

From: Mary Macht-Brooks <mmbmad8488@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 5:08 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner Lagoon

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Please "pass " what is needed to allow dredging of Warner Parks lagoon.

Thanks,
Mary Macht-Brooks
Northside resident

From: Mary Daniels <daniels.11@me.com>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Mary Daniels <daniels102@gmail.com>
Subject: Cleaning Warner Park pond.

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Please follow through with dredging the Warner Park Lagoon for a healthy environment for the wildlife that live there.

A lot of fish died in February because the pond completely froze over and the fish were not able to get enough oxygen to live. There is not enough light for the plants under the water to produce enough oxygen for the fish to survive.

Thank you, Mary Daniels

From: Lynn Fry <lfry3638@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 9:15 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dredging of Warner park lagoon

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Hello,

I am writing in support of dredging the lagoon at Warner park. The park is an important part of our northside neighborhood. The fish in the lagoon support families who eat the fish as a part of their everyday diet, and the health of the pond creates a more enjoyable experience in the park.

Thank you for your support of this valuable resource!

Lynn Fry

From: Julia Cechvala <jrichards@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 9:41 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Please invest in cleaning up Warner pond

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for the recommendations resulting from the study of water quality at Warner pond. Carp management, stormwater catch basins, and dredging could greatly improve the health of the ecosystem in Warner pond and prevent the sad and stinky annual fish kills. The pond and park are a natural gem for the city and need our investment and protection. Study alone is insufficient; now it is time to take action to restore this valuable water resource.

Thank you,

\Julia Richards

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From: Barbara Karlen <barbara.j.karlen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Water quality in Warner Park Lagoons

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PLEASE authorize dredging of the Warner Park Lagoons. It is a sickening sight and a sickening smell , and surely poses health risks to the dogs that use the dog park, which the lagoon runs through.

Barbara Karlen

barbara.j.karlen@gmail.com

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From: Kester, Dolores

Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 12:22 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: John Abbas <syedfordistrict12@gmail.com>; ? Lynette Jandl <lynettejandl@gmail.com>; CAROLYN RUMPH <br0wnsugar@charter.net>; 'Chet Hermansen' <chetherm@hotmail.com>; Chris Elholm <chris.elholm@gmail.com>; Kester, Dolores <dakester@sbcglobal.net>; Jennifer Argelander <jargelander@yahoo.com>; Justin Dobson <dobsonpropertymanagement@gmail.com>; Lesleigh Luttrell <lesleigh.luttrell@gmail.com>; Michelle Martin <mlmart29@yahoo.com>; Pat Tuchscherer <pattuch@gmail.com>; Renee Walk <renee.a.walk@gmail.com>

Subject: please follow your report recommendations and clean up the water in Warner Lagoon--vote to implement this report Agenda Item 15 @ your meeting 4-14-21

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Hello Parks Commissioners:

Your report is a good one, why has no dredging been done to clear the sediment in and around Warner Lagoon and connecting waterways?

Please! Do your due diligence, implement the report, dredge the sediment, and clean up the water in Warner Park and Warner Lagoon.

The fish are dying for lack of oxygen! This should tell you something.

This dredging and water cleanup are long overdue—for the fish, for all who fish there, for all neighbors of the park, for the entire Northside and East Side, for all residents of Madison.

Please act now!

Respectfully,

Dolores Kester

Aldermanic District 12

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Madison WI 53704

From: Berta Nelson <bertamae20@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner Park, Item 15 on April 14, 2021 agenda

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To whom this may concern,

As a Northside Madison resident for more than 45 years, we have a personal and vested interest in Warner Park. It is one of the most beautiful and nature-laden parks in our city, and we take great pride and much personal enjoyment from spending time or just driving by there every day.

After reading the excellent article in The Northside News, we were made aware of the fact that this year's fish die off was exorbitant, and the reasons why this happens. As you may be aware, over the years this man made lagoon has filled with run-off sludge, and, combined with the seasonal lowering of the water level in Lake Mendota, the water and oxygen levels are too low to support the fish that are trying to survive in the lagoon.

There are also other species who depend on a healthy water supply at the park, such as beavers, sand hill cranes, many nesting birds, and our new pair of bald eagles who are nesting on the island!

Just the other day when we were there, I thought to myself what a crime it would be to let this very ecologically AND commercially valuable property (the Madison Mallards home) decay into a stagnant cesspool.

So, we're telling you, the dredging of the Warner Park lagoon NEEDS to happen ASAP to preserve one of Madison's priceless gems. We KNOW it's expensive, but it's of the utmost importance that it gets done. PLEASE.

