AMENDMENT TO THE

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN--2000

TOWN OF GENEVA
WALWORTH COUNTY
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE
DISTRICT

AS ADOPTED BY THE

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DECEMBER 1993
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SUBJECT: Certification of Amendment to the Adopted Regional Water Quality Management Plan (Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District/Williams Bay-Geneva National-Lake Como Sanitary Sewer Service Area)

TO: The Legislative Bodies of Concerned Local Units of Government within the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, namely: the County of Walworth, the Town of Geneva, the Geneva National Sanitary District, and the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District

This is to certify that at the quarterly meeting of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, held at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 1st day of December 1993, the Commission did by unanimous vote by all Commissioners present, being 18 ayes and 0 nays, and by appropriate Resolution, a copy of which is made a part hereof and incorporated by reference to the same force and effect as if it had been specifically set forth herein in detail, adopt an amendment to the regional water quality management plan, which plan was originally adopted by the Commission on the 12th day of July 1979, as part of the master plan for the physical development of the Region. The said amendment to the regional water quality management plan pertains to the proposed Williams Bay-Geneva National-Lake Como sanitary sewer service area and consists of the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof. Such action taken by the Commission is recorded on, and is a part of, said plan, and the plan as amended is hereby transmitted to the constituent local units of government for consideration, adoption, and implementation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and cause the Seal of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to be hereto affixed. Dated at the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin, this 2nd day of December 1993.

David B. Falstad, Chairman
Southeastern Wisconsin
Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Kurt W. Bauer, Secretary
RESOLUTION NO. 93-29


WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 66.945(10) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, at a meeting held on the 12th day of July 1979, duly adopted a regional water quality management plan as documented in the three-volume SEWRPC Planning Report No. 30, A Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin; 2000; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on the 4th day of December 1991, the Commission duly adopted an amendment to the regional water quality management plan refining and detailing the urban sanitary sewer service areas attendant to the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District (WalCoMet) sewage treatment plant as documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 56, Second Edition, Sanitary Sewer Service Areas for the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District, Walworth County, Wisconsin, November 1991; and

WHEREAS, the adopted regional water quality management plan includes recommended delineations of urban sanitary sewer service areas and primary environmental corridors, together with a recommendation that new sewered urban development in the Region occur within such delineated sewer service areas but not within such primary environmental corridors; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1993, the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District requested that the Commission amend the Williams Bay-Geneva National-Lake Como portion of the WalCoMet sanitary sewer service area to effect a redelineation of certain primary environmental corridor lands in accordance with specific changes to the development plan for the Geneva National Golf Club site; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the regional water quality management plan is documented in a Commission staff memorandum entitled, "Response to Request by the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District (WalCoMet) to Amend the Sanitary Sewer Service Area Plan Attendant to the WalCoMet Sewage Treatment Plant," attached hereto and made a part hereof, which memorandum concludes that the plan amendment requested by the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District is sound and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the requested change to the regional water quality management plan, as documented in the aforereferenced staff memorandum, was the subject of a public hearing held by the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District on November 9, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the record of the public hearing reflects no opposition to the change to the regional water quality management plan as set forth in the above-referenced staff memorandum; and

WHEREAS, Section 66.945(9) of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes and empowers the Regional Planning Commission, as the work of making the whole master plan progresses, to amend, extend, or add to the master plan or carry any part or subject thereof into greater detail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

FIRST: That the regional water quality management plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, being a part of the master plan for the physical development of the Region and comprised of SEWRPC
Planning Report No. 30, Volumes One, Two, and Three, which was adopted by the Commission as a part of the master plan on the 12th day of July 1979, and which was amended on the 4th day of December 1991 to include the refined sanitary sewer service area for the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District as set forth in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 56, Second Edition, be and the same hereby is amended in the manner identified on Map 2 of the aforereferenced SEWRPC Staff Memorandum.

SECOND: That the Executive Director is authorized to submit findings to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations that public and private sanitary sewer extensions necessary to serve anticipated development on the lands concerned are in conformance with and would serve to implement the adopted regional water quality management plan as herein amended.

