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**SUBJECT: Permitting Process Modified  
DNR SEEKS COMMENT ON GREEN TIER CHARTER**

**FITCHBURG** – The Department of Natural Resources is requesting public comment on a proposed modification to the landmark Green Tier Clear Waters Initiative (GTCWI) Charter.

The change, found in the Charter's Appendix 7, would allow for consolidating and expediting construction site storm water permit coverage at residential construction sites for members of the GTCWI Charter.

A copy of the proposed Appendix 7, "*Cooperative Permitting Process*," can be accessed via the DNR Website at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/participants/clearwaters/index.htm> or by contacting Laura Bub, DNR Wastewater Specialist, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd., Fitchburg, WI 53711, (ph) 608-275-3309, (fax) 608-275-3338 or email: [Laura.Bub@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Laura.Bub@wisconsin.gov)

Oral or written comments must be submitted to Ms. Bub by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, 2008.

GTCWI Charter is a partnership between the regulatory community – Dane County, the Cities of Madison and Sun Prairie, the DNR – and Veridian Homes, Wisconsin's largest home builder, which aims to reduce soil erosion and storm water runoff from construction sites.

Green Tier is an attractive program for environmentally responsible businesses in Wisconsin, and the first program of its type in the nation. Qualified businesses and associations make legal commitments to superior environmental performance through agreements or in this case a charter, with DNR.

In exchange, these businesses are given incentives to achieve superior environmental performance. Green Tier makes it easier for good environmental actors to perform even better, allowing the DNR to focus its resources on facilities that are not meeting environmental requirements.

Other Dane County municipalities can sign on to the Charter along with new builders as long as they demonstrate the ability to comply with the Charter. For more information about Green Tier, visit the DNR Website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/>