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October 12, 2011

DNR File No. RC-0005

Paul Benjamin, Director
Rock County Planning and Development
51 South Main Street
Janesville, WI 53545

SUBJECT: Map Amendment to the Janesville Water Quality Management Plan
Janesville Sanitary Sewer Service Area

Dear Mr. Benjamin:

We have completed our review of the subject amendment request that was submitted to the Department on October 4, 2011. The Department hereby approves the amendment request that adds 21 acres to the Janesville Sewer Service Area in two parcels. The first parcel contains 19 acres of land owned by Rock County, located east of CTH F and south of USH 14, and is to be used for the construction of a county run nursing home facility. The second parcel is located in the Town of Rock, and includes 2 acres currently in industrial use near the airport, which may require municipal services in the future. In a separate area, 31 acres, owned by Rock County as part of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, will be deleted from the sewer service area (See Map 1).


The proposed amendment was adopted by the Janesville Metropolitan Planning Organization on September 20, 2011, per Resolution 2011-1.

The approval of this sewer service area amendment does not constitute approval of any other local, state, or federal permit that may be required for sewer construction or associated land development activities.

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that the 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 sections 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file your 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 section 227.42, Wis. Stats., you have 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 section NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code, and served on the Secretary in accordance with section 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,



Thomas J. Muga, P.E., Chief
Wastewater Section
Water Quality Bureau

cc:

Richard Cannon, P.E., Rock County Planning and Development Agency, 51 South Main Street,
Janesville, WI 53545

Duane Cherek, City of Janesville Manager of Planning Services, 18 N. Jackson Street,
PO Box, 5055, Janesville, WI 53547

Doris Thiele, WDNR - Horicon

Fran Keally – DNR – WQ/3

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Planning, Economic & Community
Development Agency



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October 4, 2011

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Bureau of Watershed Mgmt

Fran Keally
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
101 South Webster Street
PO Box 7921 WQ/3
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Ms. Keally:

Enclosed with this letter please find a copy of a report discussing a proposed amendment to the current Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan. Members of the Rock County Planning and Development Agency, The City of Janesville, together with representatives from the local towns that comprise the greater extraterritorial area surrounding The City of Janesville have reviewed this report as prepared by the City of Janesville's Planning and Public Works Departments and recommend that the amendment as proposed, be adopted.

In addition both the Rock County Board of Supervisors Planning and Development Committee and the Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Policy Board have reviewed this proposed plan amendment and have unanimously recommended that it be forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approval. Enclosed you will find a copy of the corresponding meeting minutes relative to the action taken by those public agency bodies.

With that, on behalf of the City of Janesville, the Rock County Planning and Development Agency asks the you review this material and approve this request.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (608) 757-5587, or Duane Cherek, City of Janesville's Manager of Planning Services at (608) 755-3085.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Cannon".

Richard G. Cannon, PE.
Rock County Engineer
Rock County Planning and Development Agency

cc: Duane Cherek, City of Janesville Manager of Planning Services

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
JANESVILLE AREA POINT SOURCE
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Prepared for:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BUREAU OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

July 18, 2011

I. BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

The *Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan* was approved by the DNR in 1999. The plan was established through a cooperative effort between the Janesville Planning Department, Rock County Planning and Development Agency and surrounding Town Boards, and defines a sewer service area boundary that reflects the City's 2020 Growth projections. As such, the plan established a 20-year Janesville sewer service area boundary, commonly referred to as the "urban service limits". This boundary identifies the land designated for sanitary sewer service in the near future. The DNR will only approve sewer line extensions that serve lands within the adopted sewer service area. The 208 Plan allows amendments to the sewer service area if development trends indicate additional land is required.

There are three types of amendments allowed. The first involves no change in total service area, for every acre added a corresponding acre is deleted. The second includes the use of the reserve area or unallocated area. The third amendment type involves an increase in the total service area. Currently, no reserve balance of land is available to expand the City's urban service limits without removing land from the service area.

