

## Appendix D Public Meeting Announcements

Notice of the regional meeting was sent to the individuals and stakeholder groups listed below. A copy of the announcement letter is included as page 4 of this appendix.

1000 Friends of Wisconsin	State Farm Insurance
Black Earth Creek Conservation Organization	The Wisconsin Stewardship Network
Black Earth Creek Watershed Association	Trout Unlimited
Capital Water Trails	Token Creek Watershed Association
City Officials	Upper Sugar River Watershed Association
Town Officials	Wisconsin Wetland Association
Village Officials	Yahara Fishing Club
Dane County Conservation League	Yahara Lakes Association
Dane County Drainage Board	Dunn Sanitary District No. 3
Dane County Executive	Dunn Sanitary District No. 4
Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission	Pleasant Springs Sanitary District No. 1
Dane County Land Conservation Commission	Vienna No. 1
Dane County Public Protection & Justice Committee	Windsor Sanitary District No. 1
Dane County Supervisors	Windsor Sanitary District No. 3
Dane County Zoning & Natural Resource Committee	Token Creek Sanitary District
DNR South Central Region	Madison Metro Sanitary District
Duck's Unlimited	Kegonsa Sanitary District
Emergency Management Departments	Lake Windsor Sanitary District
Farmers Insurance	Oak Springs Sanitary District No. 1
Friends of Cam Rock Park	Oakridge Sanitary District
Friends of Kettle Ponds	Roxbury Sanitary District
Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society	Waunona Sanitary District No. 2
Friends of Lake Wingra	Hidden Springs Sanitary District No. 1
Friends of Pheasant Branch	Middleton Sanitary District No. 6
Friends of Starkweather Creek Watershed	Daleyville Sanitary District
Friends of Strickers Pond	Thomas Ripp
Friends of the Lower Wisconsin	Tom McKenzie
Friends of the Yahara River Parkway	Mark Engbring
Gathering Waters	Dan Machotka
Lake Waubesa Conservation Association	Jesse Thering
Madison Area Builders Association	Erin Lembcke
Muskies Inc.	Diane Witte
Natural Heritage Land Trust	LeRoy Ayers
Nine Springs Network	Dave Jones
Progressive Dane Environmental Task Force	Linda Potts-Decorah
River Alliance	Laura Garfoot
Rock River Coalition	Bret Schultz
	Charles Breitzke, Jr.
	Charles Theobal

Jack Schultz  
Carrol Hanson  
Luke Hellerman  
Jim Lindley  
Kim Statz  
Michael Hildebrandt  
Asta Hannan  
Sister Michelle  
Fascut  
Aaron Neumaier  
Agnes Breunig  
Al Miller, Jr.  
Andrew Bartell  
Andy Jones  
Angela Schaff  
Bill Clement  
Brett Hoover  
Brian Jackson  
Bruce Ludolph  
Conrad Pulvermacher  
Craig Breunig  
Craig Weeks  
Daniel Futch  
Darren King  
Dave Kaul  
David Pulvermacher  
Dean Ballweg  
Dennis Kalscheur  
Derrick Ballweg  
Dick Frey  
Dorf Haus  
Doug Ballweg  
Elaine Campbell  
Eric Breunig  
Florence Meier  
Gail Lamberty  
Gary Matz  
Gene Niesen  
Glenn Mack  
Greg Zurbuchen  
Harold Frey  
Helen Roth  
Jack Breunig  
Jason Sanftleben  
Jeff Clemens  
Jeff Gust

Jeff Harrison  
Jerry Deischer  
Jerry Endres  
Jim Breunig  
Jim Dohm  
Jim Frey  
Jim Matteson  
Jim Sailor  
Joe Endres  
Joel Mittelstaedt  
Jonathan Accola  
Ken Lochner  
Kevin Emshoff  
LaVern Ballweg  
LaVerne Maier  
Lester Endres  
Mark Breunig  
Mark Campbell  
Mark Huerth  
Mark Maier  
Mark Tyler  
Marvin Breunig  
Mike Endres  
Monte Maier  
Myron Wood  
Nancy Lochner  
Norbert Roth  
Orville Endres  
Oscar Weidmann  
Pat Drone  
Pat McIntyre  
Paul Wipperfurth  
Paula Breunig  
Peter Thorpe  
Phil Brickl  
Phil Chandler  
Ralph Frey  
Richard Fassbender  
Richard Henn  
Rick Krumenauer  
Rodney Glassmaker  
Roger Howard  
Ron Wipperfurth  
Roxbury Tavern  
Ryan Ballweg  
Saint Norbert Congregation

