

Meeting Notes: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Badger Mill Creek Stakeholder Group

Agenda, notes, and meeting materials at www.madsewer.org/bmc-plus/

Desired outcomes:

- Information gathered on projects and portfolio
- Initial straw poll on overall portfolio
- Shared understanding of next steps

Participants:

- Melissa Michaud, CARPC
- Nick Bower, CARPC
- Jeremy Balousek, Dane County Land & Water Resources Department
- Joleen Stinson, Dane County Parks Division
- Ben Schulte, City of Fitchburg
- Chris Barnes, Town of Verona
- Brian Christian, Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor
- Kathy Lake, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Martye Griffin, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Topf Wells, Trout Unlimited Southern Wisconsin Chapter
- Robert Bohanan, Upper Sugar River Watershed Association
- Jamie Aulik, City of Verona
- Alison Lebwohl, Alison S. Lebwohl Consulting (facilitator)
- Mike Rupiper, EOR (facilitator)

Other Attendees:

- Amanda Wegner, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Bill Walker, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Laura Hicklin, Dane County Land & Water Resources Dept.

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Decisions, information gathered, actions</i>
Success, health & resilience	Alison Lebwohl gave an overview of the Success, health & resilience handout (link to handout). Participants discussed what stands out for them and how they might use these reflections as we consider our portfolio of projects in small groups.
Project proposals	The group sat by the project categories they wanted to work to continue developing the project profile sheets as follows: Watershed Management Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robert Bohanan, USRWA (Spokesperson)• Melissa Michaud, CARPC• Brian Christian, Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor

- Joleen Stinson, Dane County Parks
- Laura Hicklin, Dane County Land & Water Resources Dept.

Straw Poll – Primarily green

Baseflow Augmentation:

- Ben Schulte, City of Fitchburg (Spokesperson)
- Chris Barnes, Town of Verona
- Kathy Lake, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Jamie Aulik, City of Verona

Straw Poll – Primarily green w/ questions

Groundwater Recharge:

- Jeremy Balousek, Dane County Land & Water Resources Dept. (Spokesperson)
- Nick Bower, CARPC
- Martye Griffin, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Topf Wells, Trout Unlimited Southern Wisconsin Chapter

Straw Poll – Primarily green & yellow

USGS Monitoring

- Nick Bower, CARPC (Spokesperson)
- Topf Wells, Trout Unlimited Southern Wisconsin Chapter

Straw Poll – Primarily green

Invasives Control

- Brian Christian, Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor (Spokesperson)

Brian presented an idea for a new project proposal for better control of invasives. Suggestions were made that this be for work other than current construction projects which should already be doing that work. (No straw poll since this has just been introduced to the group).

Portfolio as a Whole:

I agree that this portfolio of projects accurately reflects the discussions and decisions of this group and is a wise use of the allotted dollars to support the health & resilience of Badger Mill Creek

Straw Poll – Primarily yellow

Each group was asked to return a final version of their group’s project profile sheet by August 6th. Mike and Alison will meet with the groups as needed.

Action items	Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type up and share notes with the group.
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- Incorporate decisions and discussions into project planning as needed.

Stakeholder group participants:

- Review these notes and email Alison & Mike with corrections.
- Return an updated version of your group's project profile sheet by August 6th.
- **In order to maximize the value of our time together, all participants commit to doing advance work, including providing feedback through advance surveys.**

