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DNR Project No. DC-0249

Nick Bower, Water Quality Program Director
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission
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Subject: CARPC Sewer Service Area Plan Amendment Request #2606 City of Fitchburg Oakhill Correctional Institute LSA

Dear Mr. Bower:

On October 9, 2026, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (department) received Water Quality Management Letter #2606 from the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC), on behalf of the City of Fitchburg. Letter #2606 requested the department's administrative review of a proposed increase in developable land to the Dane County Water Quality Plan. The purpose of the amendment is to provide public sanitary sewer service to the Dane County Juvenile Correctional Facility and expand the existing service to GROW Academy.

Amendment Area

The Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan Amendment includes the addition of 77 acres of land consisting of less than 1 acre of environmental corridors, 5 acres of existing development and right-of-way, and 72 developable acres of the Oakhill Correctional Institute Limited Service Area. The purpose of the proposed addition is for the development of the Oakhill Correctional Institute.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

The proposed addition to the LSA/SSA includes approximately 0.03 acres of environmental corridor consisting of a mapped wetland. The proposed corridor follows the adopted Policies and Criteria for Environmental Corridors in the Dane County Water Quality Plan. State and Local Requirements and Additional Agreements pertaining to stormwater, sediment control, and other best management practices as described in the Water Quality Management Letter shall be implemented. CARPC's additional Recommendations, particularly those regarding erosion and runoff reduction, should be implemented to further protect water quality and nearby water resources.

Local Review & Public Involvement

A public hearing was held on October 8, 2026. No public comments were made. In the same meeting, the CARPC voted to recommend approval of the amendment to the Department. On October 9, 2026, Commission staff submitted Water Quality Management Letter #2606 to the department recommending approval of the amendment request.

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Administrative Decision

The proposed amendment is hereby approved in accordance with water quality standards requirements under ss. 281.15 and 283.83(1m), Wis. Stats. The department adopts CARPC's recommendation to approve the amendment as described in Water Quality Management Letter #2606 and encourages the Village to adhere to CARPC's additional Recommendations. This amendment is a formal amendment to the Dane County Water Quality Plan and the state's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, per ch. NR 121, Wis. Adm. Code. The 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 SSA amendment does not constitute approval of any other required local, state, or federal permits for sewer construction or associated land development activities.

Appeal Rights:

Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., a party has 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the department, to file a petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent. To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., a party has 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with s. NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code, and served on the Secretary in accordance with s. NR 2.03, Wis. Adm. Code. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing does not extend the 30-day period for filing a petition for judicial review.

Sincerely,

Timothy R Asplund

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Map 1 - Amendment Area

