

CHAPTER 49, DCCO

Agricultural Performance Standards and Manure Management
Proposed Ordinance Amendments – 2026



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History

- Originally a subchapter of Chapter 14
 - *Manure management prohibitions*
 - *Manure storage permitting*
 - *Winter spreading permitting*
- Chapter 49 was enacted in 2019
 - *Added state agricultural performance standards*
 - *Continued requirements for manure storage permitting*
 - *Expanded requirements for winter spreading permitting*
 - *Created certificate of use program for all manure storage facilities*



Implementation Metrics since 2019

- Manure storage permits
 - 59 permits issued: 19 new construction, 1 substantial alteration, 39 closures
- Certificate of Use
 - 356 structures identified: 235 COUs issued, 21 closed, 79 unassessed, 22 COUs not needed
- Winter spreading permits
 - 204 permits
- Enforcement actions
 - Complaints – 105
 - Notices of Noncompliance – 25
 - Notices of Violation – 14
 - Stop Work Orders – 2
 - Citations – 3
 - Referrals to Corp Counsel – 1



Why update the ordinance?

- Improve readability and clarity of agricultural performance standards and prohibitions section
 - *Organize by cropland standards and livestock standards*
 - *Include technical standards that can be used to meet the performance standards and prohibitions*
 - *Remove web links as they become broken and outdated quickly*
 - *Update nutrient management plan due date to April 15th at the recommendation of DATCP to all counties*



Why update the ordinance?

- Add procedural clarity to manure storage permitting and certificate of use programming
 - *Reorganize the sections to flow better*
 - *Clean up typos*
 - *Add more language about certificate of use administration*
 - Approvals, conditional approvals, denials
 - How to renew a certificate of use



