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DNR Project No. DC-0244

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[Subject: CARPC Sewer Service Area Plan Amendment Request #2504 "Heyday Development" – Village of Waunakee](#)

Dear Ms. Mehendale:

On February 16, 2026, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (department) received Water Quality Management Letter #2504 from the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC), on behalf of the Village of Waunakee. Letter #2504 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 "mixed" community residential area.

#### Amendment Area

The Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan Amendment includes the addition of approximately seventy-seven (77) acres of land, including approximately forty-one (41) acres of proposed environmental corridors, and one (1) acre of existing development and right-of-way, for a net of approximately thirty-five (35) developable acres to the Waunakee 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 41 acres of Environmental Corridor. CARPC, using the WDNR's Wetland Inventory database, determined there are two emergent/wet meadow wetlands within the amendment area. A wetlands delineation performed by Wetland & Waterway Consulting, LLC reported the presence of two wetlands within the amendment area. A 75- foot vegetated buffer is required around the delineated wetlands, and the wetlands are required to be designated as Environmental Corridor. Additionally, there are existing wetlands near the amendment area. The proposed corridor follows the adopted Policies and Criteria for Environmental Corridors in the Water Quality Plan for Dane County. State and Local Requirements pertaining to stormwater, sediment control, and other best management practices as described in the amendment documentation (pages 22-23) shall be implemented. The Recommendations from CARPC included in that document (pages 23-24) should be implemented to further protect water quality.



### Local Review & Public Involvement

A public hearing was held on January 8, 2026, to discuss the proposed amendment. There were no public comments or concerns for the amendment request. On February 12, 2026, the amendment was adopted by the Commission. On February 16, 2026, CARPC submitted Water Quality Management Letter #2504 to the DNR recommending approval of the amendment request.

### Administrative Decision

The proposed amendment is hereby approved in accordance with water quality standards requirements under ss. 281.15 and 283.83(1m), Wis. Stats. The department adopts CARPC's recommendation to approve the amendment as described in Water Quality Management Letter #2504. This amendment is a formal amendment to the state's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, per ch. NR 121, Wis. Adm. Code. The Village of Waunakee "Heyday Development" 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 USA amendment does not constitute approval of any other required local, state, or federal permit for sewer construction or associated land development activities.

### 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 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.

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