

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 - *Remove web links as they become broken and outdated quickly*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



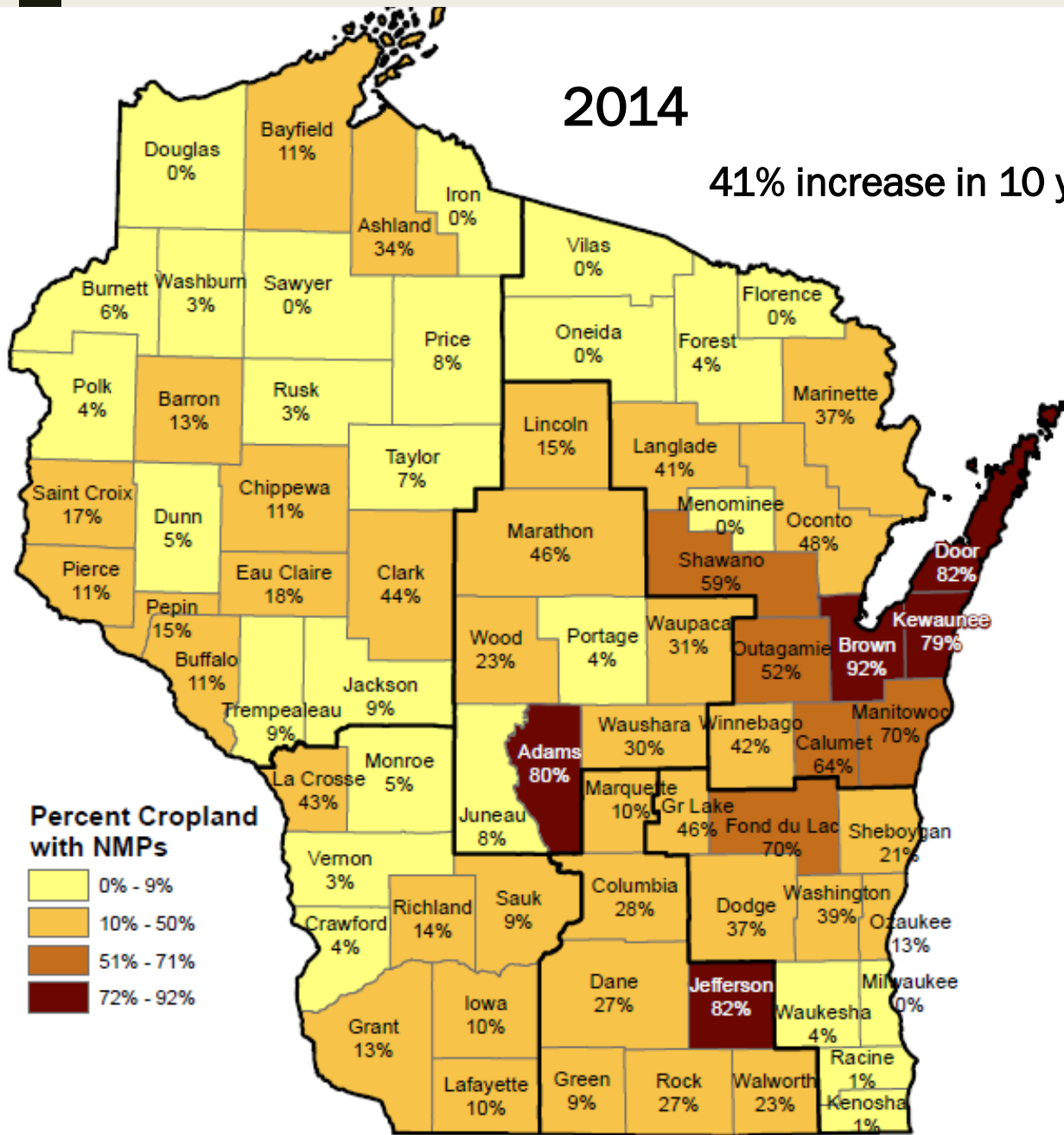
Why update the ordinance?

