



# DANE COUNTY

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### **Statement From The Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission Regarding Its Recommendation to the County Board of an Ordinance Regulating Lawn Fertilizer Application and Sale**

Lawn fertilizer is one of many sources of phosphorus runoff pollution, and while not the largest source, it is an unnecessary and preventable one given the high levels of phosphorus in most county soils without the addition of phosphorus fertilizers. Adopting this ordinance restricting application and use of phosphorus-containing fertilizer is one of many necessary steps to reduce and minimize phosphorus in our lakes. Other measures already in effect include cost-sharing incentives for agricultural phosphorus reduction, and restrictions on application of phosphorus-containing agricultural fertilizers in rural areas.

Complying with this ordinance will make urban residents active participants in phosphorus reduction efforts as well. Phosphorus comes from many sources and it will require many solutions, such as this ordinance, to achieve the maximum possible reduction in phosphorus pollution and provide current and future generations of Dane County residents with cleaner lakes for a better quality of life.

