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Tim Asplund, Section Chief 101 S. Webster Street P. O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

Dear Mr. Asplund:

We are informed that there have been settlement discussions in litigation involving the DNR's Urban Service Area (USA) approval for the Northeast Neighborhood. We understand that there is a proposed settlement agreement that includes enhancements to provide additional protections of water quality. The enhancements include the provision of a 300-foot buffer to the north and west of the wetland adjacent to Larson Road in the southeast part of the approval area. As part of the settlement negotiations, DNR is considering reissuing its decision to approve more of the area included in the City's original application.

As part of the settlement discussions and consideration of the re-issuance of its decision, DNR has requested that the City submit confirmation of the proposed changes through a revised base map showing the proposed green space area.

Enclosed please find a base map showing the changes to the proposed green space, which is being submitted by the City of Fitchburg to augment its application for USA approval.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Stephen L. Arnold

Mayor