THIRD: That a true, correct, and exact copy of this resolution, together with the aforereferenced SEWRPC Staff Memorandum, shall be forthwith distributed to each of the local legislative bodies of the local governmental units within the Region entitled thereto and to such other bodies, agencies, or individuals as the law may require or as the Commission, its Executive Committee, or its Executive Director, at their discretion, shall determine and direct.

The foregoing resolution, upon motion duly made and seconded, was regularly adopted at the meeting of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission held on the 1st day of December 1993, the vote being: Ayes 18; Nays 0.

David B. Falstad, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kurt W. Bauer, Deputy Secretary
SEWRPC STAFF MEMORANDUM
RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY THE WALWORTH COUNTY METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT (WALCOMET) TO AMEND THE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA PLAN ATTENDANT TO THE WALCOMET SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

INTRODUCTION

By letter dated October 13, 1993, the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District (WalCoMet) requested, on behalf of the Geneva National Sanitary District, that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission amend the Williams Bay-Geneva National-Lake Como sanitary sewer service area attendant to the WalCoMet sewage treatment plant as that area was originally documented in Amendment to the Regional Water Quality Management Plan—2000, Town of Geneva, Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District, November 1989 and as further documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 56, Second Edition, Sanitary Sewer Service Areas for the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District, Walworth County, Wisconsin, November 1991. The Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District's request was prompted by a proposal from the developers of the Geneva National Golf Club to convert certain lands located within the Geneva National Golf Club, identified as primary environmental corridor, to urban uses requiring provision of public sanitary sewer service. In exchange, certain other lands located within the Geneva National Golf Club, initially envisioned for urban residential uses, would instead be preserved in natural, open space uses. This proposal would result in a redelineation of lands classified as primary environmental corridor within the identified sewer service area.

The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to the WalCoMet request and recommend an appropriate course of action. It is intended that, following a public hearing on this matter, this memorandum be formally approved by the Geneva National Sanitary District, the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District, adopted by the Regional Planning Commission as an amendment to the regional water quality management plan, and approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

AREA DESCRIPTION

As shown on Map 1, the Geneva National Golf Club and Interlaken Resort properties encompass approximately 1,696 acres, located at the west end of Lake Como in portions of U.S. Public Land Survey Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 2 North, Range 17 East, Town of Geneva, Walworth County, Wisconsin. As set forth in the November 1989 regional water quality management plan amendment, it is anticipated that upon full development the subject properties would consist of approximately 623 acres of primary environmental corridor lands, approximately 41 acres of isolated natural resource areas, and approximately 196 acres of other open lands related to golf courses and equestrian trails, while the remaining 836 acres would be in urban uses.

As further shown on Map 1, the developers of the Geneva National Golf Club propose to develop an area, currently classified as primary environmental corridor in the adopted regional water quality management plan, to accommodate the construction of two “corporate cottages.” This area, located east of Geneva National Avenue in the southwest one-quarter of U.S. Public Land Survey Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 17 East, Town of Geneva, Walworth County, encompasses about 0.35 acre of primary environmental corridor consisting of upland woods and wildlife habitat. It should be noted that this portion of the corridor has experienced past disturbances, including selective tree cutting and grazing. The Commission staff had conducted a field inspection of the aforementioned site on November 24, 1992, and, based upon that field inspection, determined that there were no Federal- or State-designated rare, threatened, or endangered species within the area. To offset the proposed conversion to urban uses of the 0.35 acre of primary environmental corridor, the developers propose
Map 1

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA WITHIN THE GENEVA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB/INTERLAKEN RESORT STUDY AREA

LEGEND

- PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR - 623 ACRES
- ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA - 41 ACRES
- PLANNED SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA (UNCONDITIONAL APPROVAL) - 836 ACRES
- PLANNED SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA (CONDITIONAL APPROVAL) - 169 LOTS
- OTHER OPEN LANDS - 196 ACRES
- PORTION OF PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR PROPOSED TO REMAIN UNDEVELOPED
- PORTION OF PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR PROPOSED TO BE DEVELOPED FOR URBAN USES

