



October 9, 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 #2603
– Oregon USA (Village of Oregon – “Featherwood Trails”)

Dear Mr. Asplund:

The Village of Oregon 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 Oregon, with annexation into the Village of Oregon expected prior to development, and within the Oregon Branch (HUC 12: 070900020801) watershed. It includes the addition of approximately 81 acres of land, including 13 acres of proposed environmental corridors and 2 acres of existing development to be converted to new land uses as part of the proposed development, and 11 acres of existing agricultural/rural residential and right-of-way to remain, for a net of approximately 68 developable acres to the Oregon Urban Service Area. A public hearing regarding the proposed amendment was held at the Regional Planning Commission meeting on September 10, 2026. The Village’s application and the Commission staff’s analysis report of the proposed amendment have been submitted to the Department’s Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS).

It is CARPC staff’s opinion that the applicant has satisfactorily complied with the *Policies and Criteria for Sewer Service Area Amendments* adopted in the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* on April 8, 2026. Furthermore, it is CARPC staff’s opinion that the proposed amendment, through adherence to the enumerated conditions below and other applicable standards, is consistent with water quality standards contained in Wis. Stat. § 281.15. In addition to the existing state and local requirements, the Village of Oregon and development team have agreed to pursue additional measures for the amendment area to ensure consistency with water quality standards. Additional actions have also been recommended below to further improve water quality and environmental resource management, though these are not required for consistency with water quality standards.

At the October 8, 2026, meeting, the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, including the following requirements and recommended actions.

State and Local Requirements

Among other applicable state and local requirements, development within the amendment area is **required** to meet the following:

1. Environmental Corridors shall be delineated to meet the Environmental Corridor Policies and Criteria adopted in the *Dane County Water Quality Plan* (those which are current at the time when the 'full scope' of the development proposal is known).

Note: The [current version](#) of the Environmental Corridor Policies and Criteria was adopted on August 31, 2026. The 'full scope' of the proposed 'Featherwood Trails' development was known prior to this update; therefore, this specific development is considered grandfathered and only subject to the [2008 version](#). Refer to [Resolution 2026-12](#) for details on the implementation schedule of the new policy.

2. Sediment and erosion control practices must be installed prior to other land disturbing activities. Infiltration practices must be protected from compaction and sedimentation during land disturbing activities.
3. Easements and perpetual legal maintenance agreements with the Village of Oregon to allow the Village to maintain stormwater management facilities if owners fail to do so are required for any facilities located on private property. Facilities dedicated to the Village shall be incorporated into the Village's overall stormwater facility maintenance protocols and require vegetation management and stormwater facility inspections, as appropriate for the vegetation present and type of device.
4. Review and approval of stormwater management plan(s) for each development within the amendment area by Regional Planning Commission staff is required as part of the sewer extension review process. Stormwater management plan(s) shall meet or exceed all applicable standards required by Wisconsin DNR, Dane County, and Village of Oregon, including:
 - a. Post-development peak runoff rate control for the 1-, 2-, 10-, 100-, and 200-year, 24-hour design storms (using NRCS MSE4 storm distributions) to match predevelopment peak runoff rates. In addition, peak runoff rate control is required to limit the 10-year, 24-hour design storm to the pre-development level of the 2-

year event, and the 100-year, 24-hour design storm to the pre-development level of the 10-year event, in accordance with Village Ordinance.

- b. Sediment control for the average annual rainfall period to reduce total suspended solids leaving the post-development site by at least 80%, as compared to no runoff management controls, with sediment control pretreatment occurring prior to infiltration as prescribed by WDNR Technical Guidance 1003 depending on the land use type.
- c. Post-development infiltration (stay-on) volume control to maintain at least 90% of the predevelopment infiltration (stay-on) volume for the average annual rainfall period, without exception for sites determined to be within a closed basin watershed.
- d. Oil and grease control to treat the first one-half inch of runoff using the best available technology for commercial, institutional, and any other land uses where the potential for pollution by oil or grease exists.
- e. Minimize impacts to the hydrology of offsite wetlands and avoid significant changes to wetland functional values to meet requirements of NR 103.

Additional Agreements for the Amendment Area

The Village of Oregon and development team have **agreed** to the following measures for the amendment area:

1. *Pursue* post-development infiltration (stay-on) volume control to maintain 100% of the predevelopment infiltration (stay-on) volume for the average annual rainfall period.
2. *Pursue* post-development peak runoff rate control for the back-to-back, 100-year, 24-hour design storms (using NRCS MSE4 storm distributions) to match predevelopment peak runoff rates.
3. Explore alternative lot configurations to reduce the depth of Lots 254-256 to approximately 100 feet in depth and correspondingly expand Outlot 15 (as numbered on Preliminary Plat), and require that Outlot 15 up to the bottom side of the proposed retaining wall along the rear of these lots (Lake Barney side) be established with native vegetation and contained within Environmental Corridor.
4. Require the establishment of native vegetation appropriate for the conditions within the proposed rear-yard drainage swale, within a 20' wide outlot, along the entire

northern edge of the plat (as shown on Preliminary Plat), with a seed mix design intended to provide filtration of stormwater and promotion of native flora and fauna (wildlife habitat).

Recommendations

It is **recommended** that the Village of Oregon and development team pursue the following to further improve water quality and environmental resource protection:

1. Foster the responsible use of chlorides by encouraging public and private winter maintenance professionals to attend the winter salt certification classes offered by Wisconsin Salt Wise. Furthermore, coordinate with WI Salt Wise to provide educational materials annually to residents to inform them of appropriate salting practices to limit the quantity of chlorides being delivered to Lake Barney.
2. Provide educational resources, such as those available through [Ripple Effects](#) and [UW-Extension](#), to residents regarding proper lawncare techniques, including the proper use of lawn fertilizers and pesticides/herbicides to limit the amount of nutrients and chemicals being delivered to downstream water resources (Note: in accordance with Dane County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 80, the use of phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizers is prohibited unless a soil test shows it necessary or when used on new lawns in the first growing season).
3. Encourage the removal and control of invasives and the use of native flora in landscaping for all areas designated as Environmental Corridor, where appropriate for the intended use.
4. Request a formal Endangered Resources Review by the WDNR for potential impacts to endangered resources like rare plants, animals, and natural communities, and take necessary habitat protection measures if species are found (Note: a screening conducted by CARPC staff indicates possible presence of threatened resources).
5. Except where required due to performance or technical requirements, utilize erosion control products that contain natural jute or coir fibers instead of products containing plastic netting to reduce the amount of microplastics and chemicals migrating into soils and downstream water resources.

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 conformance with the areawide water quality plan for sewer extension permits as

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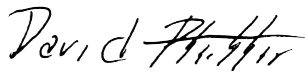
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required by NR 110.08(4) (public sewers) and SPS 382.30(11)(f) and 382.30(12)(b) (private sewers). Separate review(s) by CARPC staff are required to document such conformance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Bower, the Commission's Water Quality Program Director.

Sincerely,



David Pfeiffer
Chairperson



Cynthia Richson
Secretary

cc: Ms. Elise Cruz, Director of Community Development, Village of Oregon

