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RE: Support of proposed clean water budget items

Dear Dane County Board Supervisors,

We are pleased to support the proposed budget for the Land and Water Resources Department that includes:

- \$4 million Dane County Conservation Fund
- \$2.5 million Suck the Muck – Six Mile Creek
- \$1.5 million Continuous Cover Program – perennial cover on highly erodible lands
- \$1 million Yahara CLEAN
- \$1 million Urban Water Quality Grants for Stormwater Outflows
- \$500,000 Chapter 49 implementation – cost sharing on manure management, and conservation practices to reduce erosion and improve water quality
- \$100,000 Clean Beach Corridors – partnership with City of Madison

The water improvement proposals reaffirm the county's commitment to healthy lakes. We also urge your support for efforts to:

- Update the Yahara CLEAN plan through a Yahara CLEAN Compact, a key recommendation of the Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force
- Support under-resourced communities with youth education at the 2020 Lake Explorer Camp
- Better protect public health with increased and more targeted testing of public beaches monitored by Public Health Madison and Dane County.

These additional initiatives will foster improved community awareness and more equitable access to our lakes. Together, the investments will set us on a firm path to creating a more resilient landscape and reaching our shared water quality goals. Thank you for all you are doing to protect and enhance Dane County's waters.

In Partnership,

James Tye
Executive Director