

July 5, 2005

Mr. Thomas Gilbert
Bureau of Watershed Management
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Madison, WI 53707

RE: Amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*, Revising the Verona Urban Service Area Boundary and Environmental Corridors in the City and Town of Verona.

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

The Community Analysis and Planning Division (CAPD) is submitting a proposed amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*, revising the Verona Urban Service Area boundary and environmental corridors in the City and Town of Verona, for Department review and action. The CAPD recommends approval, subject to three conditions. The Division has also suggested seven recommendations.

This amendment was requested by the City of Verona. The amendment adds 564.5 acres to the Verona Urban Service Area, including 55.2 acres of existing development (right-of-way) and 91.2 acres of environmental corridors, for a net developable area of 418.1 acres.

The comment period for this amendment was extended through June 1, 2005 in response to public interest as reflected in the May 25, 2005, Public Meeting / Hearing Minutes and the public comment letters received. Environmental concerns focused on the stream classification of Badger Mill Creek, the adequacy of storm water management measures, possible future changes to the MMSD outfall to Badger Mill Creek, the potential for a future MMSD satellite wastewater treatment plant in the Sugar River Basin, and the protection of valuable environmental lands. Concerns were also expressed regarding intergovernmental coordination and the need for transportation improvements in the area. Based on comments received, the Division has added three additional recommendations to the staff report.

Subsequent to the hearing, the City of Verona, through Resolution No. 06-05-693, committed to undertaking a comprehensive long-range planning process aimed at protecting the resources of the Badger Mill Creek and the Sugar River.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the following supporting materials: (1) City of Verona request letter dated April 26, 2005 and supporting materials; (2) public hearing notice dated April 22, 2005; (3) staff analysis of the proposed amendment dated May 8, 2005; (4) letter of comment

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from the State Historical Society dated September 1, 2004; (5) minutes of the May 25, 2005 public hearing and meeting; (6) written comments received in response to the public hearing and subsequent comment period; (7) City of Verona Resolution No. 06-05-693; and (8) CAPD staff response to comments and revised staff recommendation, dated June 13, 2005.

We would appreciate your review and action on this amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*. If you have any questions or need additional information or assistance in reviewing this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kamran Mesbah, Director, Environmental Resources Planning.

Sincerely,

Michael R. King
Division Administrator

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(Enclosures include City of Verona Application and May 8, 2005 CAPD Staff Analysis.)

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