

Fwd: CARPC SHOULD REJECT MMSDs Badger Mill Creek Proposal

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My name is Walt Cook, and I live near Verona, and I spend a lot of time hiking, and just relaxing, around the Ice Age Trail and Badger Mill Creek area in Verona.

It would be an absolute disaster to allow MMSD to move forward with their plans on Badger Mill Creek, as they are taking the easy way out in my opinion to try to deal with this phosphorus issue, and it will absolutely devastate Badger Mill Creek, as the loss of water and associated negative impact will be HUGE, based on studies by both the Wisconsin DNR, and also by MMSD's own consultant they used to evaluate this issue.

It is a "complete no-brainer" based on the FACTS that CARPC should reject MMSD's proposal to stop the discharge of water into Badger Mill Creek, as other affordable options exist that can be implemented to deal with the phosphorus issue, and/or MMSD can pursue Adaptive Management on Badger Mill Creek, similar to what they are doing on the Yahara watershed.

If CARPC does not reject this MMSD proposal, they are allowing MMSD to take the "easy way out" and destroy a beautiful trout stream full of wild fish, that feeds the spectacular upper Sugar River watershed (one of the great treasures in our state of Wisconsin), and provides solace to many, along with being a sanctuary for many other species of wildlife and birds.

One of the great legacies of Aldo Leopold is the many beautiful and protected public spaces we have in many of our more urban spaces in Madison and our surrounding areas, such as what presently exists in Verona with the Ice Age Trail and Badger Mill Creek, and also the many great partnerships that we have developed, and continue to develop, in our state between citizens, businesses, and public and private organizations, to positively impact our environment, and deal with issues such as we presently have with Badger Mill Creek.

I can GUARANTEE you that Aldo Leopold would be making many of the same points I have made, if he was alive today!

In summary, CARPC needs to reject this shortsighted proposal by MMSD, as the facts are abundantly clear that this will absolutely destroy Badger Mill Creek, and affordable alternatives exist that can be implemented.

Walt

Sent from my iPad