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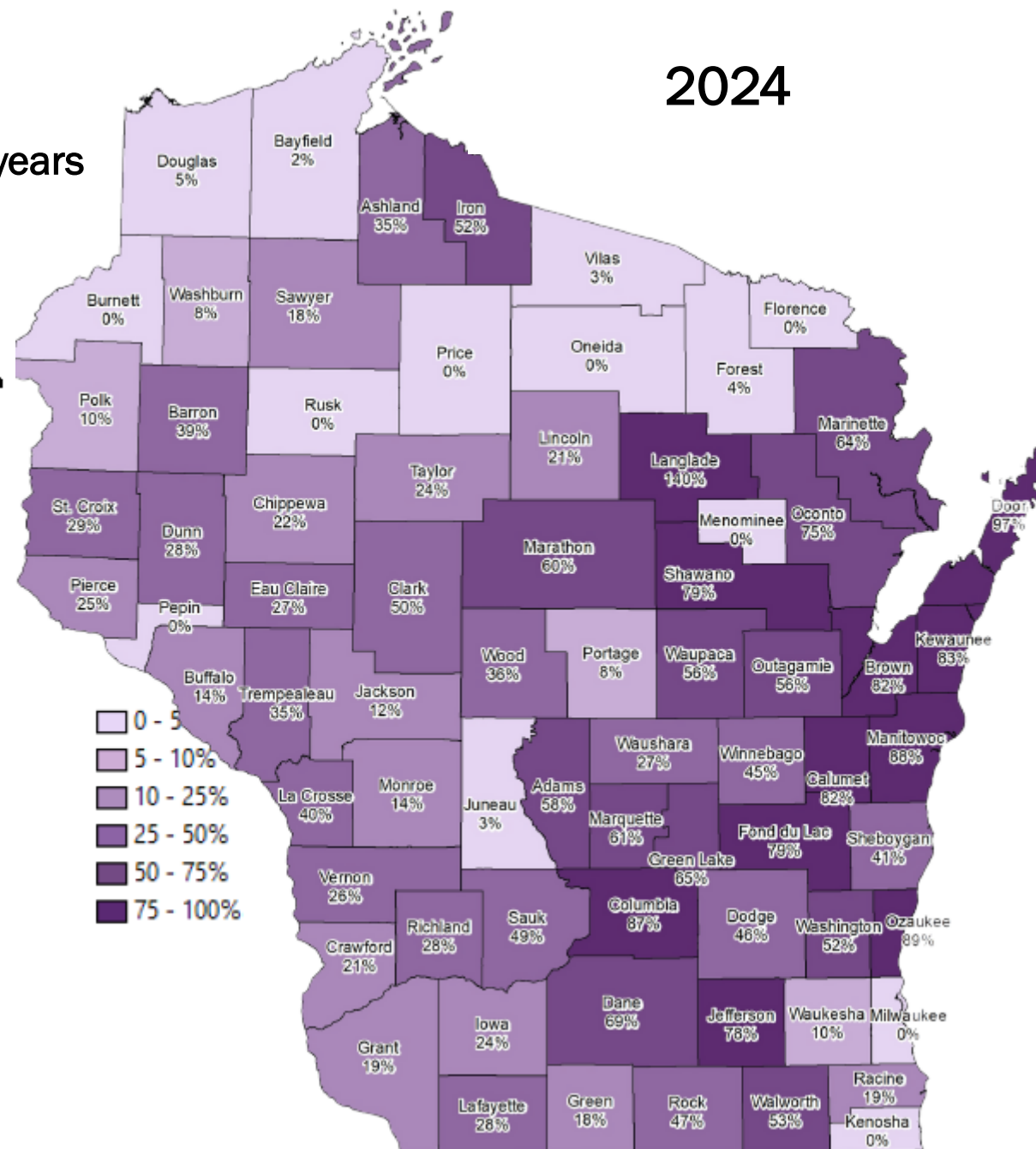
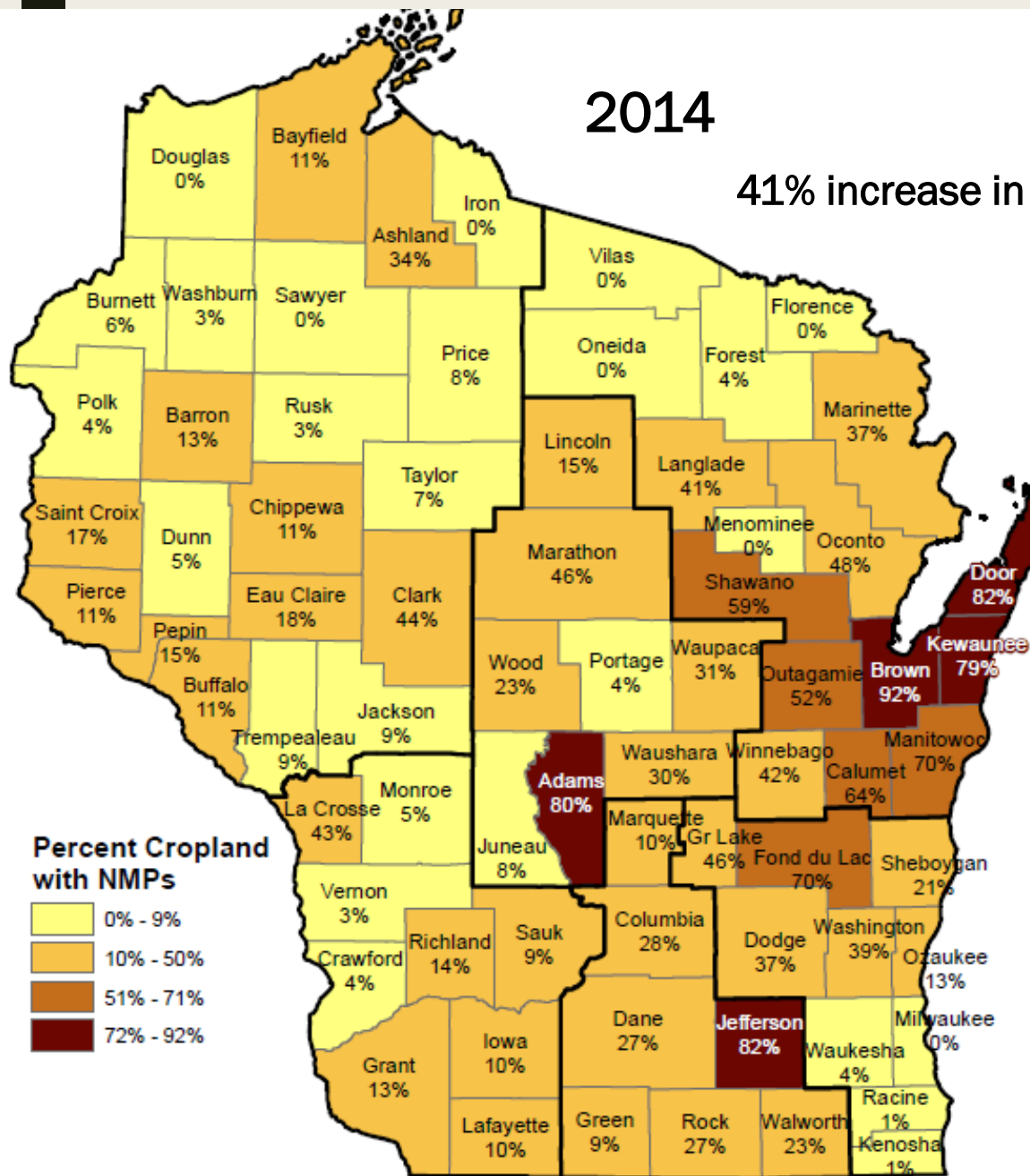
- Discontinue the winter spreading permit program
 - *Reduce redundancy*
 - *Nutrient management plans require winter spreading plans*
 - *Performance standards have been incorporated into the technical standard*
 - *Shift focus from winter spreading permits to nutrient management planning and implementation*
 - *Incorporate headland stacking requirements*



