

**CITY OF VERONA
RESOLUTION NO. R-23-003**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CHANGING FLOW INTO BADGER MILL CREEK FROM
MADISON METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT TO BADFISH CREEK**

WHEREAS, the City of Verona has for many years invested heavily in maintaining recreational uses along the Badger Mill Creek; and

WHEREAS, upstream from the City of Verona water is withdrawn for public uses by other communities, and for more than twenty (20) years has been returned to the Upper Sugar River Watershed after having been treated by the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD); and,

WHEREAS, the City is informed that the MMSD is seeking permission from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to no longer return treated water which originated in the Sugar River but to send it to Badfish Creek, in the Yahara River watershed, and,

WHEREAS, the amount of water returned to the Sugar River by the MMSD over the past decades constitutes a significant volume of the Badger Mill Creek; and


WHEREAS, diverting the water taken from the Upper Sugar River watershed to Badfish Creek in the Yahara River watershed, will permanently and significantly reduce the flow of the Badger Mill Creek in the City of Verona, harming the environment around the Badger Mill Creek, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Verona, Dane County, Wisconsin that:

- We oppose the diversion of water from the Upper Sugar River watershed to the Yahara River watershed by the MMSD.
- We support continuation of the current practice of the MMSD returning the Upper Sugar River waters to the Upper Sugar River watershed.

Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2023





Luke Diaz, Mayor



Holly Licht, City Clerk