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Subject: Badger Mill Creek - Where we are and the solution

Thank you for holding the upcoming meeting. I will not be able to attend but I am in support of keeping the water moving. Where we are: 1. MMSD has shut the water off. 2. The water is way to low. 3. This will wreck our Class 2 Trout Stream.

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4. The sediment that forms at the bottom of the creek in certain spots is "Dangerous"
5. MMSD has had a long time to figure out what the cost will be to fix this and has not presented any remediation options and the associated costs in a timely manner to meet their deadlines. MMSD Commission Policy EL-2A "With respect to interactions with customer communities...the chief engineers and director shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures or decisions that are...untimely..."

WE WANT THIS WASTE WATER FOR ANIMALS, WATER ALONG THE IAT, KAYAK AND PADDLERS, AND GENERAL ASTHETICS OF OUR NEW PARK. MMSD DECIMATED THE AREA WHEN THEY PUT IN A NEW SEWER. WE HAVE REPOPULATED TREES, PLANTED A NEW PRARIE, MADE NEW BIKE PATHS, FIXED THE IAT. IT'S GOING TO BE BEAUTIFUL. WE NEED THE BADGER MILL CREEK.

Solution: We should apply for grants, where available, from all the municipalities involved, Dane County, State of Wisconsin, and Federal Government to cover the fixed cost of new plant and equipment. After exhausting all grant possibilities, any remaining costs not covered should be incorporated into MMSD who can apply for rates hikes as necessary. The general annual operating costs will not be substantial and can easily be absorbed in normal operating costs as they have been for the past 20+ years.