



November 10, 2025

DNR Project No. DC-0243

Mr. Nicholas Bower, Senior Environmental Engineer
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission
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[Subject: CARPC Sewer Service Area Plan Amendment Request #2503 "Badger Trails" – Village of Belleville](#)

Dear Mr. Bower:

On October 11, 2025, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (department) received Water Quality Management Letter #2503 from the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC), on behalf of the Village of Belleville. Letter #2503 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 urban services to a future residential subdivision.

Amendment Area

The Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan Amendment includes the addition of approximately fifty-eight (58.3) acres of land, including approximately thirteen (13) acres of proposed environmental corridors, and zero (0) acres of existing development and right-of-way, for a net of approximately 43 developable acres to the Belleville Urban Service Area. Most of the surrounding land is agricultural and existing rural residential.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

The proposed amendment area includes a total of approximately 13 acres of Environmental Corridor. CARPC, using department wetland data, determined there was one emergent/wet meadow wetland within the amendment area. A wetlands delineation performed by GEOTHINK, LLC reported the presence of one wetland within the amendment area. A 75-foot vegetated buffer is required around the delineated wetland, and the wetland is required to be designated as an Environmental Corridor. Additionally, there are existing wetlands near the amendment area. The proposed corridor follows the policies and criteria for Environmental Corridors in the Water Quality Plan for Dane County. Stormwater, sediment control, and other best management practices as described in the amendment documentation shall be implemented, and the recommendations from CARPC included in that document should be implemented to further protect water quality.

Local Review & Public Involvement

A public hearing was held on September 11, 2025, to discuss the proposed amendment. Verbal comments were received regarding sensitive environmental resources, contamination and



water quality monitoring, and stormwater drainage. During the public review period, CARPC received five written comments from the public on topics including contamination, protection of environmental sensitive areas, and future development. On October 9, 2025, the amendment was adopted by the commission. On October 11, 2025, CARPC submitted their staff report to the DNR recommending approval of the amendment request, with additional recommendations meant to address the public concerns about water quality and environmental resource management.

Administrative Decision

The proposed amendment is hereby conditionally approved in accordance with water quality standards requirements under ss. 281.15 and 283.83(1m), Wis. Stats., along with CARPC's recommended actions described in Water Quality Management Letter #2503. This amendment is a formal amendment to the state's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, per ch. NR 121, Wis. Adm. Code. The Belleville "Badger Trails" 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 permit for sewer construction or associated land development activities. The department's condition is consistent with that listed in the CARPC staff review.

Required condition includes:

1. A DNR wetland delineation confirmation shall be obtained for the delineations that were completed in the amendment area due to the fact that the contracted company, GEOTHINK, LLC, is not an assured delineator. Details on the confirmation process can be found on the Wisconsin DNR's Wetland Permitting Page: [Wetland Permitting: Identification, Delineation, Exemptions, and Permit Options](#) | [Wisconsin DNR](#)

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

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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,

Adrian Stocks

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