

Fw: Badger Mill Creek

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Subject: Badger Mill Creek

I am unable to attend the July 11th CARPC public hearing regarding Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District's (MMSD) proposal to halt their discharge of highly treated effluent to Badger Mill Creek (BMC).

I am writing to you to express my opposition to MMSD's proposal.

BMC is an improving Class 2 trout stream that runs through Verona and joins the Sugar River. BMC offers lots of public fishing, has a healthy population of wild brown trout, and, according to the latest DNR study, has an excellent chance of becoming a Class 1 stream if habitat is improved. This progress is now under attack and we need to protect Badger Mill Creek. MMSD's proposal is an easy and cheap way to comply with DNR phosphorus regulations and ignores that this discharge provides stable water flows and in some key aspects the water acts like a huge spring. MMSD has other affordable and practical alternatives such as treating the effluent to remove more phosphorus or pursuing Adaptive Management across the BMC and Upper Sugar watersheds.

I urge CARPC to disapprove MMSD's request to halt this important discharge to Badger Mill Creek.

Sincerely,

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