The City of Janesville is requesting an amendment of the first type be completed to allow for an adjustment to the sewer service area. The amendment would include within the service area a 19-acre parcel of land on the City's far north side and a 2-acre parcel located north of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport (see Map 1). A total of 31 acres are proposed to be removed from the current service area on property owned by Rock County as part of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport. This amendment to the sewer service area is necessary to allow for the construction of a nursing home facility operated by Rock County on land located east of County Highway F and south of US Highway 14, also known as the Rock County Complex.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT AREA

The map amendment, shown in Map 2, addresses the short-term need to provide sanitary sewer service to this proposed development site. The site is owned by Rock County and is currently undeveloped and used for agricultural purposes. The topography of the entire 19-acre amendment area is classified as flat. Also, a parcel of land north of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport owned by the Bales Family Trust has been included in the sewer service area boundary adjustment as shown on Map 3. The site is developed with an industrial use (Tradewind International, Inc) and may require a sanitary sewer connection in the future. Municipal sewer and water utilities are installed within the public streets adjoining this property. The topography of this site is flat and the undeveloped western portion of this property is presently included within the sewer service area; however the building improvements on the site are not. Approximately 31 acres of land adjoining the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport is proposed for removal from the sewer service area as part of the 208 plan amendment as shown on Map 3. This land is owned by Rock County and is restricted from being developed due to its proximity to the airport runway.

Because these amendment areas are contiguous to the City's sewer service area, the urban service limits can be adjusted to include these parcels of land and allow for the provision of municipal sewer and water to these areas.

III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LAND USE WITHIN AMENDMENT AREA

The north side amendment area site is part of the larger Rock County Complex located along County Highway F. The land to be added is vacant totaling approximately 19 acres. This area is unimproved and has been used for agricultural crop production by Rock County. The site is currently zoned O1, Office/Residence District.

The south side amendment area is located directly north of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport at the intersection of South Oakhill Avenue and Knilans Road. The parcel is located within Rock County and adjacent to City limits and municipal sewer and water facilities. The property is developed and includes an industrial building operating under the name Tradewind International, Inc.

Considering the above proposal, the City of Janesville requests a map amendment to Janesville's Sewer Service Area Plan. The areas proposed to be added to Janesville's sewer service area through this map amendment are being driven by a development proposal from Rock County. Rock County would like to commence construction of the new nursing home facility by August 2011. Therefore, in order to adequately respond to this proposal and accommodate the nursing home facility, the area must be added to the sewer service area.

IV. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Several sources were used to complete an environmental inventory of the proposed amendment area and to review the environmental impact of including the area within Janesville's sewer service area. The following information describes the environmental effects of including the proposed amendment areas within Janesville's sewer service area and the subsequent development of that area.

