November 22, 2016

Yahara WINs
c/o Dave Taylor
1610 Moorland Road
Madison, WI 53713

SUBJECT: 2017 Yahara WINs Funding for Harvestable Buffer Extensions

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department is seeking funds from Yahara WINs to offer extensions to existing harvestable buffer contracts completed in 2014 and 2015. Since 2014, Dane County has been providing funding for a harvestable buffer program to address resource concerns along stream corridors and waterways. Early adopters of the program did not have the option to contract buffers for 15 years as that was not an option originally. Starting in 2016, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and Clean Lakes Alliance provided funds to extend some early contracts to 15 years. Dane County would like to provide the same opportunity to the remainder of the past participants of the program.

After reviewing the remaining harvestable buffer contracts, there are 12 contracts with the potential to be extended up to 15 years. In total for 2017, Dane County is requesting $118,125 to offer extensions to the remaining 12 contracts. In addition, invoice #NOV16LANDCB includes an additional $1,050 to cover the last 2016 contract WINs provided funding for, making the total request $119,175.

Extending these contracts would continue to protect 48.1 acres of riparian areas in the Yahara River Watershed and cumulatively reduce an estimated 1,275 pounds of phosphorus per year beyond the original contracted periods.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (608) 224-3740. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Callis
County Conservationist
Land Conservation Division

cc: Kyle Minks, Kevin Connors, Kathy Lake