

**State of Wisconsin**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
2984 Shawano Ave.  
Green Bay, WI, 54313



April 12, 2024

IP-SC-2024-13-00581, 00582, and 00583

Epic Systems Corporation  
Attn: Jim Schumacher  
1979 Milky Way  
Verona, WI 53593  
[sent electronically]

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

This letter contains important information regarding your DNR permit application to Wetland Disturbance in Dane County. Your application has reached its date of closure and is considered complete. Wisconsin law (chapters 30 and 281, Wisconsin Statutes) requires that the public be allowed an opportunity to comment on projects like yours. The next step in the individual permit review process is a Notice of Pending Application (NoPA) letter and public comment period. In addition, a public informational hearing has been requested.

**The Department has scheduled a public informational hearing on your proposal for May 9, 2024, at 5-7pm to take place at the Town Hall (Town of Verona), 7669 County Highway PD, Verona, WI 53593.**

The hearing provides an opportunity for you and the Department to gather additional facts to help gauge the possible environmental impacts of your proposed project. The hearing is informational only. A Department Public Hearing Officer will manage the hearing agenda according to set procedures to allow all who attend a chance to be heard and to gather as much factual information as possible.

The enclosed document is a "Notice of Pending Application/Notice of Public Hearing" for your project. The Department will publish the notice on our Internet website. The 30-day period to submit written public comment will begin on the date on which the Department first publishes the notice on our Internet website. The period to submit written public comment will end 10 days after the date the hearing is completed.

State law requires that a copy of the enclosed notice be delivered by U.S. Mail as Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested to interested members of the public. The Department will arrange for these mailings. For your information, the Department has determined the parties listed below will be notified. You may notify others at your discretion.

- Lucas Sivertsen, City of Verona – Director of Planning and Development, 111 Lincoln Street, Verona, WI 53593
- Teresa Withee, Town of Verona – Clerk, 7669 County Highway PD, Verona, WI 53593
- Immediate downstream riparian landowner(s):
  - Dane County, parcel 060817395001
  - City of Verona, parcel 060817400012
  - State of Wisconsin (DNR), parcel 060817491602
  - State of Wisconsin (DOT), parcels 060820185035 and 060820280039

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If you have any questions, please contact me at phone (920) 410-3181 or you can reach me by email at [Crystal.VonHoldt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Crystal.VonHoldt@wisconsin.gov).

Sincerely,



Crystal Von Holdt  
Water Management Specialist

Email CC: Zach Larson and Kyle Neeve, AECOM  
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Shelly Allness, SWR Field Integration Leader  
Brian Cunningham, Waterways Program Supervisor

Notice of Pending Application & Public Hearing for Wetland Impacts,  
Stream Realignment, and Waterway Crossing

Jim Schumacher on behalf of Epic Systems Corporation has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to conduct stream restoration (realignment) of a navigable waterway (#00581), to construct a bridge crossing of a navigable waterway (#00582), and to discharge fill materials in wetlands (#00583). The project is located in Sections 17 and 18, Township 06N, Range 08E, in the Town of Verona, Dane County.

The purpose of this project is to address traffic growth, safety, and emerging and forecasted operational deficiencies on both US 18/151, between the W. Verona Avenue/Epic Lane and the County Trunk Highway (CTH) G/Dairy Ridge Road interchanges, and along CTH PD in the City and Town of Verona. Verona is one of Wisconsin's fastest growing communities (per US Census data, the population grew by over 30% between 2010 and 2020) and so the volume of traffic has reflected the growth of this community. The project consists of a proposed (currently) private roadway and bridge crossing over the Sugar River and the state trail connecting US 18/151 to Epic Campuses from the southwest along with wetland impacts for installing a utility crossing. The project proposes 3.85 ac of temporary and 9.78 permanent wetland impacts. Approximately one mile of stream relocation and restoration is proposed to be done as part of this project to bring the Sugar River back to the natural meandering as well as an additional 6.56 ac of farmed wet meadow to be restored (by means of no mow and wetland seed mix) and 3.53 ac of restoring an upland buffer along the edge of existing wetlands.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11, 30.12(1), 30.123, 30.195, 30.208, and 281.36, Wis. Stats., and chs. NR 102, 103, 150, 299, 320, 323, 328, and 350, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the permits for the proposed activities.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for "Schumacher".

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

The public hearing is scheduled for **May 9, 2024, at 5-7pm to take place at the Town Hall (Town of Verona), 7669 County Highway PD, Verona, WI 53593.**

The Department scheduled a public hearing on this activity or project because the Department received a request for a public hearing. The hearing will be a public informational hearing where members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity and submit written or oral comments about the waterway and project in light of the legal standards above.

Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing [Crystal.VonHoldt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Crystal.VonHoldt@wisconsin.gov), over the phone at (920) 410-3181, or writing to Crystal vonHoldt, 2984 Shawano Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313 by U.S. mail. Comments should include the docket number or applicant name and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. Comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days after the date that the public informational hearing is completed in order for them to be considered.

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The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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For the Secretary

BY:

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