Sincerely,
Rick and 'Berta Nelson
10 Hallows Circle
Madison

From: Alisha Steele <steele1of12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 5:10 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner Lagoon

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I live near Warner Park and I just want to let you know that I am in favor of the planned dredging of the lagoon as part of a plan to improve the water quality. The fish die offs are just awful and impact our quality of life as well as affecting wildlife.

Thank you for doing the study and making this plan.

Sincerely,

Alisha Steele

From: Julie <jesparks55@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 6:44 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner park lagoon dredging

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I would like to ask the city to follow up on the recommendations to improve water quality at Warner park lagoon with dredging. Over the years it has become more and more apparent that the lagoon is filling with run off from the city streets creating layers of sludge which in turn prevents plant growth and oxygen production for fish. We witnessed another large fish die off this spring after they suffocated due to lack of oxygen over the winter when the lagoon froze. The health of this lagoon also affects the health of Lake Mendota. It is time to act. Thank you.
Respectfully submitted. Julie Sparks

From: Patrick Hasburgh <patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Comments for April 14th Parks Commission Meeting - Re: Warner Lagoon

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Hello Parks Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed plan to restore the very degraded Warner Park Lagoon. I am very much in support of this project and hope it can move forward soon.

The Warner Park lagoon is a rare feature and invaluable resource within the Madison parks system and needs to be protected. Many northsiders fish to feed their families and a good number of them do so from shore. Improving fish habitat in the Warner Lagoon will greatly improve shore fishing opportunities in a part of town where such locations are sorely lacking. As

part of its commitment to equity, the City of Madison should pursue all feasible options to restore outdoor recreational opportunities in neighborhoods and communities that need them most. Besides fish, the lagoon also supports a wide variety of wildlife species. Birds and other wildlife abound year-round. Northsiders and folks who travel from all over the area enjoy the natural bounty Warner Park has to offer.

Every year the Warner Lagoon restoration is delayed is another year of heartbreaking fish kills and their wonderful stench that greets us with each spring. Not to mention the pollution that continues to enter our precious lakes. The City report says the entire cost of renovating the lagoon with all the bells and whistles will cost \$4.6 million dollars. That's a lot of money to be sure but Dane County officials should also have a stake in this project. These waters connect everyone in Dane County and aspects of the proposed lagoon could fit nicely with Dane County's "Suck the Muck" efforts.

If there's one thing this pandemic has taught us, it's the importance of having access to quality outdoor recreation opportunities. Warner Park is a little-known gem in the Madison parks system with the potential to be a crown jewel if it can get the attention it deserves. Our leaders need to find the political will to come together and make this important project a priority.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Patrick Hasburgh

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From: Jill Andersen <jill.andersen@outlook.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 4:33 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: April 14, 2021 Virtual Meeting 6:30 pm - Improve Water Quality in Warner Pond

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

I am emailing my support for dredging to improve water quality at the Warner Pond. Since the City of Madison commissioned a study about water quality, concluding that dredging the pond is the most expensive but most necessary part of a plan to improve water quality in the Warner Lagoon, please follow through after paying consultants to plan the dredging.

Support the North Side by approving the dredging.

Sincerely,

Jill Andersen

1953 Sachtjen St.

Madison, WI 53704

From: Steven Hurst <shursti79@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 5:20 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Warner Park Lagoon Project

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Dear Warner Park Commission Member's, hello ! Thank you for the work you do to enhance the quality of life for the Citizen's of Dane County and our visitor's. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Steve Hurst. I live on Windom Way on the south east corner of Warner Park and can view it from the house. The park is a real unique City treasure as it offers our community so many multiple everyday uses year round. Our folks bought a new house back in 1965 that over looked the Park from Randy Lane. So as we grew up this special park became our back yard play ground. Over 17 plus year's ago our Father at the age of 70, Jack Hurst got involved with the Warner Lagoon Project working with many like minded individuals to help stop the run off pollution into the Lagoon. Dad has always been a conservation minded person much like Aldo Leopold was. He and I are both Yahara Fishing Club members. He was a former President and board member of that great YFC organization. He thinks about our use or abuse of the land, air, and water and comes up with solutions for a better practice. He is like the "Lorax of the Warner Lagoon". What about the water, fish, and all the living creature's connected to this habitat including people ? Jack asked me to come down to the park 3 weeks ago and look with him at the water edge. So being the good son I went over with him to the two ditches surrounding the shelter house. There were thousands of dead fish along the shore ! He said, this is not the worst I have seen believe it or not, but, we have to do something about this right now ! So, I started to count dead fish. There were 1,978 ! The species are listed from highest kill to lowest kill: Bluegill, Sunfish, Golden Shiner, Black Crappie, Largemouth Blackbass, +Black Bullhead, Carp, Dog Fish, Yellow Perch, and Northern Pike. By my calculation's I estimate a 80 to 95 % fish kill on the 27 acres at Warner Park. Thousands and thousands of fish died from this Winter kill. This last week two large Snapping Turtle's died that were twice the size of a basketball in diameter. Many of us have read the free Community Newspaper, "Northside News" April/May 2021. In this month's paper was a excellent article written by a neighbor Patrick Hasburgh close City resident to Warner park and Wild Warner member. He wrote what was true about our park,

