

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER # 197**

**Relating to the Creation of the  
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin identified the need to address land use, water quality, transportation and environmental issues on a regional basis more than 40 years ago by authorizing the creation of regional planning commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dane County Regional Planning Commission was created in 1970 by Governor Warren Knowles' Executive Order # 22, and was dissolved in 2002 by Governor Scott McCallum's Executive Order # 52; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments need to work together to meet challenges that transcend municipal boundaries and effectively protect the natural resources and beauty of the capital area, as well as promote economic growth and sound land development practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 66.0309 (2) (b) allows governing bodies of local units of government to petition the State of Wisconsin requesting the creation of a regional planning commission; and

**WHEREAS**, governing bodies from local units of government in Dane County representing well in excess of 50% of the population of Dane County and well in excess of 50% of the equalized assessed valuation in Dane County have petitioned Governor Doyle by resolution to create the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, certified copies of the resolutions were filed with the Office of the Governor and have been found to be in proper form; and

**WHEREAS**, an agreement was reached by local governments in Dane County that represents an excellent example of local cooperation to protect and restore water quality and minimize water quality degradation while promoting economic development and sound land development practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolutions requesting the creation of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission embody an agreement between the local units of government in Dane County that provides for an agency that is capable of developing effective water quality plans for Dane County; establishes a membership plan for the Commission that provides an equitable voice for all Dane County local governments; charges the Commission to develop a Water Quality Plan that will define areas to be protected from development, areas that can be developed with measures to protect, restore or minimize degradation of water quality; and establishes a Budget and Personnel Panel; and

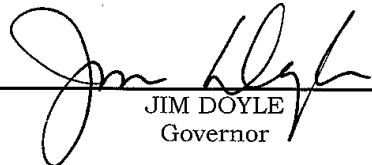
**WHEREAS**, a hearing was held in Madison on the petitions from the governing bodies on December 20, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, those citizens that provided public comments at the hearing or in conjunction with the hearing overwhelmingly endorsed the creation of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by Wis. Stat. § 66.0309 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create, effective immediately, consistent with Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(2), a regional planning commission to be known as the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, which shall have jurisdiction in Dane County, as well as the cities of Edgerton, Fitchburg, Madison, Middleton, Monona, Stoughton, Sun Prairie and Verona; the villages of Belleville, Black Earth, Blue Mounds, Brooklyn, Cambridge, Cottage Grove, Cross Plains, Dane, Deerfield, DeForest, Maple Bluff, Marshall, Mazomanie, McFarland, Mount Horeb, Oregon, Rockdale, Shorewood Hills, Waunakee; and the towns of Albion, Berry, Black Earth, Blooming Grove, Blue Mounds, Bristol, Burke, Christiana, Cottage Grove, Cross Plains, Dane, Deerfield, Dunkirk, Dunn, Madison, Mazomanie, Medina, Middleton, Montrose, Oregon, Perry, Pleasant Springs, Primrose, Roxbury, Rutland, Springdale, Springfield, Sun Prairie, Vermont, Verona, Vienna, Westport, Windsor, and York;
2. Direct that, consistent with Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(3)(b), the membership of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission shall be in accordance with the resolutions approved by the governing bodies of a majority of the local units of government within Dane County, including the membership plan as it is proposed within the referenced resolutions; and
3. Provide that nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to contravene any applicable state or federal law.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this second day of May in the year two thousand seven.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JIM DOYLE  
Governor

By the Governor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State