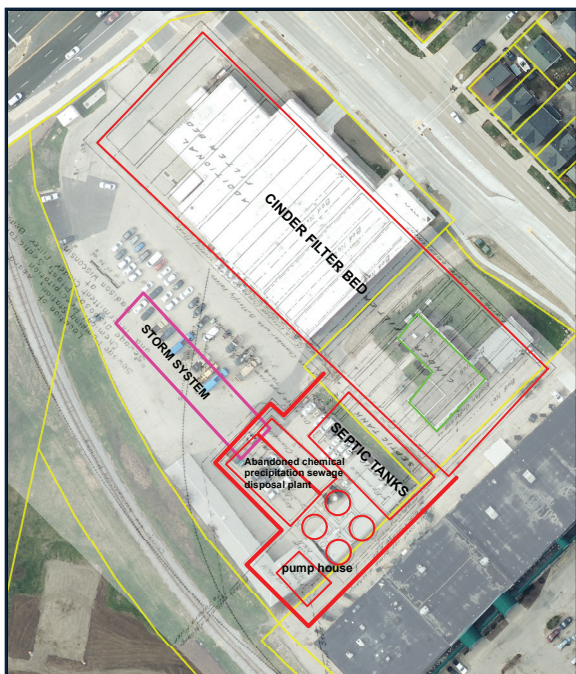


# Partnership Years in the Making

*The connection between the Madison Public Market site and Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District dates back to 1898*

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District has partnered with Madison Public Market to transform its 14 public restrooms into “Learning Lavatories.” These one-of-a-kind bathrooms blend water education and design to highlight how water moves through our community and showcase the importance of protecting our shared water resources.

While the Learning Lavatories are new, the connection between the Madison Public Market site and the District is over a century old.



Madison Public Market site showing treatment plant infrastructure from 1901 in red and Pumping Station 1 in green.

## Site of Madison’s first wastewater treatment plant

The Madison Public Market sits on the site of Madison’s first wastewater treatment plant. Originally a chemical treatment plant that went online in 1898, the plant failed and was replaced in 1901. The new plant used a septic tank and cinder trickling filters to treat wastewater.

Madison grew so quickly that a new, larger facility was built in the Town of Burke, just north of Madison, to replace the First Street plant in 1914. Within 15 years, yet another larger plant was required, and the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant was built at our current site in south Madison.

## Longtime neighbors: Pumping Station 1

Directly adjacent to the Madison Public Market is the District’s Pumping Station 1; this infrastructure helps to move wastewater along its journey to the Nine Springs plant.

Pumping Station 1, originally called the Main Station, was put into service in 1950 and became the District’s primary office. Staff worked here until 1982 before moving to the District’s Nine Springs campus.

This station remains in service, moving 4 million gallons of wastewater per day through central Madison.