

Yahara CLEAN Compact

Purpose

Align partner efforts around an ambitious but achievable action strategy to attain shared water quality goals.

Vision

Restore the designated uses of our lakes and beaches under the Clean Water Act.

Why a Compact?

- *To unite around a common vision and updated action plan for achieving lake water quality goals.*
 - *To identify resources and timelines to implement the action plan.*
 - *To monitor progress through tracking metrics and benchmarks.*
 - *To coordinate public messaging on goals, progress and ways to help.*
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Partners

Official signatories and voting members under the Compact, providing agreed upon staff and financial resources to facilitate the Yahara CLEAN updating process. An annual contribution of \$25,000 is requested in each of 2019 and 2020 to help pay for anticipated costs. Partners often have direct responsibility or control over plan implementation, but this is not a requirement. They also commit to use their best efforts to follow the resulting implementation guidance upon completion of the updated action plan. Represented by an appointed lead designee and co-designee, partners are expected to:

- 1) participate on a steering team to finalize the scope of work that define the questions to be answered;
- 2) assist in the development of a Request for Proposals, and vote on the selection of consultants with contracts executed by Clean Lakes Alliance;
- 3) furnish agreed upon information, staff support, and financial resources helpful to the effort;
- 4) provide input and guidance to any contracted consultants;
- 5) agree to a public communication strategy and process; and
- 6) sign off on any final recommendations and project deliverables produced under this Compact.

Strategic Collaborators

Supporting agencies or organizations that often play a significant cooperating role in watershed phosphorus reduction and/or achieving water quality improvements. A contribution of \$1,000 is requested for each of 2019 and 2020 to demonstrate full investment in the effort. Collaborators are provided opportunities for input and information sharing, but are not voting members under the Compact. They are expected to support and work to implement the updated action plan upon its completion. Represented by an appointed lead designee and co-designee, collaborators are expected to:

- 1) serve as non-voting members of a partner-led steering team to finalize the scope of work; and
- 2) participate in information sharing and steering team discussions related to the fulfillment of project deliverables.

Supporters

Supporters are individuals and entities that sign onto a *Statement of Support and Advocacy* that endorse Yahara CLEAN Compact goals, objectives and recommended actions.

Yahara “CLEAN” Compact

(*Capital Lakes Environmental Assessment and Needs*)

Statement of Support and Advocacy

The Yahara River Watershed and its five lakes—Mendota, Monona, Wingra, Waubesa, and Kegonsa—define Dane County and Greater Madison’s sense of place and contribute significantly to the region’s economic vitality, recreational standing, and local quality of life. Clean and healthy lakes are truly the benchmark of a healthy community. Large investments over the years have laid the foundation for future water quality improvements, yet our lakes remain federally impaired, with intensifying climate impacts (i.e., heavy rain and runoff) and other headwinds threatening our progress.

The Yahara CLEAN Compact renews and strengthens a community effort to clean up our lakes and unite around a common vision and action plan that will hold partners accountable. The goal is to adopt a shared roadmap for achieving our water quality goals, with partners pledging to update and build upon guidance set forth in the *Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction* (2012). The compact recognizes the need to maximize our efforts and complete more on-the-ground projects at a faster pace.

We, the undersigned*, support the goals and objectives of the Yahara CLEAN Compact to build thriving, resilient Yahara lakes. We support a compact that:

- Delivers a bold plan with urban and rural solutions to vastly improve the water quality of our five Yahara lakes (Mendota, Monona, Wingra, Waubesa, and Kegonsa), their watersheds, and the network of creeks, rivers, and wetlands that determine their condition.
- Recommends achieving the highest ecological and sustainability standards for our lakeshores, beaches, and waterfront parks so they serve as models for lake health, inclusivity, and equitable access.
- Reaffirms phosphorus reduction goals and progress to-date, sets forth priority actions, and recommends strategies for achieving those actions and expanding the base of participation.
- Sets a path for motivating residents to take action on their own properties, with the understanding that a lasting impact can only happen through an educated and engaged community, particularly with respect to our youth who will become future advocates for our lakes.
- Establishes accountability through a fully funded, yearly implementation strategy with clear completion dates, ensuring that water quality goals are achieved within the quickest time possible.

Together we can achieve healthy lakes. Our community has the talent base, resources, and perseverance to transform the watershed. We have achieved great things in the past and can do it again by making our lakes a top priority.

