## Yahara Hills NDP 2021 CUSA EXPANSION

## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

This information is provided to support the City of Madison's request to expand the Central Urban Service Area (CUSA) to include approximately 934 acres in the Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan planning area.

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#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED CUSA EXPANSION AREA**

## **Expansion Area**

The proposed expansion area covers 934 acres and is located in the *Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan* planning area. This application area is located in the City of Madison and Town of Cottage Grove with Highway AB dividing lands in the City and Town. The expansion area and is bordered on the west by the existing Central Urban Service Area (CUSA), to the south by City of Madison, and to the east by the Town of Cottage Grove. **See Map 1**. Of the 934 acres in the expansion area, 200 acres are existing environmental corridor while 261 acres are being converted from limited service area to full service area. This leaves 421.3 acres of developable land that will be added to the Central Urban Service Area. **See Table 1**.

Table 1: Expansion are and Developable Land

Туре	Acres
Total CUSA Expansion	934
Environmental Corridor	200
Converting limited to full service area	261
Environmental Corridor and Service Area	461
Right-of-Way	51.7
Net Developable Land with Right-of-Way	473
Net Developable Land without Right-of-Way	421.3

## **Municipal Jurisdiction**

This expansion area is located in the City of Madison and Town of Cottage Grove. 765 acres are located in the City of Madison and 169 acres are located in the Town of Cottage Grove. **See Map 2.** 

## **Need for the Expansion**

The addition of the expansion area to the Central Urban Service Area would allow for orderly development as planned in the *Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan* and the *City of Madison Comprehensive Plan*. Much of the developable land in the expansion area is planned for Industrial land uses with a small portion in the eastern section planned for Employment and Institutional. Currently, there is limited availability of developable industrial land in the City of Madison. This proposed expansion could provide nearly 100 acres of developable industrial land over time. A large portion of the land designated for employment is proposed to be a Dane County Solar Farm and Dane County East District Campus.

A Dane County Landfill is proposed on the eastern portion of the Yahara Hills Golf Course along Highway AB. The proposed landfill would serve nearly all communities within Dane County. The existing Dane County Landfill north of Highway 12 & 18 is expected to reach its capacity within the next 10 years creating the need for a new landfill. The proposed Dane County Sustainability Campus, East District Campus and Landfill is illustrated in **Exhibit 6.** 

#### **Natural Features**

The natural character of the proposed expansion area is defined by two distinctly different topographies. A relatively major northeast-southwest ridgeline divides the northern portion of the CUSA expansion area approximately in half, with small hills in the northwest and eastern portions of expansion area. The central part of the area is predominantly wetlands and is bordered on the south by the Dane County Landfill. The area south the Highway 12 & 18 is primarily home to the Yahara Hills Golf Course with a small pond and hydric soils. The small area east of Highway AB and South of Highway 12 & 18 is mostly farm land with a small wooded portion at the eastern edge of the CUSA expansion area.

Steep slopes (12% or greater) are located on the four drumlins in the expansion area with large sloped areas in the center just to the north of Femrite Drive.

A major ridgeline divides the expansion area, with the northern portion draining to the Lake Monona-Yahara River watershed and the southern portion draining to the Door Creek watershed.

## **Existing Land Uses**

The proposed expansion area currently includes agricultural uses, several residences, small commercial and industrial areas, open land, woodland, and right-of-way. **See Table 2**.

#### **Cultural Resources Review**

One previously recorded archaeological/burial site have been recorded in the proposed expansion area. Minimal archaeological survey has taken place within the proposed expansion area, primarily at the location of the uncatalogued human burial site, along Femrite Drive at the far eastern and western portions of the proposed expansion area, and along I-90 and Buckeye Road.

•Site DA-0034 (Schimming Mound) is the location of a known linear burial mound. Surface indications of the mound have been destroyed, but monitoring of soil borrowing at the site location in 2020 identified a large Late Woodland pit feature (ca. AD 750-1200) containing charred materials and artifacts, at or near the former position of the mound. The feature was not excavated, and representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation have requested that the feature be preserved in place. The pit feature almost certainly represents a grave or other ceremonial feature associated with the mound. This site is currently codified as 'uncatalogued' (receiving lesser protection) since human remains were not directly observed and surface indications of the mound have vanished. The southern half of the site area is exempt from protection because that half of the drumlin has been quarried away. No ground disturbance may take place within the northern half of this site (where the drumlin remains intact) without prior authorization from the Wisconsin Historical Society, per Wis. Stats. 157.70.

