Dane County Planning & Development
Division of Zoning

Joe Parisi
Dane County Executive

February 26, 2021

Ralph M. Werndli Rev. Trust
2486 County Highway E
Mount Horeb WI 53572

RE: Navigability Determination – 2486 County Highway E, Section 15, Town of Blue Mounds

The Dane County Zoning Division has processed your request for a navigability determination for an intermittent stream named German Valley Branch and an intermittent tributary to German Valley Branch that is located on and adjacent to your property at 2486 County Highway E in Section 15 of the Town of Blue Mounds.

Before conducting the site inspection, the County G.I.S., aerial photography, and the Wisconsin Surface Water Data Viewer were used to determine the categorization of these intermittent streams. An intermittent stream is one that has a periodic or recurrent flow.

A site inspection was conducted on February 25, 2021. The weather had been multiple days of above freezing, sunny conditions, leading to thawing of accumulated snow. It was observed that German Valley Branch was actively flowing within a bed between two banks with enough water to reasonably support a small craft. This condition was observed at least 300 feet upstream, through the property, and continuing downstream. The navigability of the east to west tributary to German Valley Branch north of your property was unable to be determined during this inspection due to snow cover.

After further review of German Valley Branch, it has been determined that this intermittent stream is navigable.

This letter serves as notice that development that will occur within 300 feet of German Valley Branch is within the Shoreland Zoning District as defined under Chapter 11, Dane County Code of Ordinances and subject to shoreland zoning regulations.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions regarding this matter, or if I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Hans Hilbert
Assistant Zoning Administrator

Cc:

Land & Water Resources
Pamela Lunder

Unnamed Tributary
Assumed Navigable

German Valley Branch
Determined Navigable

Zone X

Zone A

E

2550

2483

2486

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