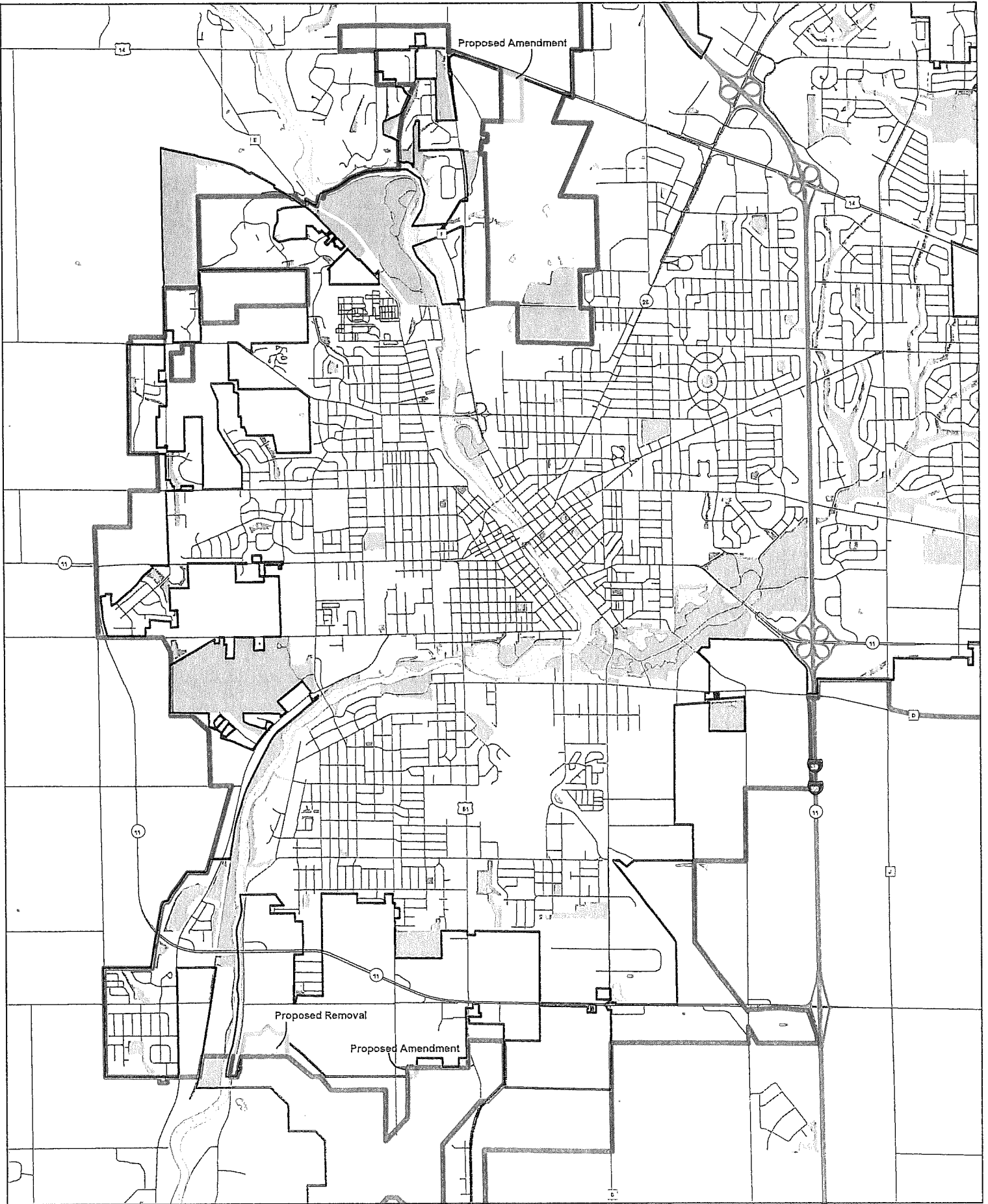
- **Wetlands:** Final Wisconsin wetlands inventory maps, as prepared by the DNR Bureau of Planning, were reviewed for wetlands within the proposed amendment area. The review showed no wetlands.
- **Floodplain:** FEMA Flood Insurance Maps were reviewed for floodplains within the proposed amendment area. The review showed no wetlands.
- **Surface Water:** There were no surface water bodies within the proposed amendment area.


- **Soils Type/Prime Agricultural Land:** Soils in the northern expansion area include the Plano (PmA) series. These soils were formed on tilled plains and are well-drained. This soil is defined as “prime farmland” (Class I) and are presently in crop production. There will be little or no short-term or long-term environmental effects as a result of developing this small area of Class I Farmland. As development occurs, there would be minor soil erosion impacts because of uncovered earth. Such impacts would be minimized through the implementation of erosion control measures. The City will require that all development within the amendment area incorporate appropriate stormwater management facilities/systems to control the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff. The proposed amendment area contains no slopes in excess of 12%.
- **Natural and Scientific Areas:** There are no known natural or scientific areas within the amendment area.
- **Historic or Cultural Resources:** The proposed amendment area does not contain any known historic or archeological site.
- **Scenic and Recreational Resources:** There are no known scenic or recreational resources within the amendment area.
- **Threatened or Endangered Species:** There is not expected to be any threatened, endangered or special concern plant or animal species within the amendment area, although a survey by professionals has not been performed.


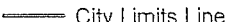

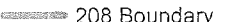
There would be minimal negative environmental impacts associated with the development of the proposed amendment area. The City will continue to review environmental regulations for compliance within the amendment area as they develop. These would include reviews for endangered or threatened species, petroleum spills and leaking tank sites. The City has an on-staff environmental engineer who, on a regular basis, deals with environmental problems.

V. COMPLIANCE WITH PLAN AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

Approval of the proposed amendment area would be consistent with all development plans and local zoning. All development will occur according to local, state and federal regulations and will receive assistance from appropriate agencies as is applicable or necessary. The proposed amendment would result in a net increase in the amount of land to be provided with sewer service. The amount of land to be removed from the sewer service area slightly exceeds the amount added. This will allow 10 acres to be held in reserve which can be used to accommodate a very minor adjustment to the boundary, if needed at a future date. The areas to be added and removed both represent vacant developable land, and the proposed amendment area is immediately adjacent to the existing sewer service boundary. In addition, there will be no significant adverse water quality or environmental impacts associated with providing sewer service to the industrial development site.