The State Historic Preservation Office recommends that additional survey take place within

sensitive portions of the expansion area—all areas on and near drumlins and along the ancient shore of Glacial Lake Yahara and the later marsh system of Lake Waubesa, particularly within parcels not subject to long-term cultivation. **See Exhibit 7**.

## **Proposed Land Uses**

The Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan (NDP) recommends a variety of land uses in the expansion area. Industrial uses are recommended for areas along Femrite Drive and Meier Rd. Employment and institutional uses are recommended along Highway AB to the north of the intersection with Highway 12 & 18 although much of this area is proposed to be the Dane County Solar Farm and East District Campus. Park and open space is recommended for the area south of Highway 12 & 18 and west of Highway AB which is currently the Yahara Hills Golf Course. This area is expected to be developed as the Dane County Sustainability Campus and Landfill. Development of the initial portions of the landfill is expected to begin in 2025 extending to 2045, with expansion continuing to the west between approximately 2045 and 2100. Due to environmental corridor land not recommended for Industrial in the northern portion of the expansion area is recommended for stormwater and open space. There are also areas recommended for stormwater on the western side of Highway AB and the far eastern side of the C&L Investment Partnership property. See Table 3 and Map 4.

**Table 2: Existing Expansion Area Data** 

Existing Land Use	Existing Development (Acres)
Housing Mix 1	17
Commercial	6.4
Industrial	8.2
Recreation	236
Open Land	483.5
Agriculture	110
Woodlands	15.2
Water	5.5
Right-of-Way	52.2
Total	934

**Table 3: Proposed Expansion Area Data** 

		Environmental	Estimated Avg.	Estimated
Proposed Land Use (acres)	Acres	Corridor	Units per Acre	Housing Units
Employment (without Solar Farm)	36.7		-	
Industrial	96.4		1	
Institutional	28.6	5.6	1	
Parks and Open Space	234.1	6.2	1	
Stormwater and Other Open Space	403.5	180.1		
Right-of-Way	70	2.9	-	

Dane County Solar Farm	64.7	5.2	 
Total	934	200	 0
Future Environmental Corridor (upon closure of existing landfill)	133.4	133.4	 

## **Parks**

A large portion of the Yahara Hills Golf Course is included in the expansion area and is planned to be developed as the Dane County Landfill and Sustainability Campus beginning in 2025.

#### **Recommended Environmental Corridors**

The size and configuration of the environmental corridor areas illustrated on the submittal maps will be refined when detailed site plans are developed for the properties in the expansion area. It is recommended that the following areas and facilities, at a minimum, be designated as environmental corridor:

- The large wetland south of Femrite Drive and north of the Dane County Sanitary Landfill
- The wooded area and major ridgeline on the 12X12 Partners LLC property
- The eastern side of the ridgeline and southern portion on the Meier Road LLC property
- The wetland, woodland, and Hydric Soil area of the northernmost Blatterman LLC property
- The pond / hydric soil area in the northeast corner of the existing Yahara Hills Golf Course property
- The wooded area in the eastern portion of the C&L Investment Partnership property
- The floodplain area on the far eastern portion of the CUSA south of Femrite Drive

The total acreage for the proposed environmental corridors is 200 acres. There is land designated as Future Environmental Corridor which will be designated as such when the northern portion of the existing Dane County Landfill ceases operation. This Future Environmental Corridor covers 133.4 acres.

## **Development Phasing**

It is anticipated that development north of the existing landfill would occur to the north and east of the intersection of Femrite Rd and Meier Rd within the expansion area (areas identified in the *Yahara Hills NDP* as phasing areas A & B). These properties are expected to develop in the next five to eight years.