that Spring stinks: the smell of rotting fish is a sure but not inevitable sign of Spring at Warner Park. If you have a chance please read his article, as it is the spot on truth ! The Warner Park Lagoon Restoration Project has everything in place. The meetings, discussions, listening, recording of information, and contacting of key individuals involved to get this project off the ground moving forward has been done. It is time for action folks ! My pitch and message to the Commission is to make history, be proactive, and release the money funds now to finish the Warner Park project ! Great water means everyone wins. Allowing the spending of money is simple common sense action to progressively go "Forward" like our Wisconsin motto is all about ! This is what is needed now: Carp barrier installation's at the Lake Mendota inlet, installations of three additional stormwater catch basins in our streets, and Dredging of the lagoon to a depth of 8' to 15' in some areas to support healthy fish populations, aquatic weed habitat, and spawning grounds. When I swam there as a kid the lagoon was 8' to 15' deep straight south of Kwik-Trip on Northport Drive. There were springs in the lagoon which the sedimentation has long since buried in that basin. You could feel the cold current of spring water on your feet, legs, and skin while swimming there as it would cycle through then pass and come back later. Dredging can hopefully unplug those springs which will greatly improve the water quality that has been lost for so many years. I would like my Dad at age 87 who has been leading the Warner Lagoon restoration project to see it's completion before he is gone. As it has been a important passion of his and another part of his conservation legacy to the City of Madison and Dane County. So there are many of us that speak for the "Water." The Once-ler's of the world have done their damage to our environment. We now have a duty to the future residents of Madison to fix the damage that was done to our Lagoon. We have the ability, technology, knowledge, and finance resources to get this done. Commission, please support the Warner Lagoon Project and say, yes to releasing the money to start now. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak and express my knowledge and viewpoint. Much appreciated ! Thanks again for all the work you do for the Citizen's of if Madison and greater Dane County area. Best wishes getting this great project started and finished for all of us to enjoy ! Sincerely, Steven J. Hurst retired Art Teacher Frank Allis Elementary MMSD.

From: Earth Guardians Madison, WI <earthguardians.madisonwi@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:11 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Follow Through with Improving Warner Park Lagoon!

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Dear Parks Commission,

We support the improvement and management of Warner Park Lagoon, for the wildlife and ecological well-being, as well as that of the people who fish in those waters for their families. We plead you to not treat this and the Northside as an afterthought any longer. Re-install the gate, manage the carp, and dredge the pollutants out of the water to help return it to a more balanced, vibrant environment and community.

If you and your family were the fish in those waters, or the people fishing for food for their families in the summer, I'm guessing there would be no questioning what to do or when. The time is NOW.

Bless the water with care as the water is life.

Thank you warmly,

Earth Guardians Madison, WI

From: Joan A Bell-Kaul <joan.bellkaul@wisc.edu>

Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:40 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Approval of the Proposed Dredging Project at the Warner Park Lagoon

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To: Parks Dept. City of Madison and All Alders, City of Madison: RE/PROPOSAL 15

I am writing to add my support-among that of many others- for approval of PROPOSAL 15, to dredge the Warner Park Lagoon.

This must be done in order to increase water flow and clarity and SUSTAIN the health-and lives- of the fish and other wildlife that need this water in order to survive.

The current state of this lagoon is lethal for fish and many other species who depend on it to sustain their lives. Its condition is deplorable and must be addressed.

Money can be found for other projects far less important than THIS one, so it is my hope that this project will not only be approved, but ALSO "followed through."

Respectfully,

Joan Bell-Kaul, Ph.D.

UW-English Dept.

LEAD for the ENVIRONMENTAL/NATURE GROUP on the NEXTDOOR MADISON NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE (135 members, currently)

From: Meyer, Dave

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:49 AM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Warner Park Lagoon

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Hi,

I saw that, this week, you were going to review and possibly accept a report on the condition of the lagoon at Warner Park, and possibly dredging and cleaning it up.

