



## **Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor**

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**Welcome and thank you** for coming!

**Mission** – To protect and sustain natural resources within the Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor by participating in the restoration and conservation of natural plant and animal communities and geologic /hydrologic features. We will promote Environmental Stewardship through connecting people with nature and each other.

### **History of FBMCEC**

- Founded in 2020 in wake of destructive MMSD sewer project
- 2021 – sewer construction, phase 1, completed. Native plant restoration, care for corridor begun
- 2022 – FBMC registered with DCParks, weed control in new plantings, woods
- 2023 - Projects started/continued – Oak Tree Line, Triangle Prairie, Sedge Meadow. Paved bike path completed and opened. MMSD Stakeholder group participation.
- 2024 – New bridge over BMC, new IAT boardwalk, began South Main prairie project with City of Verona, Phase 2 of Sewer project impacts corridor

**Members** – we have about a dozen “active” members and about 10-20 more who have participated in various projects. Three steering committee members are “Certified Land Stewards” and have completed chain saw training.

### **Collaborators**



### **Projects to date**

- Oak Tree Line – remove woody invasives around large old bur oaks. Preserve young trees
- Triangle prairie – prep and plant 5-acre prairie next to Oak tree line
- Sedge meadow – remove invasives from sedge meadow and nearby woods. IAT corridor.
- BMC corridor – patrol corridor remove invasives – Yellow parsnip, white clover, BFT, CV
- South Main Park – Clear brush, trees from a City park along IAT, plant a prairie, nurture it
- Prairie plant identification garden
- Advocacy – MMSD effluent phosphorus mitigation and effluent return to BMC (more later)

**Future projects-** Participate in cleaning up and restoring the Park and Ride  
Bluebird trail --- Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin

**Seasonal work program** – With the advice of DCP (Lars) and the City of Verona, we’ve developed a monthly or seasonal list of weeding, restoration and landscaping to guide our activities



## Organizational Needs

- Increase membership and volunteer. The size of the corridor is enormous, and number of projects and activities seems too large for the small group we have. We also need to become incorporated, at some point, to grow and accept donations.
- Take advantage of DCP services. Thanks to Clarie Lamberg for help with scheduling event. Will benefit from training (burning, plant ID ).

**Grant Support from Foundation for DC Parks** – we appreciate the grant award we received. ~ \$1,700 to date. Brush cutters, blowers, chain saw, backpack sprayers.

## Other Issues

- The decision to discontinue highly treated effluent to BMC will dramatically and negatively impact the most used portion of our site.
- New bridge drain placement related to impact on sedge meadow.

## Questions?