The Dane County Sustainability Campus and proposed Landfill are anticipated to begin development by 2025 accounting for nearly all of the development south of Highway 12 & 18 within the CUSA. The Dane County Solar Farm is expected to be built within the next few years covering a large portion of the land to the east of Highway AB along Luds Ln to the west of Femrite Drive. Utilities are located adjacent to the amendment area and are planned to be extended into the amendment area as soon as 2022. **See map 4.** 

#### TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

## Roadways

The expansion area will include two new roadway cross sections, as proposed in the *Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan*, extending north off of Femrite Drive and will serve future proposed industrial use. Construction of a Highway AB and Highway 12 & 18 interchange is planned to begin in the fall of 2022. **See Map 4** 

## Pedestrian-Bicycle Facilities

A bicycle lane is proposed on Femrite Drive extending from the intersection of Femrite and Highway AB to the east. Bicycle lanes are also proposed on Meier Road and Highway AB for the entire length of the expansion area. Shared-use paths are also proposed along Meier Road and Highway AB with a portion of the path running off street along the environmental corridor in the Gundlach property. A map of pedestrian/bicycle facilities can be found in the *Yahara Hills NDP*.

#### **Transit Service**

The expansion area falls outside this defined transit service area, using the stops and schedules maintained by Metro Transit under its current operating budget. The closest bus stops with regularly scheduled transit service through most of the day are located on Vondron Road.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED FUTURE URBAN SERVICES DELIVERY

The full range of City of Madison urban services, including public sewer and water, are provided to the adjacent developed areas and are available for extension into the expansion area. **See Map 5.** 

#### Sanitary Sewer Service

It is anticipated that development in the expansion area will generate an average of 65,688 gallons of wastewater per day (gpd) or 46 (gpm). This estimate is based on the assumptions below. Utilizing a peaking factor of 4, the expansion area would generate a peak of 262,752 gpd or 183 gpm. The proposed Dane County Landfill and Sustainability Campus and East District Campus account for 40,548 gpd of the overall total.

- Employment: 426 employees at 15 gpd per employee
- Industrial: 1,050 employees at 15 gpd per employee
- Dane County East District Campus: 548 gpd
- Dane County RNG Plant: 3,000 gpd
- Dane County Sustainability Campus / proposed landfill: 40,000 gpd \*

\*The majority of the 40,000 gpd from the Dane County Sustainability Campus / proposed landfill will be leachate discharge.

Development on the western side of the expansion area will be served by a 12-inch main extending from the corner of Meier Road and Old Meier Road south to the corner of HWY 12 & 18 and the southwest corner of the Dane County Sanitary Landfill property. This will serve the

15,750 gpd estimated effluent from the recommend industrial land use. The section of the main north of Femrite Drive has a flow rate of 4.09 cfs and the section of main south of Femrite Drive has a flow rate of 1.68 cfs. The main has a 1,090,909 GPD capacity.

Potential gravity mains are planned along Highway 12 & 18, Femrite Drive, and Meier Rd.

#### **Stormwater Management**

The expansion area is in two watersheds with the northern portion draining to the Monona-Yahara River watershed and the southern portion draining to the Door Creek watershed.

The watershed study process will begin for the Door Creek Watershed in 2022. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. During the watershed study process, a hydrologic and hydraulic computer model of the watershed is created. The model is used to understand the causes and extents of flooding in the watershed. The model is then used to evaluate flood mitigation measures that will reduce the flood risk of areas of the watershed.

#### **Public Water Service**

Based on current water demand projections, annual average daily water demand for the estimated 15 housing units within the expansion area having an estimated population of 40 will be 10,510 gallons per day (gpd). The proposed Dane County Sustainability Campus, proposed landfill, and East District Campus will have a water demand of 15,825 gpd. The Dane County RNG Plant has an estimated water demand of 3,000 gpd. The total water demand for the expansion area is 29,335 gpd. The estimates of the landfill and sustainability campus are shown below.

- Dane County East District Campus: 4,575 gpd
- Dane County RNG Plant: 3,000 gpd (peak demand = 40,000 gpd 1-2 weeks per year twice a year)
- Dane County Sustainability Campus: 11,250 gpd
- Proposed landfill: 0 gpd

Public water service to the expansion area will be provided by the Madison Water Utility through the extension of water mains within Pressure Zone 4. As development occurs, the larger water mains will be extended along the primary roads and the smaller water distribution mains will be constructed along local streets developed within the neighborhood.