	Proposed Amendment Areas		City Limits Line
	Areas Proposed for Removal		208 Boundary

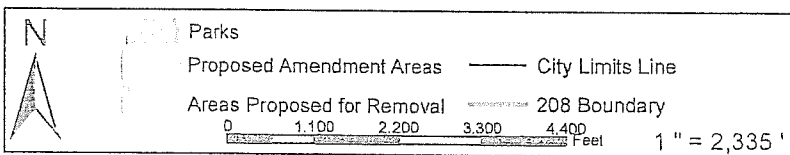
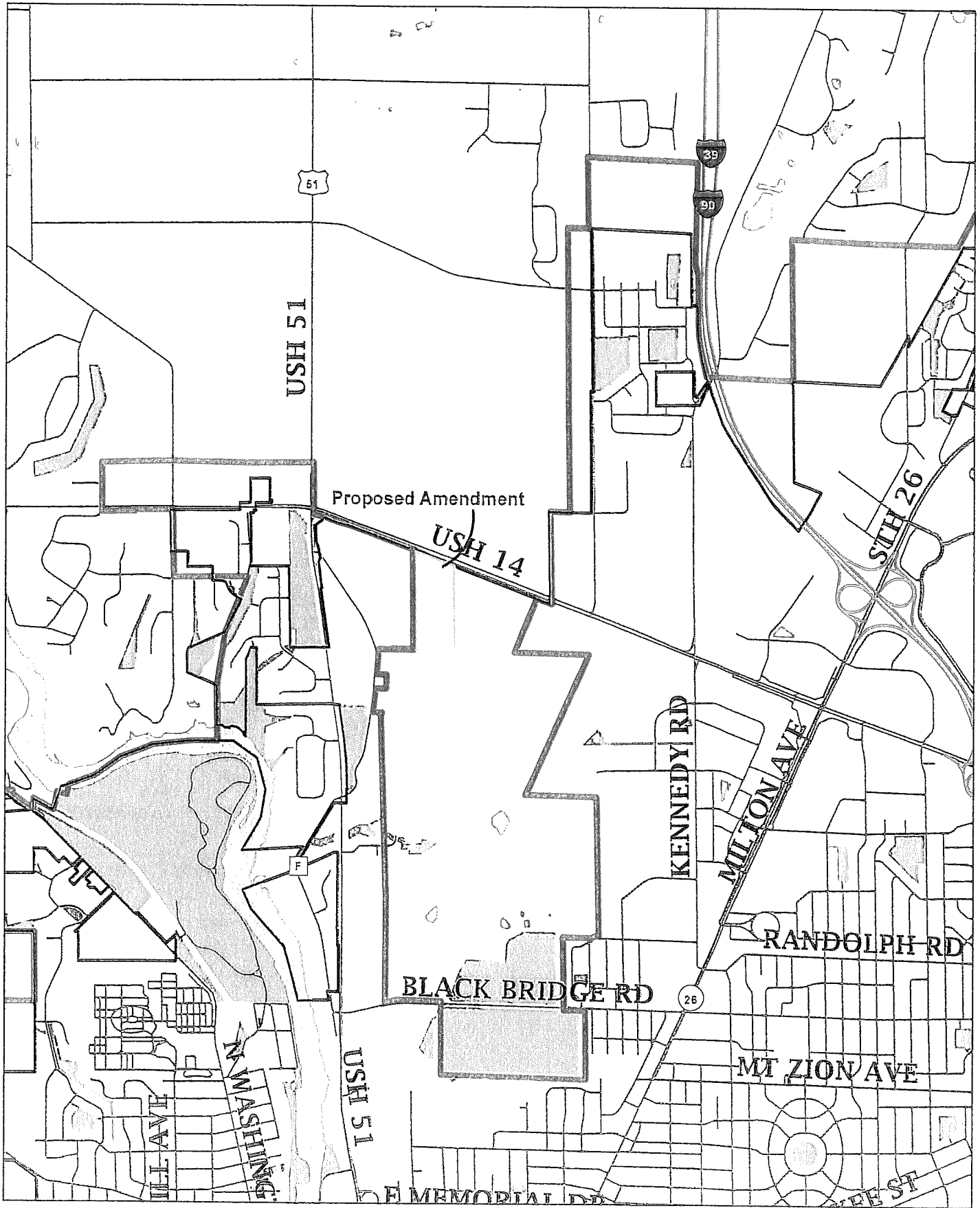
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MAP 1




