



July 10, 2026

Mr. Timothy R. Asplund
Monitoring Section Chief
WDNR – Bureau of Water Quality
101 S. Webster Street
Madison, WI 53707-7921

RE: Water Quality Management Letter for Sewer Service Area Amendment Request #2604
– River Road LSA (Town of Westport – “Hope Ct / Tuggle Ln”)

Dear Mr. Asplund:

The Town of Westport has submitted a request for a sewer service area amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*. The proposed amendment area is currently in the Town of Westport, and within the Lake Mendota-Yahara River (HUC 12: 070900020604) and Cherokee Lake-Yahara River (HUC 12: 070900020504) watersheds. It includes the addition of approximately two (2) acres of land, including one (1) acre of proposed environmental corridors, for a net of approximately one (1) developable acre to the River Road Limited Service Area. A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment at the Regional Planning Commission meeting on July 9, 2026. The Town’s application and the Commission staff’s analysis report of the proposed amendment is available on our [website](#) and have or soon will be submitted to the Department’s Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS).

It is the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission staff’s opinion that the proposed amendment is consistent with water quality standards under Wis. Stat. § 281.15, and the *Policies and Criteria for Sewer Service Area Amendments*, adopted into the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* on April 8, 2026. To ensure conformance with the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* and better improve water quality and environmental resource management, additional required and recommended actions have been enumerated below.

At the July 9, 2026, meeting, the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in recognition of the following **requirements** and **recommendations**:

State and Local Requirements

In addition to all other applicable state and municipal requirements, it is **required** that development activity within this amended sewer service area comply with the following provisions:

1. Environmental Corridors are required to be delineated, and land use within shall be restricted, to meet the Environmental Corridor Policies and Criteria (dated 2/28/2008) adopted in the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*.

Note: *future development or redevelopment activity within the amendment area that is inconsistent with the general scope of work presented in this application will be subject to the most recent set of environmental corridor policy in effect at that time.*

2. Sediment and erosion control practices are required to be installed prior to land disturbing activities.

Recommendations

It is **recommended** that the Town of Westport and parcel owners pursue the following provisions to further improve water quality and environmental resource management:

1. Foster the responsible use of chlorides by reducing salt usage in winter ice management and household water softening applications (refer to Wisconsin Salt Wise for more information).
2. Consider implementation of various green infrastructure practices for stormwater management, such as rain barrels, rain gardens, downspout disconnection, and use of native plantings in lieu of turf grass.
3. Encourage the removal and control of invasives and the use of native flora in landscaping, where appropriate within the entire amendment area, and for all areas designated as Environmental Corridor.
4. Request a formal Endangered Resources Review by the WDNR prior to land disturbing activities, due to the possible presence of endangered resources like rare plants, animals, and natural communities, and implement any recommended habitat protection measures.

This letter does not constitute approval or review associated with any other required local, state, or federal permit for sewer construction or associated land development activities, including CARPC review of conformance with the areawide water quality plan for sewer

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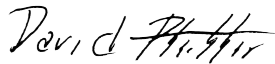
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extension permits as required by NR 110.08(4) (public sewers) and SPS 382.30(11)(f) and 382.30(12)(b) (private sewers).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Bower, the Commission's Senior Environmental Engineer.

Sincerely,



David Pfeiffer
Chairperson



Cynthia Richson
Secretary

cc: Mr. Dean Grosskopf, Town Administrator, Town of Westport