The current maximum capacity of the Water Utility's system is 66 million gpd, from system wide well capacity to supply the average day demand is 33 million gpd. Current system wide average day demand is 29.2 million gpd. System wide maximum day demand is currently 49.9 million gpd corresponding to a system wide maximum day capacity of 52.8 million gpd. For this CUSA application, the Water Utility evaluated the water system in this area and determined that it is capable of providing 2,500 gallons per minute for 3.0 hours for firefighting purposes.

## **Police Protection Services**

The expansion area is part of the Police Department's East District. The East District operates out of a station located on South Thompson Drive near its intersection with Cottage Grove Road just west of Interstate 39/90/94. The station is about 1.6 miles from the expansion area.

## Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The City of Madison Fire Department provides fire protection including suppression, inspection, community education and emergency medical services to the lands within the City of Madison and other surrounding contracted areas. The closest Madison Fire Station to the expansion area is Station #14 located at 3201 Dairy Dr approximately 1.4 miles away from the expansion area.

#### Streets and Sanitation Services

For lands within the City of Madison, the Madison Streets Division will provide collection of solid waste, large items, recyclable materials, yard waste, brush, and leaf collection. The Streets Division will also provide street repair, street cleaning and snow and ice control. Currently, these services are provided to the area from the East Side Streets Division Facility located on Sycamore Avenue.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## Comprehensive Plan and Purpose of the Proposed Expansion

The City of Madison is requesting this expansion to the CUSA in order to be able to extend the full range of urban public services, including sanitary sewer service. Beginning urban development in this portion of the Yahara Hills Neighborhood Development Plan at this time is consistent with the long-range growth recommendations in the *City of Madison Comprehensive Plan*. The proposed expansion is consistent with the land use recommendations of the *Comprehensive Plan*, which recommends General Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, and Stormwater and Open Space for the expansion area.

## **Agricultural Loss Mitigation**

The expansion area does not contain a significant amount of agricultural land.



Map 1: Expansion Area
City of Madison CUSA Expansion
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Central Urban Service Area

Expansion Area

Existing Environmental Corridor



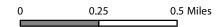
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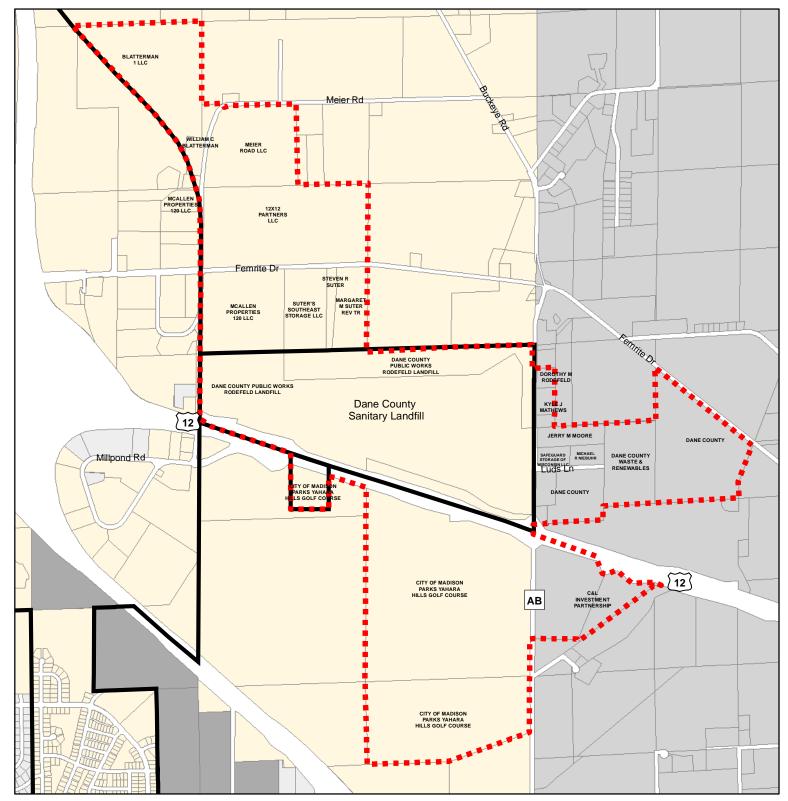
Future Environmental Corridor Upon Closure of Landfill



