

**Yahara "CLEAN" Compact - Letter of Intent**  
*Capital Lakes Environmental Assessment and Needs*

We, the undersigned, recognize that the Yahara River Watershed and its five majestic lakes—Mendota, Monona, Wingra, Waubesa, and Kegonsa—define our sense of place and contribute significantly to the region's economic vitality, recreational standing, and local quality of life. Clean and healthy lakes are truly the benchmark of a healthy community. In recent years, big investments have laid the foundation for future water quality improvements, yet our lakes remain federally impaired, with intensifying climate impacts and other headwinds threatening our progress. It is for these reasons we must take action now. Today, we come together to renew and strengthen our partnership, and to unite around a common vision and action plan for cleaner, healthier lakes.

By signing this letter of intent, we hereby pledge to work cooperatively toward the development of a Yahara CLEAN Compact, with a goal of adopting a shared roadmap to achieve water quality goals for the Yahara chain of lakes. We further pledge to continue our joint efforts defining a scope of work for updating and building upon guidance set forth in the *Yahara CLEAN Strategic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction (2012)*, and to work together on an implementation framework and timeline for which the community can hold itself accountable.

 Preston D. Cole, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*	5/8/19 Date	 D. Mitchell Mucha, Director & Chief Engineer Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District**	5/8/19 Date
 Joseph T. Parisi, County Executive Dane County*	5-8-19 Date	 Karl J. Martin, Dean & Director UW-Madison Division of Extension**	5/16/19 Date
 Sally Rhodes-Conway, Mayor City of Madison*	5/8/19 Date	 Paul Robbins, Dean UW-Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies**	5/20/19 Date
 James M., Executive Director Clean Lakes Alliance*	5/2/19 Date	 Jake Vander Zanden, Director UW-Madison Center for Limnology**	6/7/19 Date
 Brad Pfaff, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, & Consumer Protection*	5/22/19 Date	 Martin Cliffin, Executive Committee President Yahara Watershed Improvement Network (Yahara WINS)**	6/27/19 Date
 Chad T. Vincent, CEO Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin**	8/8/19 Date	 Larry Palm, Executive Chairperson Capital Area Regional Planning Commission**	7/15/19 Date
 Rebecca M. Blank, Chancellor* University of Wisconsin - Madison	8/30/19 Date	 Ruth A. Hackney, Chief Executive Officer REALTORS® Association of South Central Wisconsin, Inc.**	10/3/2019 Date
 Gardip Brar, Mayor City of Middleton**	10/9/2019 Date	 Sal A. Troia, President Yahara Lakes Association, LTD.**	10/10/2019 Date

**\*Partners**

Partners are official signatories to the Compact providing agreed upon staff and financial resources to facilitate the Yahara CLEAN updating process. They typically have participated as original Yahara CLEAN agency signatories and/or would have direct responsibility or control over plan implementation. Partners, through their designated representatives, are invited to participate on a steering team to finalize a scope of work to be included in a Request for Proposals, furnish information as needed, and provide input and guidance to the contracted consultant hired to develop the updated plan. Partners are granted final sign-off privileges related to any completed work products under the Compact, and will make their best effort to follow the resulting implementation guidance upon completion.

**\*\*Collaborators**

Collaborators are supporting agencies or organizations that play a significant cooperating role in watershed phosphorus reduction and/or improving water quality, and are provided opportunities for input and information sharing.