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Subject: CARPC Sewer Service Area Plan Amendment Request #2604 River Road SSA/LSA – Town of Westport

Dear Mr. Bower:

On July 13, 2026, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) received Water Quality Management Letter #2604 from the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC), on behalf of the Town of Westport. Letter #2604 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 public sanitary sewer service to single family residences on two parcels in the Town of Westport.

Amendment Area

The Sewer Service Area (SSA) Plan Amendment includes the addition of two parcels consisting of approximately two (2) acres of land. Area #1 is a vacant parcel with planned single family residential development. Area #2 is a parcel containing one single family residence currently served by private onsite septic. The purpose of the amendment is to bring both parcels into the River Road SSA so that they may be served by public sanitary sewer.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Area #1 does not contain any mapped Environmental Corridors. In Area #2, The Department's Wisconsin Wetland Inventory shows one emergent/wet meadow wetland. Area #2 also includes 100-year floodplains associated with the Yahara River. The area containing the wetland, plus a 75-ft buffer, and the 100-year floodplains will be designated as an Environmental Corridor, totaling approximately one (1) acre. A wetland delineation is recommended for Area #2 if redevelopment occurs here in the future. The proposed corridor follows the adopted Policies and Criteria for Environmental Corridors in the Dane County Water Quality Plan. State and Local Requirements pertaining to stormwater,



sediment control, and other best management practices as described in the amendment documentation shall be implemented. The Recommendations from CARPC included in the amendment documentation should be implemented to further protect water quality.

Local Review & Public Involvement

A public hearing was held on July 9, 2026, to discuss the proposed amendment. No public comments or concerns were provided. At the same meeting, the amendment was adopted by the Commission. On July 13, 2026, CARPC submitted Water Quality Management Letter #2604 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 #2604. This amendment is a formal amendment to the Dane County Water Quality Plan and the state's Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, per ch. NR 121, Wis. Adm. Code. The 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 permits 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.

Sincerely,

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Map 1 - Amendment Areas

