **
Brook Trout Bigmouth Shine: Sand Shiner Blacknose Dace Creek Chub White Sucker	•		P P C C C	I ? T I T
	Cr 28-16			
Sand Shiner Fathead Minnow Blacknose Dace Creek Chub			P P C C	T VT I T

<sup>\*</sup> P = Present, C = Common

<sup>\*\*</sup> I = Intolerant, T = Tolerant, VT = Very tolerant

### Recommended Classification for Stream 28-7

Above the spring headwaters the stream consists of diffuse surface water, while immediately below the springs the stream is continuous. The stream is capable of supporting intolerant macroinvertebrates and a combination of tolerant and intolerant forage fish (use Class C aquatic life) where suitable aquatic habitat is available. Farther downstream, tributaries increase stream flow to the extent that a brook trout fishery may be possible. Although a past attempt to establish a trout fishery was unsuccessful, DNR fish management feels that a trout fishery may still be possible. For this reason, Stream 28-7 should be classified as cold water sport fish (use Class A) until further surveys determine the stream's final status. With nonpoint source controls and habitat improvement, Stream 28-7 would probably support a population of brook trout.

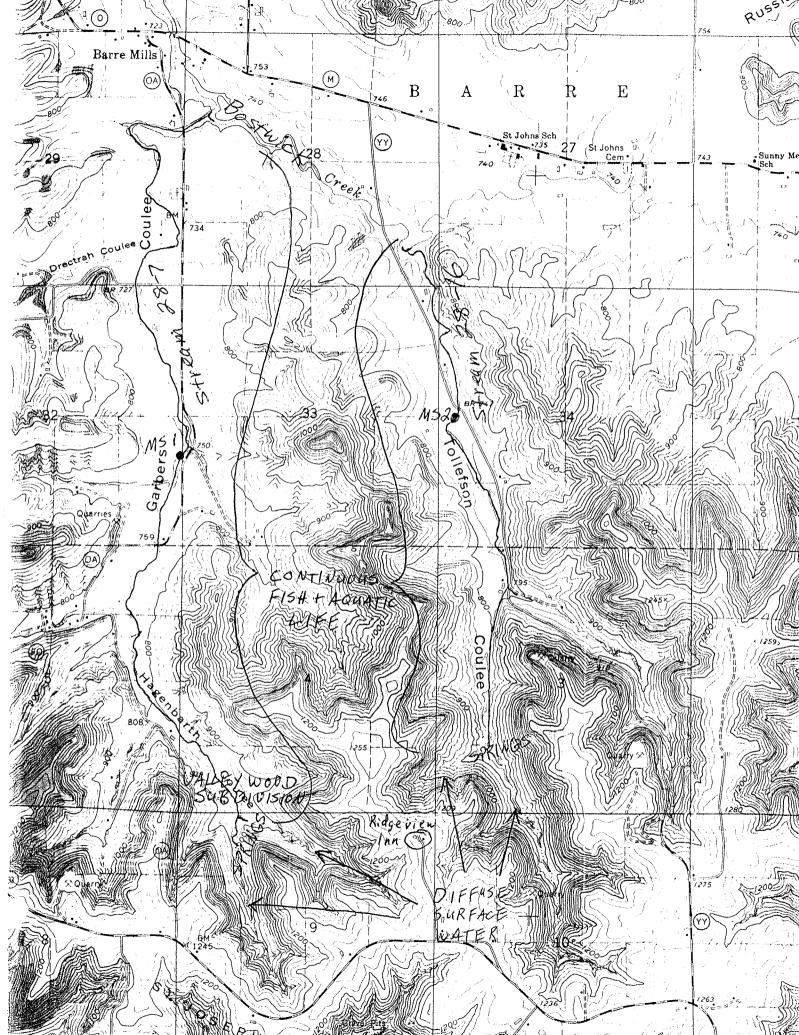
### Recommended Classification for Stream 28-16

Above its headwater origin, this stream consists of diffuse surface water only. Below the springs the stream should be classified continuous fish and aquatic life (use Class C - intolerant forage, intolerant macroinvertebrates, or a valuable population of tolerant forage fish). Presently, Class C aquatic life is only being supported in a few sheltered areas where suitable aquatic habitat is present. However, nonpoint source controls and habitat improvement would result in a much larger macroinvertebrate and forage fish carrying capacity in Stream 28-16. Due to the low flow in this stream, it is unlikely that a trout fishery could be established.