Sally Reuter  
Scott Blum  
Scott Schwandt  
Shawn Ballweg  
Tammy Dresen  
Tammy Ziegler  
Thomas Davis  
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Vincent Breunig  
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Wally Mack  
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April 21, 2003

To: Community Leaders and Citizens

**Are you concerned about the impact of flooding in Dane County?**

If so, then this is an opportunity for you to express your ideas and concerns. Dane County Emergency Management and Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission will hold a series of public meetings to discuss strategies for reducing flood losses. You are invited to participate.

Meetings will be held at the following times and locations around the County:

- May 5 – Village of Black Earth, Village Hall, 1210 Mills Street, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- May 12 – Village of DeForest, Public Library, 203 Library Street, 4:30-6:30 pm.
- May 13 – Town of Madison, Town Hall, 2120 Fish Hatchery Road, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- May 14 – Town of Cottage Grove, Town Hall, 4058 County N, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- May 15 – Town of Verona, Town Hall, 335 N. Nine Mound Road, 6:30-8:30 pm.

These meetings are being held to gather input and help set priorities for the County's flood mitigation plan. The purpose of the plan is to assess the impact of flooding in Dane County and then develop a strategy with long-term solutions and alternatives for addressing the problems. The Lakes and Watershed Commission and Department of Emergency Management are sponsoring this planning effort, involving staff from many County departments.

After nearly eight months of study, the planning team is ready to offer its findings to the public and gain feedback on its preliminary recommendations.

These meetings will give you the opportunity to talk directly with the County staff who have been working on the project and to review and comment on the initial findings. By participating in this process, you will have a voice in setting priorities and developing a countywide flood mitigation strategy. This is your opportunity to directly influence the County's flood management policy.

Contact Erik Carlson at Dane County Emergency Management (261-9776) if you would like additional information on this program.

We hope you can attend

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### **Flooding: Dane County Takes Proactive Steps to Manage This Costly and Complex Problem**

Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission and Dane County Emergency Management Schedule Public Sessions Throughout County To Share Information, Seek Input

A series of informational meetings will be held as part of a county-wide effort to better understand, prevent, respond to and minimize future losses from, flooding in Dane County.

Spearheaded by the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission, along with Dane County Emergency Management, the project is funded by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). As part of the project, a comprehensive assessment of the flooding problem throughout the county has been completed.

Public meetings at which the results of the assessment will be discussed and public comment taken, are scheduled during the first two weeks of May in five locations: Black Earth, DeForest, Madison, Cottage Grove and Verona. A complete schedule, with times and locations, is included at the end of this press release.

“We know floods are costly,” said Dave Janda of Dane County Emergency Management. “Over the past decade, floods in Dane County have resulted in more than \$42 million in damages to farm land, crops, homes, shorelines and roads. But they are also complex. Here in Dane County there is no single cause, as might be the case for, example, in Mississippi River communities where flooding is tied directly to the river.”

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Sue Jones, Dane County's Watershed Management Coordinator, said, "After the exhaustive assessment we've completed, we are in a much better position in terms of understanding the interplay of factors that cause widespread, major flooding, in explaining those factors to our citizens and in charting a course of action to minimize future losses." Jones added, "We look forward to sharing our findings with citizens and to hearing their concerns, priorities and input before we prepare our final set of recommended action items."

The schedule of informational hearings follows:

Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Village of Black Earth Village Hall, 1210 Mills Street, Black Earth

Monday, May 12, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Village of DeForest Public Library, 203 Library Street, DeForest

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Town of Madison Town Hall, 2120 Fish Hatchery Road, Madison

Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Town of Cottage Grove, 4058 County N, Cottage Grove

Thursday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Town of Verona Town Hall, 335 N. Nine Mounds Road, Verona

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### County Sets Hearings On Cutting Flood Woes

## The Capital Times :: LOCAL/STATE :: 3A

**Saturday, May 3, 2003**

**By Bill Novak The Capital Times**

Over the past dozen years, flooding in Dane County has caused \$42 million worth of damage to homes, shorelines, roads, crops and farmland.