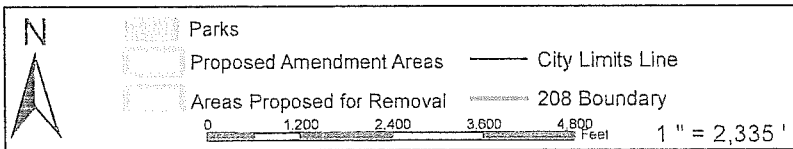
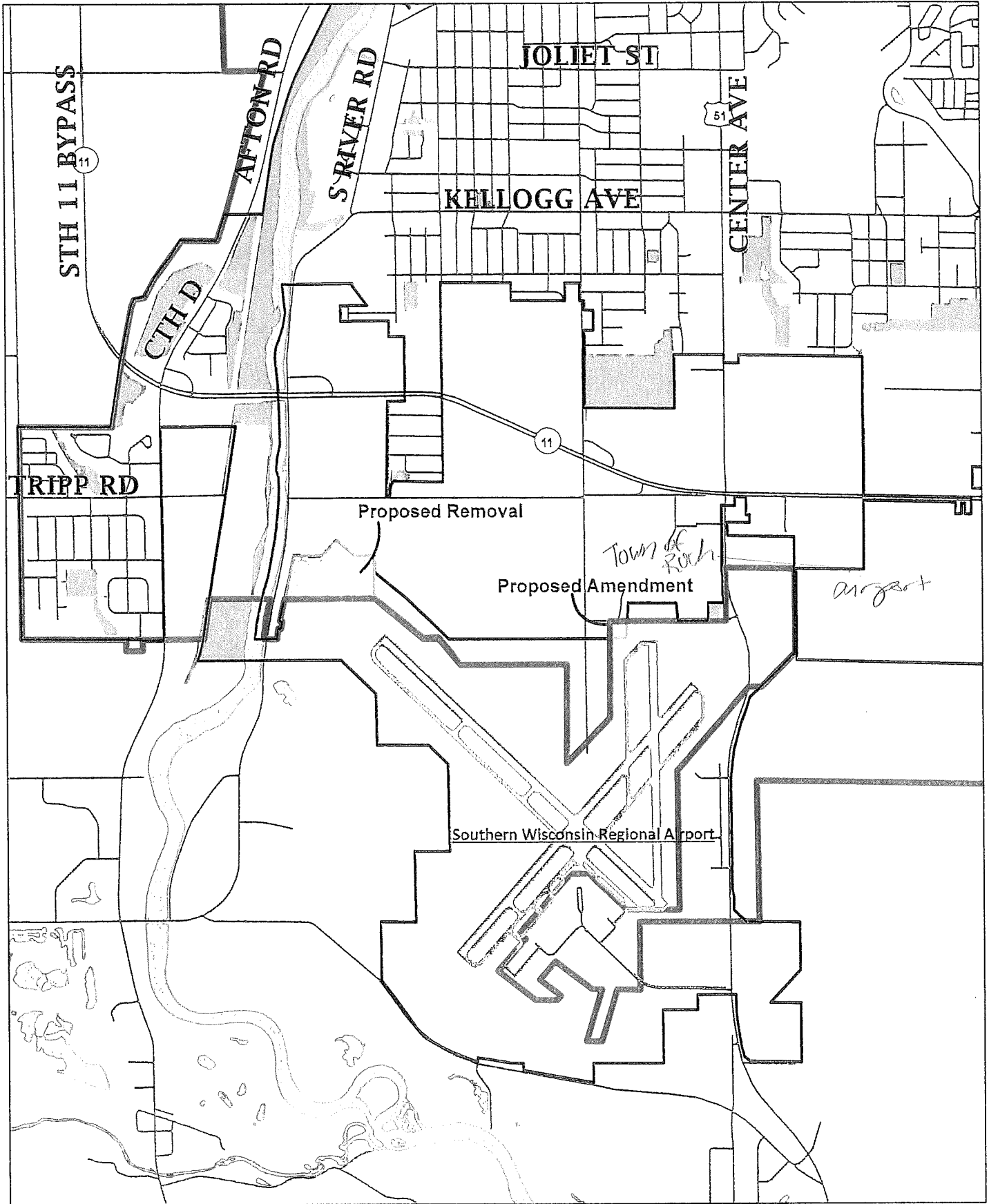
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MAP 2


