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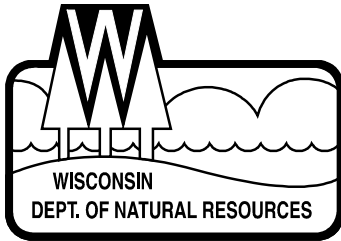
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To: Recipients of *The State of the Bad Axe - La Crosse River Basin Report*

We are pleased to present our first *State of the Bad Axe - La Crosse River Basin* report. This report provides an overview of land and water resource quality, identifies challenges facing these resources, and outlines actions the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and its many partners can take over the next few years to protect and restore our natural resources throughout the basin.

This report is organized into land and water sections for simplicity, but shows how all our resources are closely linked. This ecosystem approach realizes that environmental, social and economic elements factor into our resource management decision making process. Some of our greatest resource management challenges are related to striking a balance between environmental protection and social considerations.

The general nature of this report does not allow us the opportunity to provide intricate details of all resources and issues. Internet links and phone numbers are provided throughout this report so readers wanting more detail can easily find the information.

This report is a work in progress. As objectives are met and projects are completed, we will provide updates on our Bad Axe - La Crosse Basin Internet page at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/gmu/balax/index.htm> We look forward to maintaining a relationship with all our partners as we work together to protect, restore and enhance our natural resources throughout the Bad Axe - La Crosse Basin.

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