Convert Limited to Full Service Area







**Map 2: Jurisdiction and Ownership** 

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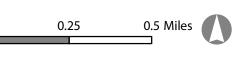
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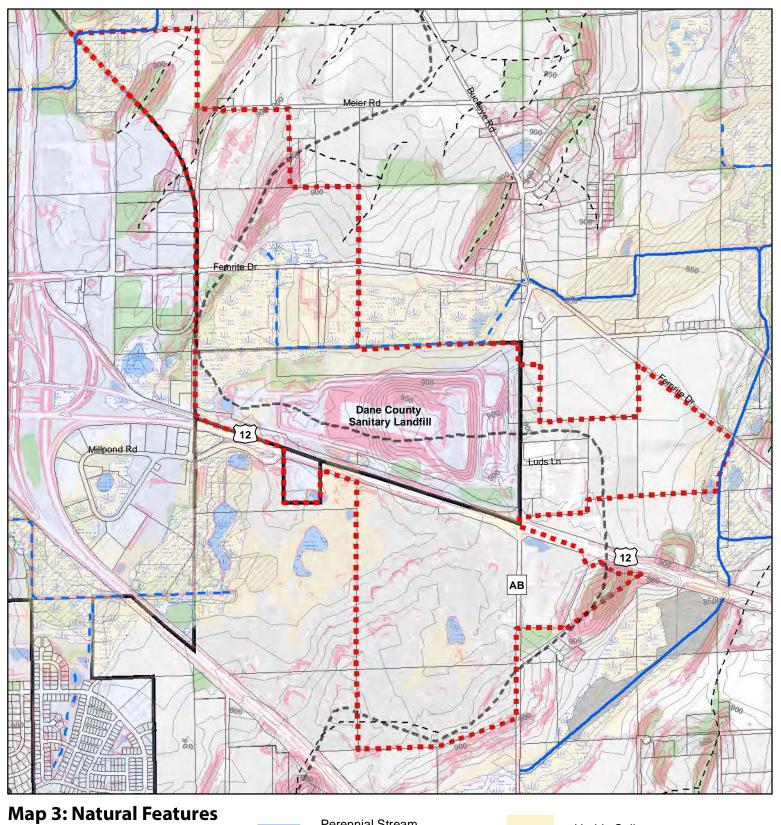
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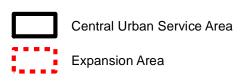
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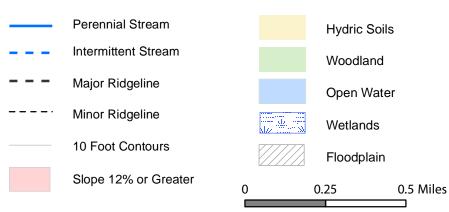
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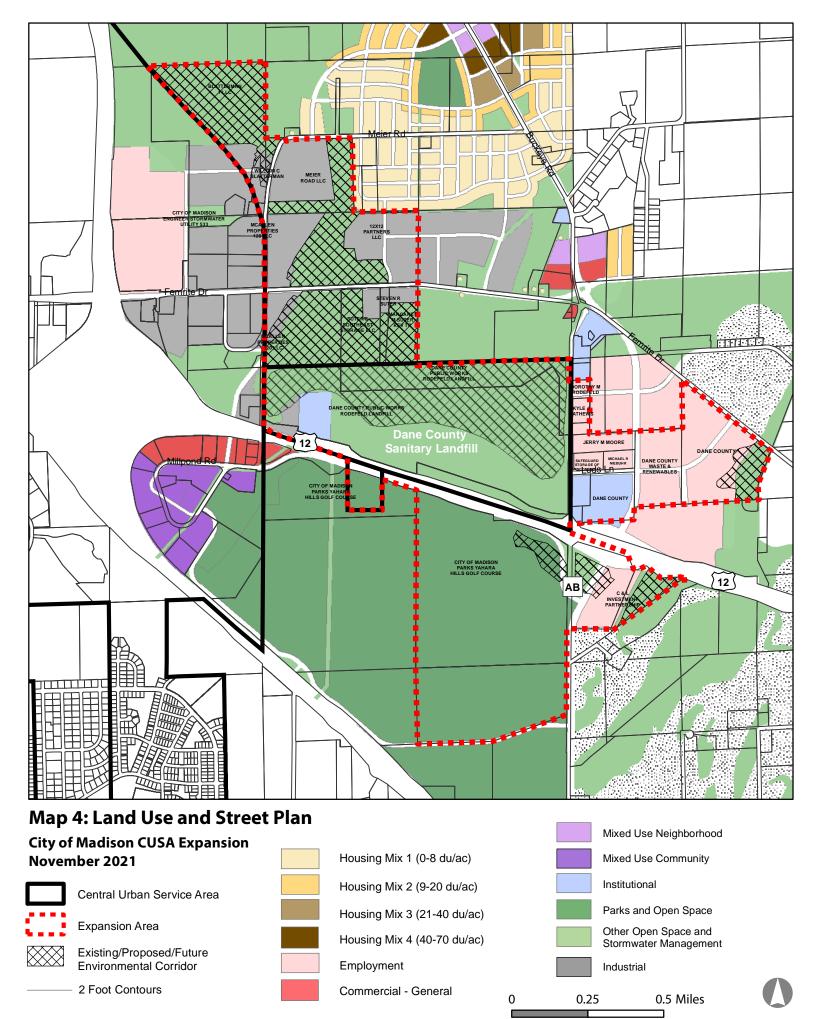