Wisconsin's Park Place
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MAP 3


City of Janesville
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RESOLUTION 2011-1

**A Resolution Recommending the Adoption of a Map Amendment to the
*Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan***

WHEREAS, Federal and State Laws require the development and adoption of an Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan (hereinafter "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has the responsibility and authority to develop, adopt, and amend a Plan for the Greater Janesville Area; and

WHEREAS, the Janesville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has agreed to serve as the local Policy Advisory Committee to the DNR to develop and from time-to-time update and amend a Plan and act in an advisory role to DNR in matters concerning the implementation of a Plan; and

WHEREAS, the *Janesville Area Water Quality Management Plan* (hereinafter "*JAWQMP*"), which included a map entitled "Proposed 20 Year Sewer Service Area, Janesville Area Water Quality Management Plan, 1999" was prepared by the Rock County Planning and Development Agency, reviewed by the MPO, and adopted by DNR in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the City of Janesville has agreed to provide sanitary sewer service to the proposed amendment area which is presently outside the sewer service area boundaries as delineated by the "Janesville Sewer Service Area Map, 1999" of the *JAWQMP*; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO hereby recommends that the DNR adopt the proposed Map Amendment to the revised Map VI. 1 of the *JAWQMP*, as delineated by the map entitled "Proposed Amendments, Sewer Service Area, City of Janesville, 2011."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the map entitled "Proposed Amendments, Sewer Service Area, City of Janesville, 2011" is adopted as an integral part of the *JAWQMP*, updating the 1999 Janesville Sewer Service Area Map delineated in said plan.

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, MPO Policy Board

ATTEST: _____

Planning Director

**Janesville 208 Water Quality Technical Advisory Committee
Community Development Department
18 North Jackson Street
Janesville, WI 53545**

MEETING NOTES

Janesville 208 Water Quality Technical Advisory Committee
Tom Rogers Conference Room, Municipal Building
Thursday, July 21, 2011 9:00am

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Benjamin, Duane Cherek, Dan Lynch, Mike Payne, Alan Sweeny, Mark Gunn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janesville Town Chair, LaPrairie Town Chair, Harmony Town Chair, Rock County Health Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Schmidt, Rich Cannon, Katie Karrow, Randy Terronez

I. New Business

1. Proposed 208 (Sewer Service Area) Plan Amendment

Duane Cherek, Manager of Janesville Planning Services, provided a verbal presentation concerning the proposed amendment to the Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) sewer service area boundaries.

Alan Sweeny, Rock County Board representative, asked the County where it is in the process for the Rock Haven replacement facility.

Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Rock County Administrator, Stated that the County is currently working on the phasing and financing (bids) stages of the new nursing home. He also stated that it is important to have a reserve balance for future amendments to the sewer service area boundary.

Mark Gunn, Rock Township Supervisor, asked if the area being removed from the sewer service area by the airport could ever be developed.

Rich Cannon, Rock County Engineer, indicated the zoning and airport guidelines prohibit development.

Mark Gunn stated he has no objections to the amendment.

There was no further discussion of the proposed amendment. There was a motion by Randy Terronez with a second by Mark Gunn to approve the amendment to the *Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan*. The motion carried on an 8-0-0 vote.

VI. Adjournment

The Janesville 208 Water Quality Technical Advisory Committee meeting of March 6, 2007 was adjourned at 10:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Schmidt, AICP, Associate Planner

**Janesville Metropolitan Planning Organization
Planning Department
18 North Jackson Street
Janesville, WI 53545**

MEETING NOTES

Janesville MPO Policy Board Meeting
Room 201 Municipal Building
Tuesday, 26 September 2011, 6:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Brunner, Tom McDonald, Sam Liebert, Russ Steeber, Deb Dongarra-Adams, Allan Arndt, Rich Cannon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Yuri Rashkin, Kathy Voskuil, John Bergman, Edward Marshall, Mark Gunn

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Schmidt, Duane Cherek, Dan Lynch

II. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

1. There was a motion by Tom McDonald and second by Russ Steeber to elect Deb Dongarra-Adams as the MPO Policy Board Chair. Motion passes on a 7-0 vote.

