



December 12, 2024

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 Sewer Service Area Amendment Request #2404 – Central USA (Town of Westport – “Kennedy Road”)

Dear Mr. Asplund:

The Town of Westport has submitted a request for a sewer service area amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*. The proposed amendment area is currently in the Town of Westport, and within Lake Mendota-Yahara River (HUC 12: 070900020604) watershed. It includes the addition of approximately 2 acres of land, including approximately 2 acres of existing development and right-of-way, for a net of no new developable acres to the Central Urban Service Area. A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment at the December 12, 2024, Regional Planning Commission meeting. The Town’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*. Additional actions have also been recommended below to further improve water quality and environmental resource management.

At our December 12, 2024, meeting, the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

It is recommended that the Town of Westport pursue the following to further improve water quality and environmental resource management:

1. Work with the property owner(s) to encourage implementation of various green infrastructure practices for stormwater management of the existing site improvements.
2. Continue to participate in regional water quality initiatives including Wisconsin Salt Wise, the Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership (MAMSWaP), and Yahara WINs.

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3. Encourage the removal and control of invasives and the use of native flora favored by the federally endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee in landscaping to provide suitable habitat for this pollinator, where appropriate, for the entire amendment area within the High Potential Zone for the bee.

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

Sincerely,



David Pfeiffer

Chairperson



Kris Hampton

Secretary

cc: Mr. Dean A. Grosskopf, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Westport

