



DANE COUNTY

Kathleen M. Falk
County Executive

Testimony on Assembly Bill 299
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
April 27, 2005
By Kathleen M. Falk – Dane County Executive

Please oppose AB 299. It strips many of our lakes, streams, and rivers in developing areas of vital environmental protection.

Counties throughout Wisconsin, including Dane County, have conscientiously developed shore land zoning to provide setbacks and buffer areas and regulate development along the shores of lakes and the banks of streams and rivers. They do so to protect the water quality and aquatic life, especially fish, in these public waters. Wisconsin-based research has demonstrated conclusively that shore land erosion, sedimentation, and the loss of natural vegetative cover hurts water quality, reduces the number and variety of fish, and increases the incidence of nuisance aquatic vegetation. Take away the protection of shore land zoning and you subject our lakes, rivers, and streams to this destruction.

Please, for the sake of our lakes, rivers, and streams, do not pass AB 299.