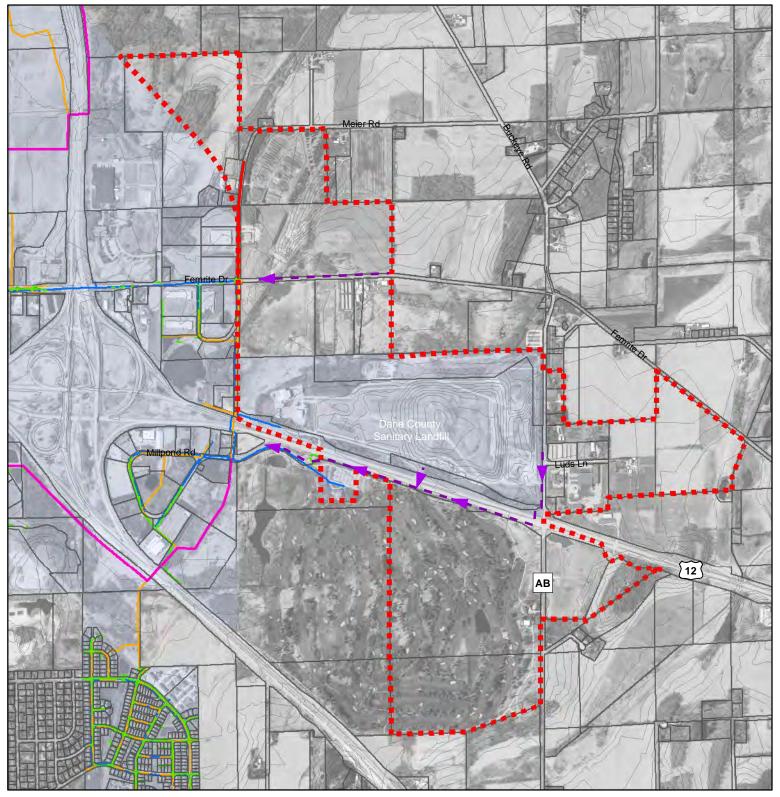


Map 3: Natural Features
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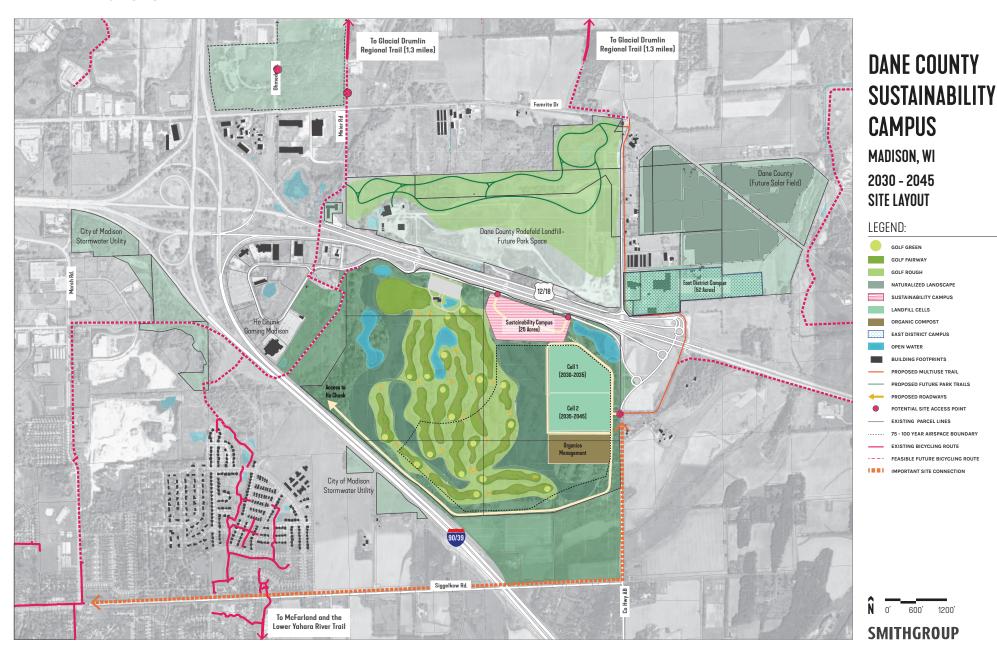
**Map 5: Utilities** 

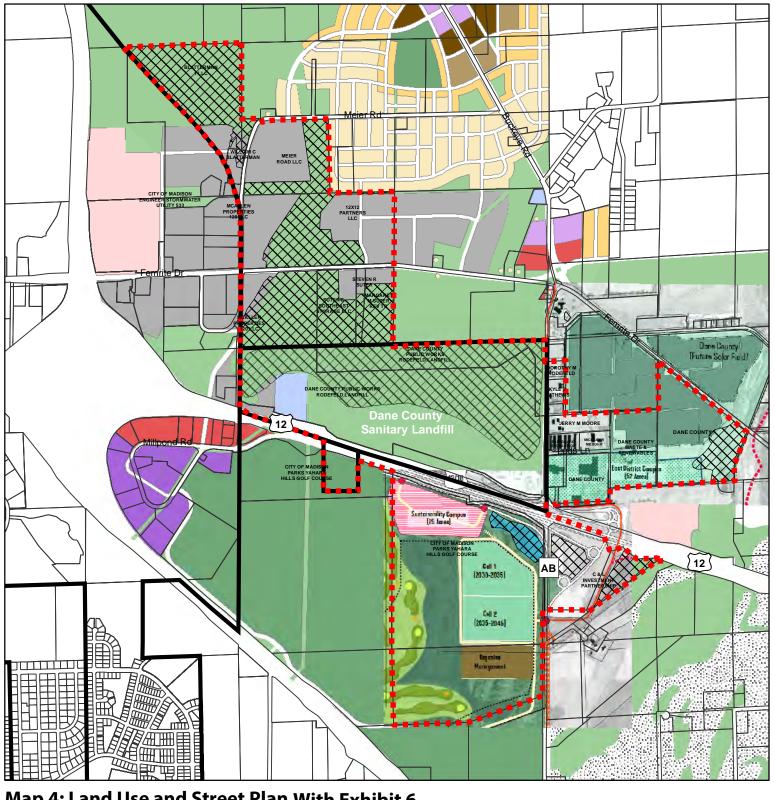
**City of Madison CUSA Expansion** 10 Foot Elevation Contour Future Sanitary Sewer **November 2021 Gravity Main** Water Main Central Urban Service Area Sanitary Main

> Stormwater Pipe 0.5 Miles 0.25 MMSD Sanitary Interceptor

**Expansion Area** 

# **Exhibit 6**









August 20, 2021

Patrick Empey
City of Madison Planning Division
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Madison, WI 53703

RE: Proposed CUSA Expansion, Femrite Drive, Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Empey:

Three previously recorded archaeological/burial sites have been recorded in the proposed expansion area. Two are human burial sites, and one of the burial sites is catalogued (i.e., receives the highest degree of protection) under Wis. Stats. 157.70. Minimal archaeological survey has taken place within the proposed expansion area, primarily at the location of the uncatalogued human burial site, along Femrite Drive at the far eastern and western portions of the proposed expansion area, and along I-90 and Buckeye Road.