The following have signed on as supporters of the Yahara CLEAN Compact and the above-stated goals:

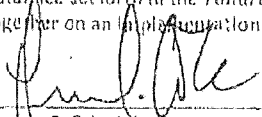
Name	Title	Affiliation or Organization	Date
1. Mark Miller	State Senator	Wisconsin State Senate	9/3/19
2. Lloyd Eagan & Pam Shannon	Co-Presidents	Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy	9/16/19
3. Lisa Subeck	State Representative	Wisconsin State Assembly, District 78	9/17/19
4. Jimmy Anderson	State Representative	Wisconsin State Assembly, District 47	9/17/19
5. Lance Green & Carl	Co-Chairs	Friends of Starkweather Creek	9/17/19

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6. Chris Taylor	State Representative	Wisconsin State Assembly, District 76	9/18/19
7. Fred Risser	State Senator	Wisconsin State Senate	9/23/19
8. Shelia Stubbs	State Representative	Wisconsin State Assembly, District 77	9/26/19
9. Sody Pope	State Representative	Wisconsin State Assembly, District 80	9/27/19
10. Melissa Sargent	State Representative	Wisconsin State Assembly, District 48	9/30/19
11. Jon Erpenbach	State Senator	Wisconsin State Senate	10/22/19
12. Jason Ilstrup	President	Downtown Madison, Inc.	10/22/19

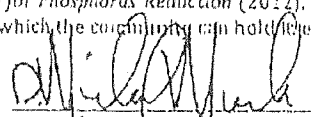
Yahara "CLEAN" Compact - Letter of Intent
Capital Lakes Environmental Assessment and Needs

We, the undersigned, recognize that the Yahara River Watershed and its five majestic lakes—Mendota, Monona, Wingra, Waubesa, and Kegonsa—define our sense of place and contribute significantly to the region's economic vitality, recreational standing, and local quality of life. Clean and healthy lakes are truly the benchmark of a healthy community. In recent years, big investments have laid the foundation for future water quality improvements, yet our lakes remain federally impaired, with intensifying climate impacts and other headwinds threatening our progress. It is for these reasons we must take action now. Today, we come together to renew and strengthen our partnership, and to unite around a common vision and action plan for cleaner, healthier lakes.

By signing this letter of intent, we hereby pledge to work cooperatively toward the development of a Yahara CLEAN Compact, with a goal of adopting a shared roadmap to achieve water quality goals for the Yahara chain of lakes. We further pledge to continue our joint efforts defining a scope of work for updating and building upon guidance set forth in the *Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction (2012)*, and to work together on an implementation framework and timeline for which the community can hold itself accountable.

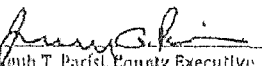


 Preston D. Cole, Secretary
 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*

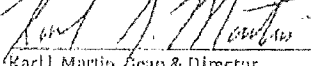
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 D. Michael Muehle, Director & Chief Engineer
 Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District**

5/8/19

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 Joseph T. Parisi, County Executive
 Dane County*

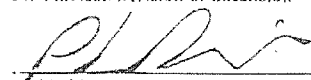
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 Karl J. Martin, Dean & Director
 UW-Madison Division of Extension**

5/16/19

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 Saiya Rhodes-Campway, Mayor
 Clay County*

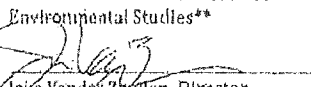
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 Paul Robbins, Dean
 UW-Madison Nelson Institute for
 Environmental Studies**

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 James M., Executive Director
 Clean Lakes Alliance*

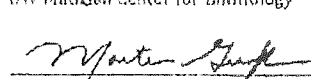
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 Jake Vander Zanden, Director
 UW-Madison Center for Limnology**

6/7/19

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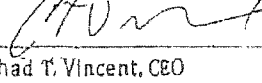


 Brad Pfaff, Secretary
 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade,
 & Consumer Protection*

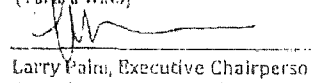
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 Martin Giffin, Executive Committee President
 Yahara Watershed Improvement Network
 (Yahara WINS)**

6/27/19

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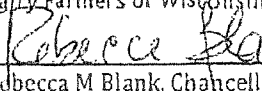


 Chad T. Vincent, CEO
 Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin**

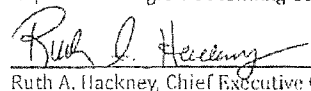
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 Larry Palm, Executive Chairperson
 Capital Area Regional Planning Commission**

7/15/19

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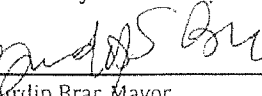


 Rebecca M. Blank, Chancellor*
 University of Wisconsin - Madison

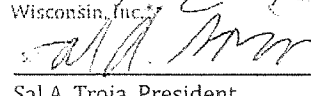
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 Ruth A. Hackney, Chief Executive Officer
 REALTORS® Association of South Central
 Wisconsin, Inc.**

10/3/2019

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 Gurdeep Brar, Mayor
 City of Middleton**

10/9/2019 
 Date _____
 Sal A. Troia, President
 Yahara Lakes Association, LTD.**

10/10/2019

 Date

***Partners**

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****Collaborators**

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