



Parks Division
Dane County Land & Water Resources Department

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**Dane County Land and Water Resources Department to Host Public Information Meeting
for Phase One Lower Yahara River Trail Planning**

Dane County is working together with a stakeholder team and consulting firm Graef to prepare construction drawings and estimates for a multi use trail that would extend from the Capital City Trail at Lake Farm County Park to McDaniel Park in the Village of McFarland. The trail would be a combination of paved surface and boardwalk with several designated shore fishing stations. Provision of this trail is anticipated to reduce trespassing issues and improve safety on the Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Company active rail line that parallels the proposed trail. The planning effort is also investigating possible expansion of the existing railroad trestle at Lake Waubesa to improve both water flow and boat navigation. Dane County and their partners are currently seeking Federal transportation dollars that could fund up to 100 percent of construction costs.

A public information meeting to provide a project overview and solicit input will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lussier Family Heritage Center, 3101 Lake Farm Road, Madison, WI 53711.

For further information about the upcoming meeting, please contact Chris James, Dane County Parks Division at 608-224-3763.