So county officials want to be as prepared as possible when the next big one hits, relying on the public to help steer the course for future actions aimed at lessening the impact of floods.

Dane County's flooding mitigation hearings start Monday in Black Earth at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 1210 Mills St. Four additional hearings will take place: May 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the DeForest Public Library, 203 Library St.; May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Madison Town Hall, 2120 Fish Hatchery Road; May 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cottage Grove Town Hall, 4058 County N; and May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Verona Town Hall, 335 N. Nine Mounds Road.

The \$18,000 flood control project is 75 percent funded through the Federal Emergency Management Administration. FEMA is the main source of federal emergency relief during natural disasters, so the federal agency is trying to reduce the amount of money needed for disaster relief by averting natural disasters in the first place.

The project started out with a comprehensive flooding assessment survey of county residents and local municipal officials, said Dave Janda, assistant director of Dane County Emergency Management. The survey pinpoints a wide scope of objectives, including removing high-risk structures from floodplains, reducing flood damage to roads and managing the Yahara chain of lakes to minimize flood risk.

"We know floods are costly," Janda said, "but they are also complex. Here in Dane County there is no single cause of flooding, as might be

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the case for Mississippi River communities where flooding is directly tied to the river."

With no single source of flooding in Dane County, different parts of the county have been hit by flooding from different sources throughout the years, including the Yahara Lakes chain in 2000 that swamped Belle Isle in Monona; Black Earth Creek overflowing its banks in western Dane County in 2001; and flooded basements and sewer backups throughout low-lying areas of Madison in 1999.

Even seemingly innocent areas, such as the Prairie View neighborhood in Oregon, have been socked with "100-year floods" every other year, mainly due to too much rain overwhelming storm sewers and having nowhere else to go except into people's basements and back yards.

Dane County watershed management coordinator Sue Jones said results of the assessment, coupled with public input from the hearings, will enable county officials to come up with a game plan on how to lessen the impact of floods in the future.

"We live near natural water systems," she said. "The bigger picture shows the importance of water and water management. Water is essential to our quality of life as well as our habitat, so water management is important on a lot of levels."

The FEMA grant came about because of major storms that occurred in the area in 2000, Janda said.

"Lightning in the storms in 2000 damaged our emergency siren system," he said. "We got \$33,000 from FEMA to improve lightning protection and grounding for the siren towers. That work's been done, but included in the fine print of the grant, FEMA required us to do a flooding assessment."

FEMA, Janda explained, is looking for ways to reduce its disaster payouts, so every time a disaster occurs, the agency requires a mitigation plan.

"The ultimate goal of the project is to reduce the impact of flooding in Dane County," he said.

Since flooding is natural, Dane County isn't attempting to stop nature in its tracks, just lessen the impact floods can have.

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"Flooding will occur," Janda said. "We can do some things to minimize the impact, but we also realize that flooding is not considered a problem until somebody gets flooded."

The initial survey pinpointed different flooding problems and ways to deal with them, including:

Providing funding assistance for people who want to flood-proof their homes.

Removing high-risk structures from floodplains.

Clearing and maintaining natural and man-made waterways that have had their capacity reduced because of siltation and garbage.

Managing the Yahara chain of lakes (Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa) to minimize flood risk.

Developing a flood warning system in order to give local governments time to respond to imminent flooding dangers.

Jones said there's no guarantee that any flood mitigation plans will be implemented, since there's no guarantee of funding. But the plans still need to be developed.

"We are really interested in what the public has to say," she said. "We will use these comments in the next steps to come up with specific projects to reduce flood damage in the future."

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### Meetings Planned On Flooding

## Officials Are Conducting A Comprehensive Assessment Of Flooding And Want Input From Residents.

### Wisconsin State Journal :: LOCAL/WISCONSIN :: D3

**Sunday, May 4, 2003**

**Lesley Rogers Barrett County reporter**

Dane County residents concerned about flooding can meet with county officials during a series of informational meetings this month.

