

**CITY OF MADISON
INTERDEPARTMENTAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

TO: City of Madison Common Council

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SUBJECT: **Garver Feed Mill WDNR Site Assessment Grant (SAG)**

The City of Madison (the "City") has authorized Staff to negotiate a development agreement with Common Wealth Development (CWD) for the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Garver Feed Mill into an arts incubator. During CWD's due diligence, they completed a Phase I environmental report on the Garver Feed Mill. This report showed a strong possibility of environmental contamination and hazardous conditions in and around the Garver Feed Mill.

To address any potential environmental contamination as well as existing hazardous conditions that may exist in and around Garver Feed Mill, City staff is proposing to apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Site Assessment Grant (SAG). The grant application requires that by Dec 2, 2008, the City submit a resolution authorizing the grant submission. To meet this deadline of December 2, 2008, the Board of Estimates (Oct 28, 2008), Plan Commission (Nov 17, 2008), and Board of Park Commissioners will need to act upon this item before Council action

Due Common Council budget meetings, the Board of Park Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting was moved to Nov 24, 2008. This is after the Nov 18, 2008 Common Council meeting. Staff is requesting that at its regularly scheduled Nov 18, 2008 meeting the Council approve the submission of the WDNR SAG grant, conditioned upon the Board of Park Commissioners approving its submission at their Nov 24, 2008 meeting.

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