

## PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

May 28, 2025



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**Project Address:** 7103 Millpond Road and 4402 Brandt Road

**Application Type:** Informational Presentation for a Public Building for the Dane County Sustainability Campus  
**UDC will be an Approving Body**

**Legistar File ID #:** [88296](#)

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### Background Information

**Applicant | Contact:** Allison Rath sack, John Welch, Dane County Dept. of Waste & Renewables | Austen Conrad, Strang, Inc.

**Project Description:** The applicant is proposing the construction of three as the initial phase of development of the Dane County Sustainability Campus, including a Scale House, Maintenance Shop, and Education and Administration Center. Future phases will include the construction of a residential drop-off facility and business park.

**Approval Standards:** The UDC will be an approving body on this request. Pursuant to MGO Section 33.24(4)(d), *"The UDC shall approve plans for all buildings proposed to be built or expanded in the City by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin, the City of Madison, Dane County, the Federal Government or any other local governmental entity which has the power to levy taxes on property located within the City."*

Staff note that the UDC's approving authority is limited to the buildings themselves; comments related to landscaping would only be advisory in nature.

### Summary of Design Considerations

Staff requests the UDC review and provide feedback as required for public buildings. While staff do not have specific concerns with regard to the proposed buildings, potential design considerations for the Commission's review and comment are identified below:

- **Building Design and Materials**, including as it relates to creating a cohesive campus appearance.