

Fwd: Village of Cottage Grove Utility Commission Comment

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Hello Tanya,
Please share with the Commission attached comment letter from the Village of Cottage Grove Utility Commission in support of the proposed amendment to the Dane County Water Quality Plan for the proposed Badger Mill Creek phosphorus compliance solution recommended by Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District.

Thank you,
JJ

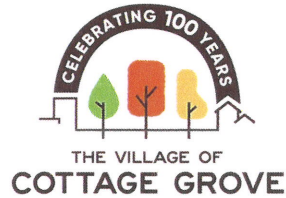
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July 10th, 2024

Commission
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Re: Amendment of the Dane County Water Quality Plan - Badger Mill Creek Project

Dear Capital Area Regional Planning Commission Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Village of Cottage Grove Utility Commission in support of the proposed Badger Mill Creek phosphorus compliance solution recommended by Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (District) staff and Commission.

We commend District staff on the work they have done in collecting and analyzing all potential solutions to the challenge over multiple years, including watershed adaptive management, modification of the flow, water quality trading, site-specific criterion, variance, diversion, and tertiary treatment.

The studies conducted and data collected support the District's solution as the best decision overall, not only for all customer communities, but for the stream itself as it no longer relies on District effluent to survive and will be returned to a more natural and healthy body of water once the line is eliminated.

Per the District's Staff and Commission:

- *The decision was based on assessments indicating that Badger Mill Creek no longer requires District discharge to maintain its flow.*
- *The transition to a single-point source for effluent discharge allows the District to better manage future regulatory requirements*
- *Aligns with the District's sustainability goals*
- *Commitment to safeguarding public health*
- *Protecting the environment*
- *Managing community resources responsibly and cost-effectively*

As one of your customer-communities these factors are significant as we all work to balance service levels, environmental stewardship, and rate impacts on the citizens in our communities.

I urge you to consider the overall health and service of the entire District service area and communities when making your decisions and to approve the proposed amendment to the Dane County Water Quality Plan revising the point discharge locations of treated effluent from the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant, requested by the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District.

Regards,

Charlie Rogers - Chair
Village of Cottage Grove Utility Commission