- 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*

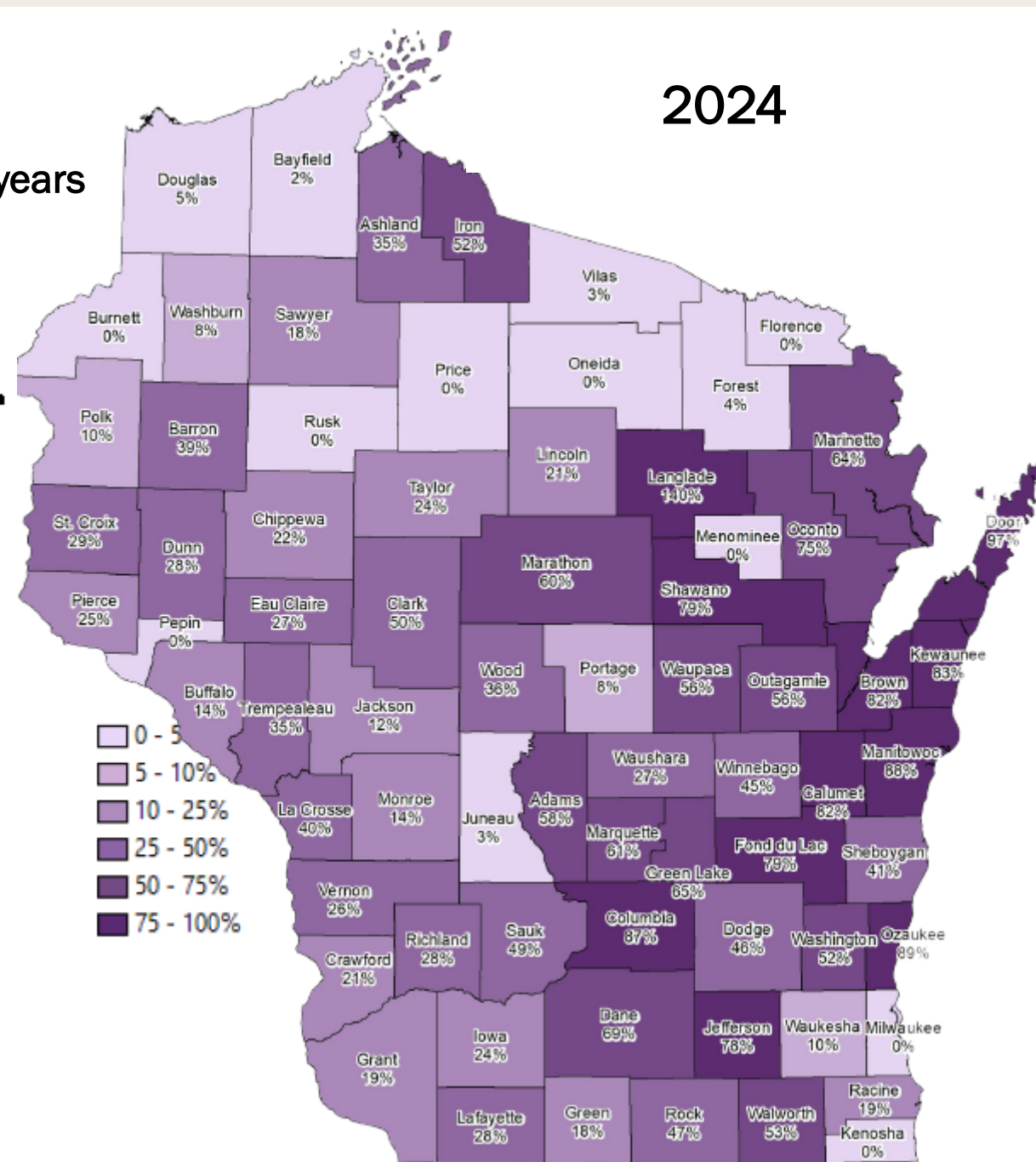


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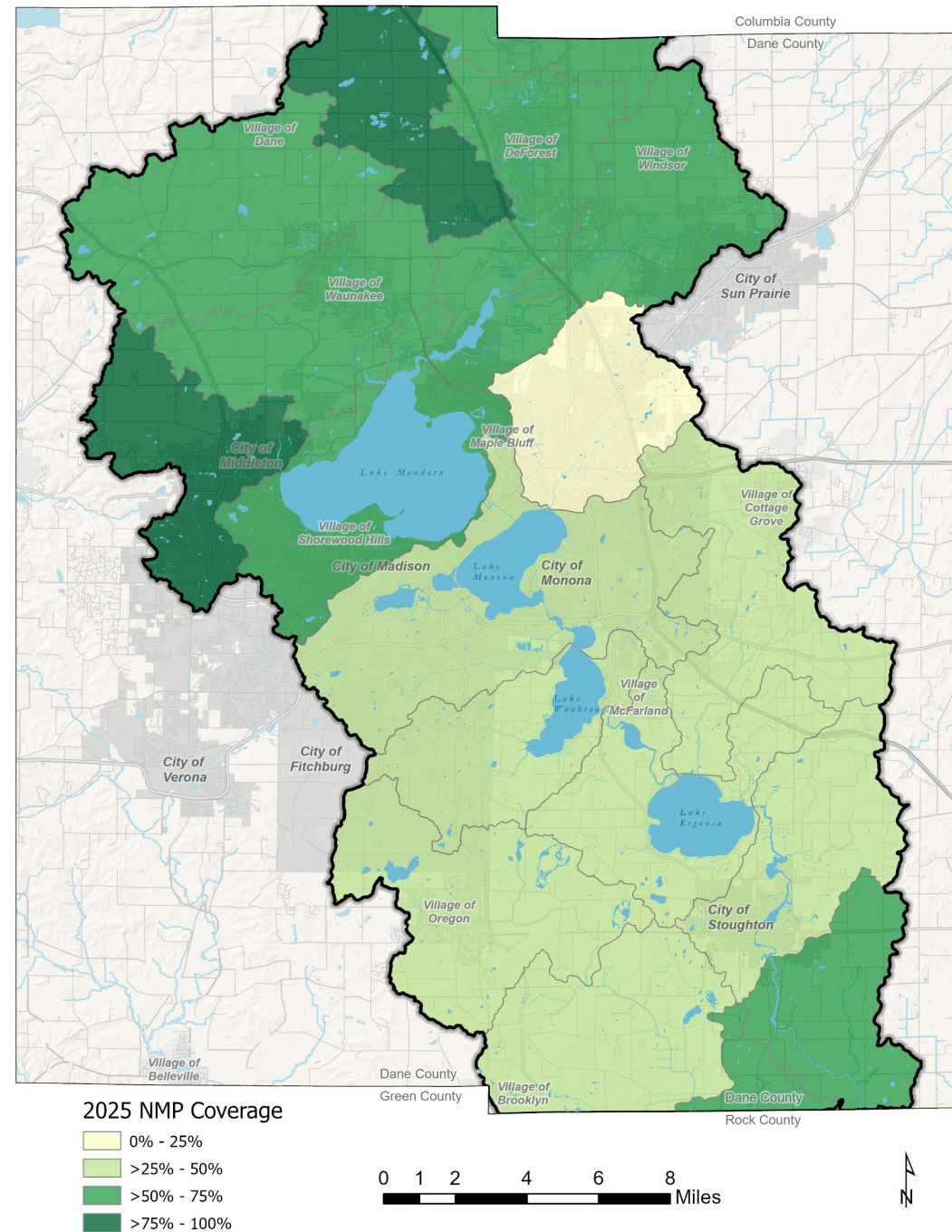
41% increase in 10 years



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

June/July 2026

Review by Committees

July/August 2026

Anticipated Approval by County Board

August/September 2026

Anticipated Publication and Enactment

October 2026

Questions?



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