



Village of
BELLEVILLE

VILLAGE OF BELLEVILLE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Belleville has for many years invested heavily in maintaining recreational uses along the Sugar River and at Lake Belle View; and

WHEREAS, upstream from the Village of Belleville water is withdrawn for public uses by other communities, and for more than twenty (20) years has been returned to the Sugar River after having been treated by the Madison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

WHEREAS, the Village Board 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 about 17% of the volume of the East Branch of the Sugar River (as measured at the Hwy 69 bridge just below the entrance of Badger Mill Creek to the Sugar River); and


WHEREAS, diverting the water taken from the Sugar River watershed to Badfish Creek in the Yahara River watershed, will permanently and significantly reduce the flow of the Sugar River to the Village of Belleville, harming recreational uses both along the Sugar River and at Lake Belle View, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Belleville that:

- The Village Board opposes the diversion of water from the Sugar River watershed to the Yahara River watershed by the MMSD
- The Village board supports continuation of the current practice of the MMSD returning Sugar River waters to the Sugar River watershed

Passed by a voice vote of the Village Board on 1-16-23.

Village of Belleville
Dane and Green County, Wisconsin


Dale Yurs, Village President


Rhea McGee, Village Clerk

Dated: 1-16-23

