

Fwd: Save Badger Mill Creek

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I urge you to require the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District to discharge treated wastewater into Badger Mill Creek.

The creek is a high quality cold water stream supporting trout. There are few such cold water streams in Dane County and this one is conveniently close to the large population. It also adds beauty to the Ice Age Trail. The Sugar River also benefits from the cold water.

In recent decades, Badger Mill Creek has benefited from restoration and preservation efforts. A large amount of volunteer and hired manpower and money has been provided by local conservation organizations, Dane County and the City of Verona.

The cost of phosphorus removal in sewer water is an insult to these efforts and expenses. There are other and possibly better means of reducing phosphorus in wastewater.

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