- Site DA-1471 is an isolated find of a partial spear or arrow point. Investigation of the immediate
  site area indicated that the findspot has been heavily impacted by plowing, erosion, and soil
  column deflation, and that there is no potential for intact deposits at that location.
- Site DA-0034 (Schimming Mound) is the location of a known linear burial mound. Surface indications of the mound have been destroyed, but monitoring of soil borrowing at the site location in 2020 identified a large Late Woodland pit feature (ca. AD 750-1200) containing charred materials and artifacts, at or near the former position of the mound. The feature was not excavated, and representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation have requested that the feature be preserved in place. The pit feature almost certainly represents a grave or other ceremonial feature associated with the mound. This site is currently codified as 'uncatalogued' (receiving lesser protection) since human remains were not directly observed and surface indications of the mound have vanished. The southern half of the site area is exempt from protection because that half of the drumlin has been quarried away. No ground disturbance may take place within the northern half of this site (where the drumlin remains intact) without prior authorization from the Wisconsin Historical Society, per Wis. Stats. 157.70.
- Site BDA-0031 (Hope Evangelical Cemetery) is the location of a marked and maintained Euro-American cemetery. This cemetery is catalogued per Wis. Stats. 157.70 and receives the highest protection afforded under that law. No ground disturbance may take place within the cemetery without prior authorization from the Wisconsin Historical Society, and members of the Registry of Interested Persons must be given opportunity to review, comment upon, and object to any proposed actions.

With regard to recommendations for survey, we do recommend that additional survey take place within sensitive portions of the expansion area—all areas on and near drumlins and along the ancient shore of Glacial Lake Yahara and the later marsh system of Lake Waubesa, particularly within parcels not subject to long-term cultivation. I have shaded those areas in blue on one of the two maps attached to this correspondence.

Please note—under Wisconsin law, Native American burial mounds, unmarked burials, and all marked and unmarked cemeteries are protected from intentional disturbance. If anyone suspects that a Native American burial mound or an unmarked or marked burial is present in an area, the Wisconsin Historical Society should be notified.

If human bone is unearthed during any phase of a project, all work must cease, and the <u>local</u> <u>authorities must be contacted</u>. The police or sheriff will determine if the burial is a criminal matter or if it should be referred to the Wisconsin Historical Society at 1-800-342-7834 to be in compliance with Wis. Stat. § 157.70 which provides for the protection of all human burial sites. Work cannot resume until the Wisconsin Historical Society gives permission.

This letter does not constitute a Wisconsin Historical Society review for any project that may be governed by Federal or State Compliance laws, e.g. Section 106, Wis Stat. §44.40, Wis Stat. §66.1111, or Wis Stat. §157.70

If you have any questions, or if you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely:

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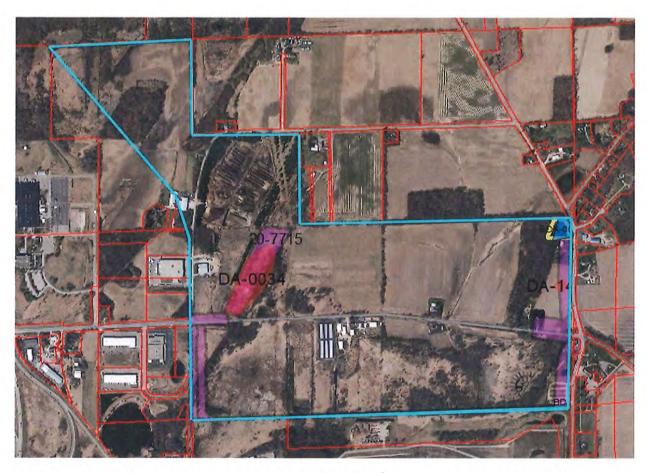


Figure One: Location of prior surveys (shaded in purple) within the proposed Femrite Drive CUSA Expansion Area.



Figure Two: Location of sites (yellow) and areas of recommended survey within the proposed Femrite Drive CUSA Expansion Area.