## Final Meeting Notes: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Badger Mill Creek Stakeholder Group

Agenda, notes, and meeting materials at www.madsewer.org/bmc-plus/

## **Desired outcomes:**

- Information gathered to support decision on projects to recommend to MMSD Commission for funding
- Shared understanding of next steps

## **Participants:**

- Melissa Michaud, CARPC
- Nick Bower, CARPC
- Jeremy Balousek, Dane County Land & Water Resources Department
- Joleen Stinson, Dane County Parks Division
- Ben Schulte, City of Fitchburg
- Chris Barnes, Town of Verona
- Pat Bergen, Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor
- Martye Griffin, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Topf Wells, Trout Unlimited Southern Wisconsin Chapter
- Robert Bohanan, Upper Sugar River Watershed Association
- Jamie Aulik, City of Verona
- Alison Lebwohl, Alison S. Lebwohl Consulting (facilitator)
- Mike Rupiper, EOR (facilitator)

## **Other Attendees:**

- Amanda Wegner, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Bill Walker, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District
- Laura Hicklin, Dane County Land & Water Resources Dept.
- Rick Eilertson, AECOM
- Beth Tucker Long, Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor

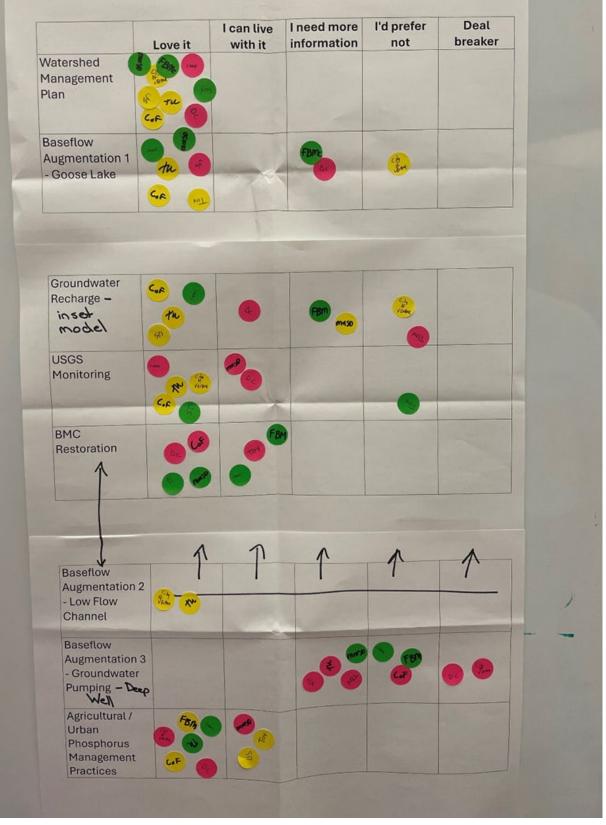
Торіс	Decisions, information gathered, actions
Project Proposal Presentations	The group heard 8 project proposal presentations by spokespersons for each project listed below. This was followed by a questions and answer period. The project proposal sheet versions reviewed and discussed at the meeting are attached.
	<ul> <li>Watershed management plan - Robert Bohanan, Upper Sugar River Watershed Association</li> <li>Goose Lake – baseflow augmentation - Ben Schulte, City of Fitchburg</li> <li>Deep well – baseflow augmentation – Martye Griffin, MMSD</li> <li>Low-flow depth and velocity enhancement – baseflow augmentation – Martye Griffin, MMSD</li> <li>Groundwater recharge - Jeremy Balousek, Dane Co Land &amp; Water</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>USGS monitoring - Nick Bower, CARPC</li> <li>Habitat Restoration – Dane Co. / FoBMC</li> <li>Agricultural / Urban Phosphorus Management Practices – Pat Bergen, FoBMC</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Key Discussion / Decision Points.</li> <li>The group agreed that there are a lot of commonalities between the "Low-flow depth and velocity enhancement – baseflow augmentation" which is essentially a stream restoration project and the "Habitat Restoration" project proposals. They will be combined into a joint project proposal.</li> <li>It was also noted that, according to Dane County research, historically this segment of Badger Mill Creek was a wetland rather than a stream. So, opportunities to remeander it may be limited.</li> <li>It was noted that the scope / first phase of the groundwater recharge proposal is now focused on the WGNHS groundwater model update for this area.</li> <li>It was noted that the Goose Lake – baseflow augmentation proposal includes the Quarry Ridge area and is currently estimated to provide a flow of ~ 25% of the existing effluent return. Aeration is planned to be provided to improve dissolved oxygen.</li> <li>The cost estimate for USGS monitoring was updated to \$55,000 in year 1, and \$35,000 to \$40,000 annually thereafter based on input from USGS.</li> </ul>
Straw Poll: Projects & Roles	<ul> <li>Straw Poll (non-binding) dot voting by organization for each project on:</li> <li>Organization's level of support for recommending each of the project proposals; and</li> <li>Organization's willingness to participate in each of the project proposals</li> <li>See attached photos below for result of dot voting straw poll.</li> </ul>
Next Steps	<ul> <li>No September Meeting</li> <li>Final Project Proposal Sheets due Wed., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Draft project report sent by Wed., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Next meeting scheduled for Wed., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>District presentation in late October or early November.</li> </ul>





Based on the currently available information, what is your organization's level of support for recommending each of the project proposals listed below:



Based on the currently available information, what is your organization's willingness to participate in each of the project proposals defined as follows:

**Lead:** Will contribute staff time and other resources to make this project happen **Supporting:** Will provide advice, consultation, or letters of support, but no resources.

Not participating: Will not help move this project forward

