



## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

February 6, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements, City of Beloit staff has drafted an Ordinance to create Section 5-800 of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit, to be known as the Wellhead Protection Ordinance. The purpose of the Wellhead Protection Ordinance is to protect the City's water supply from sources of contamination. Essentially, the Wellhead Protection Ordinance creates several Wellhead Protection Overlay Districts around each of the City's wells. As the name implies, the overlay district is a second zoning district classification, as affected properties will retain their underlying zoning district classification (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc.). If you received this notice via U.S. Mail, our records indicate that you are the owner of property within one or more of the proposed overlay districts.

The Wellhead Protection Ordinance establishes permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses within the Wellhead Protection Districts. Permitted uses include residential (on City sewer), agricultural, open space, and most commercial, institutional, and industrial uses (on City sewer). Conditional uses include those with the potential to cause contamination, including metal plating & working, commercial uses with septic systems, cemeteries, chemical manufacturers, dry cleaners, auto repair shops, businesses with above-ground fuel & chemical tanks, and others. Prohibited uses include those with a greater potential to cause contamination, including businesses with underground fuel & chemical tanks, radioactive waste facilities, landfills, railroad yards, and others. Existing facilities that are listed as a conditional or prohibited use are eligible to apply for a Conditional Use Permit to repair, rebuild, or expand the facilities, subject to very specific requirements and conditions.

The proposed Wellhead Protection Ordinance consists of a Zoning Text Amendment in accordance with Section 2-200 and a Zoning Map Amendment in accordance with Section 2-300 of the Zoning Ordinance. The following public hearings will be held regarding this proposal:

**City Plan Commission:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in The Forum, Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street.

**City Council:** Monday, March 4, 2013, at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in The Forum, Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street.

The public is invited to attend these hearings. We are interested in your opinion. Anyone bringing handouts to the meetings must bring ten (10) copies and submit them before the meeting begins.

***For additional information or to comment, please contact Drew Pennington in the Planning & Building Services Division at (608) 364-6711 or [penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us).***