Source: SEWRPC
to preserve in natural open uses approximately 1.57 acres of primary environmental corridor lands initially envisioned under their development plan to accommodate two single-family building sites. The corridor proposed to be preserved currently consists of upland woods, steep slopes, and significant wildlife habitat.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the degraded nature of the primary environmental corridor herein proposed to be developed; given the proposal by the developer to preserve in natural open space uses a portion of a former primary environmental corridor currently identified in the November 1989 regional water quality management plan amendment as an area planned to be developed for residential uses; furthermore assuming that proper site development and construction practices, including appropriate soil erosion control practices, are employed by the developer during and subsequent to all phases of construction of the corporate cottages; the Commission staff recommends that the primary environmental corridor at the two subject areas be redefined in the manner identified on Map 1. Such a redefinition would permit the development to proceed as proposed, assuming all regulatory approvals are obtained. The net effect of the development as proposed should, if properly carried out, reduce any adverse effects on the quality of the receiving watercourses attendant to the development of the Geneva National Golf Club.

PUBLIC REACTION TO THE PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT

A public hearing was held on November 9, 1993, at the offices of the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District to receive public comment on, and reaction to, the plan amendment. This hearing was sponsored jointly by the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Regional Planning Commission. A summary of the public hearing minutes is presented in Appendix A.

A brief summary of the plan amendment was presented before receiving public comment. The rationale behind the refinement of the Williams Bay-Geneva National-Lake Como sanitary sewer service area was discussed, as was the relationship of the proposed plan amendment to the existing sanitary sewer service area. The significance of the environmentally sensitive lands within the Williams Bay-Geneva National-Lake Como sewer service area and the impact the plan amendment would have on these lands was also discussed.

A review of the hearing minutes indicates that no concerns were raised in regard to the proposed amendment.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION OF THE PLAN AMENDMENT

The proposed plan amendment was requested by, and is supported by, the Geneva National Sanitary District. In addition, the Walworth County Park and Planning Commission, by letter dated September 23, 1993, indicated no objection to the proposed amendment. Furthermore, after the public hearing, the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District, by resolution dated November 9, 1993, approved the plan amendment.

CONCLUDING COMMENT AND FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the foregoing findings and positions of the local units of government concerned, it is recommended that the Commission amend the regional water quality management plan in the manner identified on Map 1. A more detailed delineation of the redefined environmentally significant lands is shown on an aerial photograph reproduced as Map 2.
Map 2

ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDS AND PLANNED SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AREA FOR THE WALWORTH COUNTY METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT AND ENVIRONS

U. S. Public Land Survey Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32
Township 2 North, Range 17 East

NOTE: This map replaces Map 11-38, page 69, SEWRPC

Source: SEWRPC.
APPENDICES
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Acting President Moore.

ROLL CALL

Present: James Christianson, Lloyd Jensen, Patrick Moore and Donald Scully

Others: Joseph S. Cannestra, Administrator
        Evelyn Seaver, Secretary
        Cindy Moehling, Accountant
        Timothy D. Fenner, Attorney/District
        Bruce Rubin, SEWRPC
        Joel Dietl, SEWRPC
        Robert Schutt, Dir./Utilities, City/Delavan
        John Maier, Attorney/GNSD
        Rick Jones, Crispell-Snyder
        John Jachna, Anvan
        Lyle Smith, DPW, City/Delavan

Acting President Moore stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing, notice of which had been duly published in the Delavan Enterprise on October 20, 1993, was to hear comments and/or reaction to amend the currently adopted Williams Bay-Geneva National-Lake Como sanitary sewer service are as set forth in the SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 56, Second Edition, Sanitary Sewer Service Areas for the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District, Walworth County, Wisconsin, November 1991. The amendment pertains to the Geneva National Golf Club development project. Bruce Rubin of SEWRPC briefed those in attendance on the proposed amendment. Commissioner Moore then asked for comments or questions three times. Attorney John Maier, representing GNSD, commented that this action could be compared to a "fine tuning" of the sewer service area at GNSD and asked for the support of the commissioners. There were no other comments or questions.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Scully, seconded by Commissioner Christianson, and carried. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Scully, Secretary