There was a motion by George Brunner and a second by Russ Steeber to elect Sam Liebert as the MPO Policy Board Vice-Chair. Motion passes on a 7-0 vote.

III. New Business

1. Proposed 208 (Sewer Service Area) Plan Amendment

Duane Cherek introduced the proposed amendment to the *Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan)* and made a verbal presentation concerning the proposed amendment.

George Brunner asked how the boundary can be expanded. Duane explained that there are two ways to amend the 208 Plan boundaries. First, update the population projections. Next, remove land that is not developable or is not expected to be developed in the near future and add new land. There was a motion by George Brunner with a second by Russ Steeber to approve the amendment to the *Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan*. The motion carried on a 7-0-0 vote.

IV. Planning Director's Report

There were no items to report.

V. Matters not on the agenda

There were no further items discussed.

VI. Adjournment

The MPO Policy Board meeting of September 26, 2011 was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Schmidt, AICP, Associate Planner

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 2011 – 8:00A.M.
COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE CENTER
SECOND FLOOR – EAST WING
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JANESVILLE, WI

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Rock County Planning & Development Committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the Rock County Courthouse. Chair Al Sweeney presided. Supervisors present: Marilyn Jensen, Phil Owens, Wayne Gustina and Mary Mawhinney.

Planning & Development staff present: Paul Benjamin (Director), Colin Byrnes (Code Administration and Enforcement), Wade Thompson (Planner), Jennifer Borlick (GIS Manager), Steve Schraufnagel (Planner III), Richard Cannon (Engineer), David Somppi (Community Development Mgr.), and Kyle Short (Intern).

Others present: Steve Wickingson (Town of Johnstown), Steve Lathrop (Combs & Associates), Jeff Hillmann, Duffy West (Town of Plymouth), Dave Brown (Town of Fulton), and Duane Cherek (City of Janesville).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Owens moved to adopt the agenda, Supervisor Gustina seconded. **ADOPTED** as presented.

3. MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 11, 2011

Supervisor Jensen moved the approval of the August 11, 2011 Committee minutes; seconded by Supervisor Mawhinney. **APPROVED.**

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

There was no citizen participation, communications and announcements at this time.

5. CODE ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Thompson presented a slide show.

A. Public Hearing – Rock County Land Division Regulations Amendments

Supervisor Owens moved to go into Public Hearing at 8:03 a.m. with a second by Supervisor Mawhinney and the roll call was read. Present: Supervisors Gustina, Jensen, Mawhinney, Owens and Sweeney.

Wade Thompson gave a brief slide show touching on the main points of this Land Division Regulation update.

Some minor changes from the draft deal with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) changing to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the sale between adjoining landowner has been shifted to the MOA document.

Other public comments: Dave Brown representing the Town of Fulton stated that he supports the process and commended County Planning staff but we still need to formalize the land division process. Mr. Thompson stated that can be worked out with each individual town MOA.

Steve Lathrop stated that the sale between adjoining landowner process is still an issue, as state statute does not provide for County government to become involved. He requested that Section 38-19 and 20 should be removed. Mr. Byrnes stated that we have been advised by Corporation Counsel (Eugene Dumas) that within the shoreland and floodplain districts we have jurisdiction and that transferring the process to the MOA could give the County authority via towns approving such.

Supervisor Owens moved to close the Public Hearing at 8:40 a.m. with a second by Supervisor Gustina and the roll call was read. Present: Supervisors Gustina, Mawhinney, Jensen, Owens, and Sweeney.

B. Action Item: Recommendation of Approval of Rock County Land Division Regulations Amendments to Rock County Board of Supervisors as modified.

Several questions by Supervisors concerning the update of the Land Division Regulations: Supervisor Jensen questioned staff about the adjoining landowner issue. Mr. Byrnes reiterated that staff again would meet with Mr. Dumas to confirm that the ordinance is correctly depicting the adjoining landowner land division process.

Supervisor Owens stated that Section 38.19 could be moved into the MOA if a Town would so desire.

Supervisor Mawhinney asked about the term limits for the MOA. Staff replied that we are looking at a 5-year term but will be flexible with what the Town would want.

Supervisor Owens asked about flag lots and Mr. Thompson mentioned that flag lots are addressed in the ordinance under section 38.16.

