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To: Todd Violante, Director
Dane County Department of Planning and Development

Dane County Zoning Committee

From: Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Re: Proposed Quarry in the Town of Verona near the Sugar River and Badger Mill Creek

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SWTU) respectfully requests that the Zoning Committee direct County staff to conduct a thorough analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed quarry near the Sugar River and Badger Mill Creek in the Town of Verona with a particular focus on the effects the quarry might have on groundwater. We ask that the County engage groundwater experts to assist in this study if such expertise is needed and/or if the groundwater model needs to be updated for that area.

SWTU has advocated, volunteered, and donated funds for the health and public enjoyment of the Sugar River and Badger Mill Creek for over 30 years. We also deeply appreciate Dane County's massive investments in land and stream restoration on Badger Mill Creek and the Sugar River. It would be wrong to permit any private development to damage those resources. Groundwater is vital to the health of both streams in that area.

Please conduct the studies necessary to be sure the quarry does not do such harm. While SWTU will await those studies before taking a position on the quarry itself, we shall be resolute in our defense of both streams.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Musser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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