

I. Minimum recommendations:

A. Revise s. 14.44(3), Dane County Code to:

1. Require that cities and villages amend their erosion control ordinances to meet or exceed the standards described in s. 11.05, Dane County Code for all areas within 300 feet of a navigable river or stream, or within 1,000 feet of a navigable lake or pond.
2. For communities that retain language in municipal ordinances requiring erosion control for sites that drain to “sensitive areas,” include language to explicitly add shorelands to definition of “sensitive area.”
3. Require or recommend that cities and villages follow the violations and enforcement procedures and penalties described in ss. 14.73 and 14.80, Dane County Code.

B. Phased implementation of the WBC proposal.

1. Recommend to the Dane County Board or Supervisors that it amend the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* to:
 - a) bring mapped open space corridor standards in Urban, Developing and Rural Waters, into consistency with Waterbody Classification recommendations, as well as new floodplain, wetland and slope mapping data, and;
 - b) include new language to support mitigation or performance standard alternatives for new development that does not conform to enhanced buffer standards.

(Note: The two changes above will primarily affect new rezones and land divisions in unincorporated areas, but will not affect existing development.)

2. Recommend to the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission that it:
 - a) Amend the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* to:
 - (1) bring environmental corridor standards in Developing and Rural Waters, into consistency with Waterbody Classification recommendations, as well as new floodplain, wetland and slope mapping data, and;
 - (2) include specific guidelines for natural vegetation management and mitigation and performance standards within mapped environmental corridors.

(Note: The two changes above will primarily affect new Urban Service Area designations, but should have little impact on existing development.)

3. Delay development of shoreland ordinance development and adoption:
 - a) In unincorporated areas, until NR 115 standards are finalized by the Natural Resources Board and adopted by the Legislature.
 - (1) Use performance standards under waterbody classification to implement the “mitigation standards” described in the current proposal for NR 115.
 - (2) Adopt NR 115 minimum standards for Urban Waters.

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- (3) Adopt differential standards that exceed state minimums for Developing and Rural Waters, based on current waterbody classification recommendations.
 - (4) Complete shoreland zoning amendments to implement waterbody classification and NR 115 compliance at the same time.
- b) In incorporated areas, after a series of demonstration projects are complete.
- (1) Use existing urban cost-share funding and other sources to work with public and willing private landowners to design example sites that comply with proposed waterbody classification standards for urban, developing and rural waters.
 - (2) If possible, include examples of both design and performance standards for each class (at least six sites).
 - (3) Document installation and design costs, and if possible, measurements of localized environmental benefit (i.e. before / after sediment, infiltration and habitat quality) and impacts on property values.
 - (4) Use demonstration sites as a teaching tool, perhaps as part of the “Better Lawns and Gardens Tour.”
 - (5) If necessary, modify recommended standards, based on experience with demonstration sites, or abandon proposal if it proves too costly or provides insufficient environmental benefit.
 - (6) If proposal goes forward, use Lakes and Watershed Commission authority to give cities and villages one year to adopt compliant ordinances.