#### **FITCHRONA ROAD** AND GOOSE LAKE **STORMWATER UPDATE**

June 12, 2024







# Overview of what we will cover

- Describe our connection to the area and roles with the Fitchrona Road and Goose Lake Stormwater Improvement project
- Describe our revised approach to mitigating the flooding
- Discuss how our stormwater approach ties in with the Badger Mill Creek Stakeholder goals





### Thanks for having us – we are excited to be here!



Engineer

Rick Eilertson, P.E., EnvSP AECOM



- Ruekert-Mielke / AECOM hired by City of Fitchburg and Town of Verona
- Connection to the area/stakeholders/project
  - ► History with the project
  - Personal connection to City/Town/Stakeholders
  - Connection to Fitchrona Road project and stormwater modeling





# 2021 Stormwater Study - approach to address flooding



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- Conveyance improvements
  - Add twin 48-inch culverts to the outlet of Goose Lake
  - Concrete overflow out of Goose Lake
  - Overflow excavation to convey high flows out of the system
- Local Storage improvements
  - Lower levels of Goose Lake and downstream wetland areas
- Backflow prevention



# Previous approach to flooding



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- Conveyance focused on handling larger flow events
  - Big pipes and overflow capacity
  - Decreases Fitchrona Road flooding
  - Sends higher peak flows out of the system
  - ► Flood heights downstream
- Storage improvements focused downstream of Fitchrona Road
- Static design not adaptable-resilient
- Did not provide water to meet the goals of BMC stakeholders



# Past flooding experience



- This system is different than most
  - Floods occur due to long duration high volume flood events rather than flashy short duration events
  - Frequently flooding occurs during wet periods when system is "full" – (high pond and groundwater levels) followed by rain event.
  - Flood peak happens hours-days after a major rain
  - Flood duration is long and waters usually take days or even weeks to recede







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#### Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

#### Well / Drillhole / Borehole Filling & Sealing

Form 3300-005

Notice: Completion of this report is required by chs. 160, 281, 283, 289, 291-293, 295 and 299, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 141 Wis. Adm. Code. In accordance with chs. 281, 289, 291-293, 295 and 299, Wis. Stats., failure to file this form may result in a forfeiture of between \$10-25,000, or imprisonment for up to one year, depending on the program and conduct involved. Personally identifiable information on this form is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

#### Date of Filling & Sealing: 09/11/2019

#### Rec #: 162571

#### Verification. Check only if well filling & sealing was done previously and you are just verifying that work.: No

1. Well Location Inform	ation						
County: Dane		WI Unique Well #:			DNR Hicap Well #:		
Latitude: (DD.DDDDD°) 43.0041 °N		Longitude: (DD.DDDDD°) 89.4836 °W			GPS Method Code: GPS008		
Gov't Lot #:	Qtr/Qtr: NW	Quarter: SW		Section #: 7	Township #: 6	North	Range #: 9 East
Well Street Address: 2740 F	Subdivision Nar			ne:			
Well City/Village/Town: City of FITCHBURG Well Z		Well Zip Code:	Vell Zip Code: 53711 Lot #:		Does a new well replace this well? No		
Reason for Filling & Sealing:			WI Unique Well # of Replacement Well:				
2. Facility / Owner Infor	mation						
Facility Name:			FID #:		License/Permit/Monitoring #:		
Original Well Owner:			Service Category:				
Present Well Owner: CITY OF FITCHBURG			Mailing Address of Present Owner: 5520 LACY RD				
			City: FITCHBURG		State: WI	State: WI Zip Code: 53711	
3. Well / Drillhole / Bore	hole Information						
Well Type: Water Well Original Cons		Original Constr	ruction Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)			Construction Type: Drilled	
Formation Type: Total W		Total Well Dept	otal Well Depth From Ground Surface (ft.): 120.00			(specify Other):	
Casing Diameter (in.): 6.00 Lowe		Lower Drillhole	ower Drillhole Diameter (in.):			Casing Depth (ft.):	
Was well annular space grouted? Unknown If yes, to w		If yes, to what o	t depth (ft.)?			Depth to Water (ff.): 2.00	
4. Pump, Liner, Screen,	Casing & Sealing Mate	rial					





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# Key aspects of our revised approach



Underdrain and Water Level Control Structure to Convert High Groundwater to Baseflow

- Conveyance improvements are focused on maintaining water levels before a rain event vs quickly conveying large events after they occur.
  - Use low flow water level control structures vs large pipes (straw vs pipe)
  - Allows adaptive control
  - Conveys cooler cleaner water
  - Provides better base flow component
- Add storage upstream
  - Water level control structures to lower Quarry Ridge pond (and maybe even beyond)
  - Will also maintain groundwater levels that may allow Nesbit Limestone Pond/Infiltration to work better
- Prevent downstream flood level increases





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Project Manager



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# Environmental and Regulatory Approach



- New DNR general permit for hydrologic restoration
- Use water level control to restore wetland fringe and to improve water quality
- Look for ways to improve flooding while improving environment and water quality



# Modeling approach



Senior Project Engineer Rick Eilertson, P.E., EnvSP AECOM

- Look at area comprehensively (upstream and downstream)
- Consider storm duration
- Combine existing models to paint a complete picture
- Maximize flood mitigation of Fitchrona Road while not increasing downstream flooding



# **Badger Mill Creek Base Flow**



Underdrain and Water Level Control Structure to Convert High Groundwater to Baseflow

- If we control high groundwater levels, we can:
  - Minimize direct wetland impacts
  - Increase emergent wetlands
  - Create additional live storage
  - Reduce Fitchrona Road flood heights
  - Protect downstream from flooding
  - Add needed base flow to Badger Mill Creek





### Additional work for addressing BMC goals

- Groundwater monitoring
- Water quality sampling
- ► Water temperature monitoring
- Baseflow estimates
- Groundwater modeling
- ► Long term performance monitoring





# **Time for Discussion-Questions-Ideas!**

#### Thank You!



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