### Discharge Recommendations

A discharge from Ridgeview Inn to either stream would have to travel about 1/2 mile through a ravine before reaching continuous flowing surface water. Based on similar situations in the WCD at St. Joseph, Cashton, and Wilson (one only 2 1/2 miles away), it is questionable whether the small volume of wastewater discharged by the restaurant would reach the continuous stream. If it did, the elevation drop of about 400 feet would no doubt promote BOD removal and high DO. As specified in NR 104.02(5) Wisconsin Administrative Code, effluent criteria must be based on the most critical downstream classification. In this case, the most critical downstream classification is the continuous flowing portions of Streams 28-7 and 28-16. It is therefore recommended that secondary effluent limits be applied to the Ridgeview Inn discharge. In recognition of the existance of residential development in the headwaters of Stream 28-7, it is recommended that discharge from the Ridgeview Inn be directed to Stream 28-16.

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### STREAM SYSTEM HABITAT RATING FORM

Reach Location Tolletson Couler

County La Crosse Date 3-26-84 Evaluator Re Ribert

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2.	Watershed Nonpoint Source	No evidence of significant source. Little potential for future problem.	4	Some potential sources. (roads, urban area, farm fields).	8	Moderate sources. (Small wetlands, tile fields, urban area, intense agriculture).	16	Obvious sources. (Major ( wetland drainage, high use urban or industrial area, feed lots, impoundment).	20
3.	Bank Erosion, Failure	No evidence of significant erosion or bank failure. Little potential for future problem.	6	Infrequent, small areas, mostly healed over. Some potential in extreme floods.	. 9	Moderate frequency and size. Some "raw" spots. Erosion potential during high flow.	15	Many eroded areas. "Raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends.	18
•	Bank Yegetative Protection	90% plant density. Diverse trees, shrubs, grass. Plants healthy with apparently good root system.	6	70-90% density. Fewer plant species. A few barren or thin areas. Yegetation appears generally healthy.	9	50-70% density. Dominated by grass, sparse trees and shrubs. Plant types and conditions suggest poorer soil binding.	15	< 50% density. Many raw ( areas. Thin grass, few if any trees and shrubs.	
5.	Lower Bank Channel Capacity	Ample for present peak flow plus some increase. Peak flows contained. W/D ratio ≤ 7.	8	Adequate. Overbank flows rare. W/D ratio 8-15.	10	Barely contains present peaks. Occasional overbank flow. W/D ratio 15 to 25.	14	Inadequate, overbank flow common. W/D ratio > 25.	16
5.	Lower Bank Deposition	Little or no enlarge- ment of channel or point bars.	6	Some new increase in bar formation, mostly from course gravel.	9	Moderate deposition of new gravel and course sand on old and some new bars.	15	Heavy deposits of fine material, increased bar development.	18
•	Bottom Scouring and Deposition	Less than 5% of the bottom affected by scouring and deposition.	4	5 to 30% affected. Scour at constrictions and where grades steepen. Some deposition in pools.	8	30 to 50% affected. Deposits and scour at obstructions, constric- tions and bends. Some filling of pools.	16	Hore than 50% of the bottom changing nearly year long. Pools almost absent due to deposition	

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## Taxonomic List of Macroinvertebrates for MS 1 Stream 28-7 (Hagenbarth Coulee) ID by Paul LaLiberte March 26, 1984

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# Taxonomic List of Macroinvertebrates for MS 2 Stream 28-16 (Tollefson Coulee) ID by Paul La Liberte March 26, 1984

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ARTHROPODA-CRUSTACEA			
ISOPODA			
GAMMARIDAE			
Gammarus pseudolimnaeus	24	53	106
ARTHROPODA-INSECTA			
COLEOPTERA			
NOTERIDAE		1	
DIPTERA			
EPHYDRIDAE	-	2	-
EPHEMEROPTERA			
BAETIDAE	_		
<u>Baetis</u> <u>vagans</u>	1 2	24	24
EPHEMERELLIDAE			
Ephemerella dorothea	0 /	61	0
PLECOPTERA			
PERLODIDAE	. 1		
<u>Isoperla</u> <u>marlynia</u>	04	1	0
TRICHOPTERA			
BRACHYCENTRIDAE			
Brachycentrus occidentalis	1 /	3	3
GLOSSOSOMATIDAE			
Glossosoma sp.	1 0	3	3
TOTALS*		145	136
BIOTIC INDEX = .93			
TOTAL IDENTIFIED = 148	ő	.26	