Supervisor Mawhinney moved to approve the recommendation of the Rock County Land Division Regulations Amendments to the Rock County Board of Supervisors as modified; seconded by Supervisor Owens. All in favor – **APPROVED (Yes –5, No – 0, Absent – 0)**.

C. Land Division 2011 030 (Johnstown Township) – Shadco, LLC

LOCATION: 2900 Block N. Hall Road

Supervisor Mawhinney stated that the Town of Johnstown has again tabled this land division. The County will not act on this land division until the Town completes its review.

6. CORPORATE PLANNING

A. Action Item: Public Hearing – Amendment to Janesville 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

Supervisor Owens moved to go into public hearing at 9:10 a.m. with a second by Supervisor Gustina and the roll call was read. Present: Supervisors Gustina, Mawhinney, Jensen, Owens, and Sweeney.

There was no Public comment.

Duane Cherek from the City of Janesville Planning Department summarized to the Committee the proposed amendment. Stated that the Town of Rock supports the amendments, which includes removing some land area near the Rock County Airport from the sewer service area and adding some land near Rock Haven on the north side of Janesville.

Supervisor Owens moved to close the Public Hearing at 9:17 a.m. with a second by Supervisor Gustina and the roll call was read. Present: Supervisors Gustina, Owens, Jensen, Mawhinney, and Sweeney.

- B. Action Item: Approval of Amendment to Janesville 208 Water Quality Plan**
Supervisor Sweeney stated that the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously approved the amendments.

Supervisor Jensen moved to approve the Amendment to Janesville 208 Water Quality Plan; seconded by Supervisor Owens. All in favor – **APPROVED (Yes – 5, No – 0, Absent 0)**

7. **FINANCE**

- A. Action Item: Department Bills/Encumbrances/Amendments/Transfers**

Supervisor Mawhinney moved the approval of the payment of the department bills; second by Supervisor Gustina. All in favor – **APPROVED (Yes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0)**

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Somppi presented the staff report.

- A. Action Item: CDBG – Small Cities/Lead Hazard Control/Rental Rehab. RLF (ID #'s: 007048D1/020687D1/097336I1) = \$35,185**

Supervisor Jensen moved the approval of CDBG – Small Cities/Lead Hazard Control/Rental Rehab. RLF (ID's 007048D1/020687D1/097336I1) for an amount up to \$35,185; second by Gustina. All in favor – **APPROVED (Yes 4, No 1(Mawhinney), Absent 0).**

- B. Action Item: CDBG – RLF (ID 020675D2) = \$15,150**

Supervisor Gustina moved the approval of CDBG – RLF (ID 020675D2) for an amount up to \$15,185; second by Supervisor Jensen. All in favor – **APPROVED (Yes 5, No 0, Absent 0).**

Conflict of Interest Statement:

There were no Conflict of Interest Statements in regards to the aforementioned loan/grant request.

Information Verification Statement:

All information required for loan approval was verified.

9. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Paul Benjamin reported on Planning Department activities:

- Mr. Somppi described to the Committee the new filing system recently enacted. Mr. Somppi will add the date in place of a check mark to indicate the completion of a certain task.
- Mr. Benjamin is working on an MOU with Rock County Economic Support to gather other information such as alimony, etc. to create a more complete application form. The Supervisors would like some way to find out what the applicant is earning along with his/her employment history.
- Mr. Benjamin met with the City of Beloit on their water quality plan. There have been conflicts among adjoining units of government.
- Planning Department 2012 Budget. Mr. Benjamin explained that all departments need to reduce their budget 2% below last year's budget. He also discussed some potential personnel changes. Two staff members are seeking additional sources of revenue through updating of town zoning ordinances.

- Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. Mr. Benjamin stated that he and Chair Sweeney met with several communities including the City of Evansville discussing the possibility of improving the Union-Pacific rail line from Janesville to Evansville to Oregon/Fitchburg area. This could improve not only transportation facilities but also housing and economic development.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Supervisor Mawhinney mentioned that the Rock Haven joint committee meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled to September 2 at 8:00 a.m. in N-1/N-2 on fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Gustina moved to adjourn the committee meeting at 10:35 a.m.; seconded by Supervisor Mawhinney. **ADOPTED** by acclamation.

The next meeting of the Planning & Development Committee will be **Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.**

Prepared by: Steve Schraufnagel – Acting Secretary