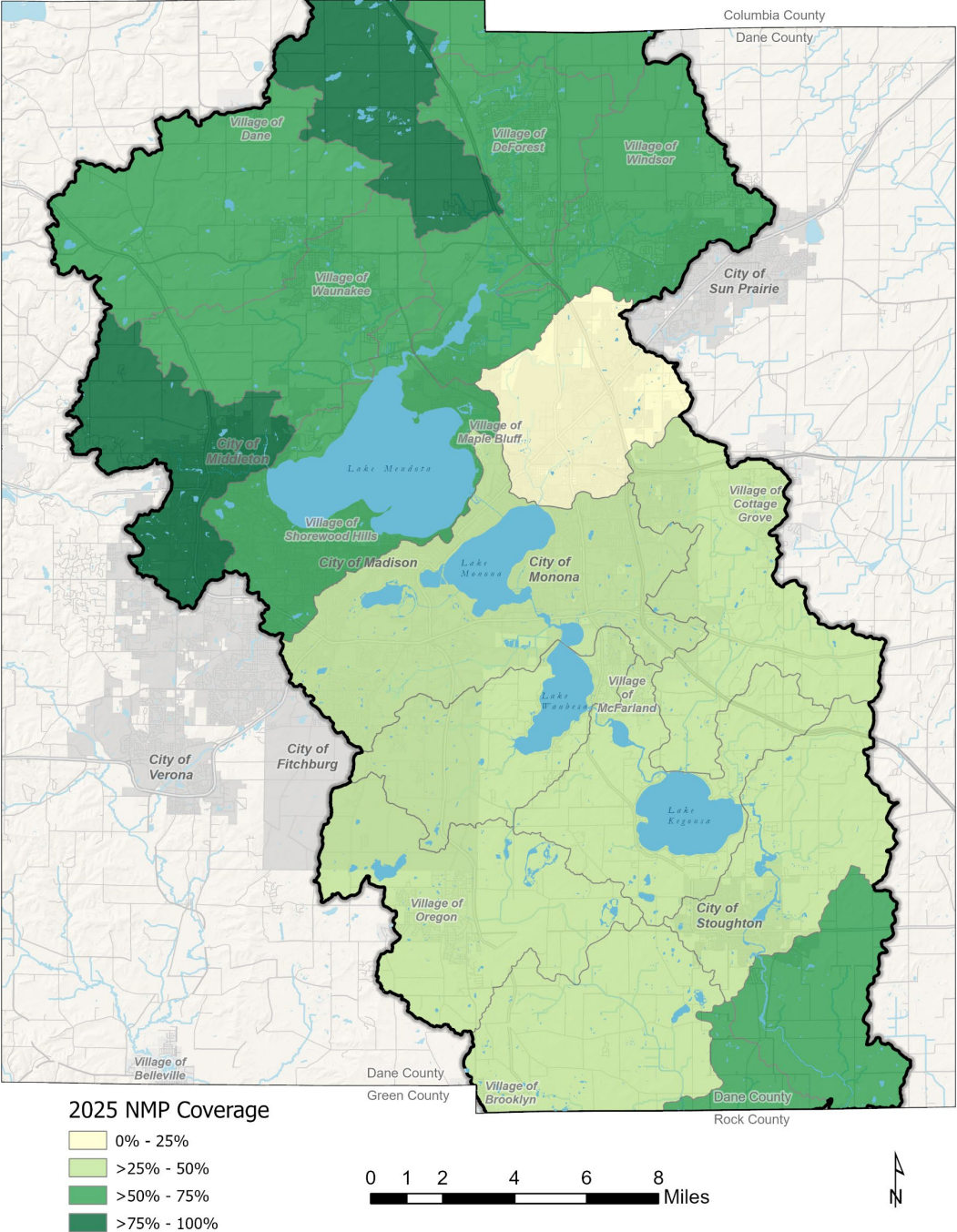
2014

41% increase in 10 years

2024



HUC12	Name	NMP Area (Acres)	Dane County Cropland Area (Acres)	2025 NMP Percent	Soil Test P	P Index
	Yahara River Watershed	65,851	118,986	55%	58	2.3
070900020501	Goose Lake-Yahara River	2,526	4,273	59%	64	2.4
070900020502	100 Mile Grove Cemetary	9,164	10,713	86%	57	2.6
070900020503	Token Creek	4,989	7,237	69%	51	2.2
070900020504	Cherokee Lake-Yahara River	3,701	5,816	64%	57	2.5
070900020601	Waunakee Marsh-Sixmile Creek	10,916	15,963	68%	78	2.9
070900020602	Sixmile Creek	6,472	8,906	73%	73	2.8
070900020603	Pheasant Branch	4,621	5,964	77%	83	2.8
070900020604	Lake Mendota-Yahara River	440	635	69%	46	2.1
070900020701	Starkweather Creek	289	1,356	21%	-	-
070900020702	Lake Monona-Yahara River	352	798	44%	90	2.4
070900020703	Lake Waubesa-Yahara River	1,955	4,268	46%	72	2.2
070900020801	Oregon Branch	4,329	9,989	43%	41	1.7
070900020802	Rutland Creek-Badfish Creek	3,875	11,156	35%	39	1.6
070900020803	Badfish Creek	827	1,474	56%	37	1.4
070900020901	Door Creek	2,519	9,054	28%	39	1.5
070900020902	Lake Kegonsa-Yahara River	1,707	6,270	27%	32	1.3
070900020903	City of Stoughton-Yahara River	2,257	7,146	32%	42	1.6
070900020904	Stoughton Airfield-Yahara River	4,912	7,969	62%	33	1.4



Public Information Gathering

June 24th 2:00 pm – Informational Meeting

Public input accepted through June 30, 2026



Introduction to County Board

September 2026



Review by Committees

September 2026



Anticipated Approval by County Board

October 2026



Anticipated Publication and Enactment

November 2026

Questions?



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