



October 19, 2008

Governor James Doyle
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

RE: Shoreland restoration at the Executive Residence

Dear Governor Doyle,

Yahara Lakes Association, an organization with over 500 riparian members on the Yahara Lakes, strongly supports the shoreland restoration at the Executive Residence. This is clearly in line with the initiatives by Dane County, the City of Madison & the WI Department of Natural Resources to restore the health & vitality of the Yahara Lakes.

Wisconsin's lakes and streams rank high among our state's treasured natural resources. Shoreline restoration along these waters serves to protect and preserve their best qualities for the future. Wisconsin consistently demonstrates that it values our waters by continuing to advance protective regulations, supporting monitoring efforts, and promoting cooperative programs among citizens, scientists, and educators. Restoring native vegetation along the shores of our lakes, rivers and streams is a best management practice that is crucial to the continued vitality of Wisconsin's waters. From controlling erosion and stemming polluting sediments, to creating critical wildlife habitat, shoreline buffers produce positive results that are both pragmatic and ecologically significant.

Lakes and streams are not only valuable recreational resources, but provide economic stimulus to many communities throughout our state. Both Wisconsin residents and visitors find hours of relaxation, recreation and enjoyment along and on our more than 15,000 water bodies. Guarding the qualities of these waters is responsible stewardship. It is my hope that you will demonstrate your continued support of our waters by implementing a shoreland restoration at the Executive Residence. Please champion this unique opportunity, set a stewardship example for citizens state-wide and secure a healthy future for Wisconsin waterways in the 21st century and beyond.

Sincerely

Yahara Lakes Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Bach", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Doug Bach
President