



November 14, 2016

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Douglas Carden  
4754 County Trunk T  
Barneveld, WI 53507

Dear Mr. Carden:

This letter contains important information regarding your DNR permit application to remove materials from the bed of Birch Lake in Iowa 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 and public comment period.

The enclosed document is a "Notice of Pending Application" for your project. The Department will publish the notice on our Internet website. The 30-day period to submit written public comment and the 20-day period to request a public hearing in writing will begin on the date on which the Department first publishes the notice on our Internet website. If a public hearing is held, the period to submit written public comment will end 10 days after the date the hearing is completed.

State law requires that you publish this as a Class 1 Notice, at your expense, in a local newspaper. In addition, state law also requires that you mail a copy of the enclosed notice by U.S. Mail as Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested to interested members of the public. The Department has determined that you must notify the parties listed below. You may notify others at your discretion.

Please notify adjacent upstream and downstream property owners.

Please write or call me at (608) 275-3228 or email [Jeff.Schure@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jeff.Schure@wisconsin.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Schure  
Water Management Specialist

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## Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Dredging

Douglas Carden and the Friends of Birch Lake, 4754 County Trunk T, Barneveld, WI 53507 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to remove materials from the bed of Birch Lake.

The project is located in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 4, Township 6 North, Range 5 East, Town of Brigham, Iowa County.

Birch Lake is an impoundment on Trout Creek just north of Barneveld. It was built as a flood control dam in the 1960's. Through the years sediments have accumulated behind the dam resulting in shallower depths of the Lake. Friends of Birch Lake are looking to remove these sediments from the lake by mechanical dredging. The lake will be drawn down to a certain level to expose these sediments. Approximately 24,000 cubic yards of material will be removed and disposed of in a nearby quarry. Once the sediment is removed, the impoundment would be refilled.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and a public informational hearing, if requested. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 30.20(2), Stats., and ch. NR 150, 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 permit or contract for the proposed activity.

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 WP-IP-SC-2016-25-X10-13T10-22-37.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Any person may submit comments and/or request a public informational hearing by emailing Jeff.Schure@wisconsin.gov or writing to Jeff Schure, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711 by U.S. mail. If you are submitting general comments on the proposal, they must be emailed or postmarked within 30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must be emailed or postmarked within 20 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.

If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision without a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days following the date on which the hearing is completed. The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document. Docket Number IP-SC-2016-25-03931

### **WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

For the Secretary



Jeff Schure

Water Management Specialist

11/14/2016

Date