



September 15, 2023

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

RE: Water Quality Management Letter for Minor Sewer Service Area Amendment Request  
#2307 – Central USA (City of Madison – “Cottage Grove Road”)

Dear Mr. Asplund:

The City of Madison has submitted a request for a minor sewer service area amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*. The proposed amendment area is currently in the City of Madison, in the Door Creek watershed (HUC 12: 070900020901). It includes the addition of approximately 2 acres of existing development and right-of-way to the Central Urban Service Area. A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment at the September 14, 2023, Regional Planning Commission meeting. The City’s application and the Commission staff’s analysis report of the proposed amendment have been submitted to the Department’s Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System.

It is the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission staff’s opinion that the proposed amendment is consistent with water quality standards under Wis. Stat. § 281.15, and the adopted Policies and Criteria for the Review of Minor Sewer Service Area Amendments to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*, by meeting state and local requirements. Additional actions have also been recommended below to further improve water quality and environmental resource management.

At our September 14, 2023, meeting, the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, based on the land uses and services proposed.

It is also recommended that the City of Madison pursue the following to further improve water quality and environmental resource management:

1. Continue to participate in regional water quality initiatives including Wisconsin Salt Wise, the Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership, and Yahara WINs.
2. Encourage the removal and control of invasives and the use of native flora favored by the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee in landscaping to provide suitable habitat for this pollinator, where

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appropriate, due to the proximity within the High Potential Zone for the federally endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee.

3. Encourage the implementation of various green stormwater management practices to effectively control stormwater runoff from the properties, which may include directing rooftop downspouts to pervious areas, use of permeable pavements, installation of a rain garden, use of native plantings in lieu of turf grass, and use of rainwater harvesting measures.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Bower, the Commission's Environmental Engineer.

Sincerely,



David Pfeiffer  
Executive Chairperson



Kris Hampton  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Jeff Greger, Planning Division, City of Madison