In the last decade, floods in the county have caused more than \$42 million in damage to farmland, crops, homes, shorelines and roads, said Dave Janda of the county Emergency Management office.

"Here in Dane County, there is no single cause, as might be the case, for example, in Mississippi River communities where flooding is tied directly to the river," Janda said.

Instead, flooding in Dane County is often caused by intense rainfall that can't soak into the ground. There is also less ground for the water to soak into now, since the county has also seen a loss of wetlands and more development, said Sue Jones, the county's watershed management coordinator.

"There are also a number of homes built in low-lying, high-risk areas," Jones said.

The county Lakes and Watershed Commission, along with the county Emergency Management, is conducting a comprehensive assessment of flooding. County officials want to share information and seek input from residents about flooding.

The final report, which will eventually go to the County Board, will outline the causes of major flooding and help chart a course of action to minimize future losses, Jones said.

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The meeting schedule:

\* Village of Black Earth - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday at the village hall, 1210 Mills St.

\* Village of DeForest - 4:30-6:30 p.m. May 12 at the library, 203 Library St.

\* Town of Madison - 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 13 at the town hall, 2120 Fish Hatchery Road.

\* Town of Cottage Grove - 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 14 at the town hall, 4058 Highway N.

\* Town of Verona - 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 15 at the town hall, 335 N. Nine Mounds Road.

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County's Thoughts Turn To Floods As Spring Revs Up

### Public Hearings Will Give Input

## The Capital Times :: COMMUNITIES :: 4C

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

By Bill Novak The Capital Times

### BLACK EARTH

April and May showers have western Dane County residents thinking about flooding rather than flowers.

About 20 western Dane County residents turned out for a public hearing Monday night, taking part in the first of five meetings called by county emergency management officials to get a better understanding of flooding.

Public input at the meetings will be used by the county to determine what steps should be taken to minimize damage to homes, businesses, shorelines and farm fields when waterways overflow.

Black Earth has had its share of flooding problems the past few years, most recently in 2001 when Black Earth Creek overflowed its banks during heavy rains.

Nathan Timm, chairman of the flood mitigation committee in Mazomanie, the next community downstream from Black Earth, said it was hard to say just how high the creek got in 2001, because the creek flowed above the gauging station used to measure water levels.

Even with accurate monitoring, Timm said, feeder creeks and streams can make an already swollen stream overflow its banks in a hurry.

"There's woefully inadequate monitoring of the flow to Black Earth Creek from the feeder streams," Timm said. "We don't know during a flood if the water is mainly coming into the creek from the town of Vermont or another area."

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Dave Janda, assistant director of Dane County Emergency Management, said flooding is natural and can't be stopped; it's the impact of a flood that can be reduced.

"For a long time, we looked at flooding as the problem," Janda said. "In some areas we built large flood control projects. But sometimes, the problems were worse than what they would have been if we had let nature run its course."

Storm water runoff rules established last year by Dane County force developers to come up with water diversion systems and holding areas so waterways aren't overwhelmed with more and more runoff from impermeable surfaces such as rooftops and parking lots.

But even with new runoff rules, large developments upstream can lead to more water coming downstream. Since Black Earth Creek runs east to west, the commercial property boom on Middleton's far west side, plus new subdivisions in Cross Plains, put more water from parking lots and rooftops into the creek, heading west to Black Earth.

Village President Jeanne Poast said the 2001 flood is still on local residents' minds, with one neighborhood being considered for a berm water barrier to keep the creek out of their homes.

Janda said that's why the county is holding the hearings: to get as many ideas from the public as possible on lessening the impact when our local waterways get out of control.

"We've identified a number of problem areas in Dane County and we've heard a lot of good ideas on how to address the problems," Janda said. "We have a strong desire to do something tangible now, if we can."

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The four remaining flood hearings will be:

May 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the DeForest Public Library, 203 Library St.

May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Madison Town Hall, 2120 Fish Hatchery Road.

May 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cottage Grove Town Hall, 4058 County N.

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May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Verona Town Hall, 335 N. Nine Mounds Road.