

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0036706-11-0

Permittee: Village of Clayton, Box 63, Clayton, WI, 54004-0091

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Village of Clayton, North Prentice Street, Clayton, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Clayton Branch (an intermittent tributary to the South Branch of Beaver Brook) within the Beaver Brook watershed in the St. Croix River drainage basin in Polk County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Clayton owns and operates a domestic wastewater treatment system. The plant designed to treat 105,000 gallons per day, currently treats an average of 65,000 gallons per day. (June 2019 – June 2024). Treatment consists of an influent fine screen, chemical-feed phosphorus reduction system, four stabilization ponds and three bed recirculating gravel filter. Solids produced during the treatment process are removed as needed to maintain facility performance and land-applied on WDNR-approved agricultural sites.

It is the Department's intention to renew the permit for another term. The proposed new permit expiration date will be December 31, 2029. Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Changes from the previous permit include: [1] The classification of the receiving water has changed from a limit aquatic life (LAL) community to a Warm Water Sport Fishery (WWSF) community. This change has caused the removal of the effluent flow limit, more restrictive limits for BOD, total suspended solid, dissolved oxygen, and ammonia. [2] Effluent E. coli monitoring, limit and schedule to allow time to meet the requirements. [3] The permittee has applied for and received an effluent phosphorus multi-discharger variance (MDV). An interim limit and schedule are also included. [4] Annual effluent monitoring for the Nitrogen Series (nitrate +nitrite, total Kjeldahl nitrogen and total nitrogen) has been added to the permit. [5] Sludge monitoring for metals and PFAS is required once during the permit term.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sheri A. Snowbank, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI, 54801, (715) 635-4131, Sheri.Snowbank@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Carson Johnson, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801, (715) 205-7507, carson.johnson@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (715) 635-4131 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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