I believe this has been a long time coming. Each year the overwinter fish kill is significant, the cold weather and ice thickness this year seems to really caused an alarming number of fish to die.

In addition, since 2008 (yes, 2008!) an area to the south of the park has been plagued by a high water table. Many of my neighbors in single family homes, rental units and a major Northside business have incurred thousands and thousands of dollars in damage and expense. Deepening portions of the lagoon could allow the area to take in more water and possibly ease the flooding over here.

Our wonderful park and the water that flows into it have been ignored for too long.

Please accept a plan and actually find the funds to expedite it as soon as possible. Find partners, with County, State DNR and US Govt. if possible!

Thank you,

Dave Meyer
Calypso Road, Madison

From: Philip James <pajames03@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:58 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner Lagoon Water Quality Planning Final Report

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Dear Parks Commission,

I am writing on behalf of the Yahara Fishing Club regarding the Warner Park Lagoon Project final report. The Yahara Fishing Club strongly supports the acceptance of the report and the implementation of the recommendations it contains. The Club has been heavily invested in the development of this project, particularly through the work of Jack Hurst.

The Warner Park Lagoon is a valuable resource for the northeast neighborhoods and for the city as a whole, providing an accessible natural area for all to enjoy. For over 25 years the Yahara Fishing Club has sponsored a Kids Fishing Day at Warner Park that serves over 250 local children per year with free

fishing equipment and instruction. As such the health and fishability of the lagoon is critical to our charitable mission.

We particularly want to strongly support the dredging proposals included in the report. While we recognize that this is the most expensive part of the improvement plan, and that the city budget has been hurt by the Covid pandemic, the effectiveness of other proposed improvements are very much dependent on the dredging. We feel that this is the most important aspect of the improvement and feel that it should be carried out as proposed, even if finances require a delay.

Thank you for your consideration,

Philip James, President

Yahara Fishing Club

Beginning of String

From: Oele, Daniel L - DNR <Daniel.Oele@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:46 PM

To: Kurt Welke <kurtontheriver@gmail.com>; Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Steve Gaffield <sgaffield@eorinc.com>; Dave Marshall <underh2ohab@mhtc.net>; Knepp, Eric <EKnepp@cityofmadison.com>; Schmidt, Janet <jschmidt@cityofmadison.com>; Patrick Hasburgh <patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Warner lagoon water quality report - restoration plan

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Parks Commission,

My name is Dan Oele, I am the current fish biologist for Dane County and started as Kurt was retiring. I have assumed his duties including a keen interest in seeing Warner Lagoon improved for the actively involved local community as well as the ecological function of the waterbody. This process is nearly two decades in the making and has been exhaustive, thorough, and transparent with many stakeholders involved at each and every step along the way.

A safe and enjoyable place for people to walk along a publicly owned shoreline is a valuable commodity and Warner Lagoon offers a rare opportunity for this body and community. It is most valuable when the condition of the Lagoon enables the most people to enjoy the multitude of recreational (active and passive) opportunities. The Lagoon's current condition is shallow, silty, nutrient-laden, often succumbs to winter fish kills (stinky rotten fish each spring), and regular blue green algae outbreaks in summer all of which severely limit the utilization of the resource by the public whether it be fishing, swimming, dog walking, paddling, etc.

TI look forward to continue to work with you in the future as this process continues.

Dan

We are committed to service excellence.

Visit our survey at <http://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey> to evaluate how I did.

Dan Oele

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From: Kurt Welke <kurtontheriver@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:06 PM

To: pacommission@cityofmadison.com

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Subject: Warner lagoon water quality report - restoration plan

To the Park Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the adoption process of the Warner lagoon water quality report, aka, the restoration plan document.

My name is Kurt Welke. I am a northside resident of 1409 LakeView avenue. I served as the Wisconsin DNR Fisheries manager for Dane county from 2000-2016. Upon assuming the duties of that position, I was the account manager for funds paid from an enforcement action which were earmarked for "work within the lake Mendota watershed". Beginning in 2001, I chose to direct efforts on the Warner lagoon as a significant local urban fisheries asset. With assistance from City Engineering and the Madison Fishing Expo, several stormwater features were added along the park's north and eastern stormwater delivery conduits in an effort to mitigate runoff issues.

During the ensuing years, I partnered with the Madison Fishing Expo and the Yahara Fishing Club (YFC) in many smaller projects to upgrade the lagoon as a recreational resource. It has served as the site of the YFC annual kids fishing day for many years, with the event typically hosting 300+ kids each year. While good things occurred in the period 2001-2013, the major issue limiting any significant progress was the lack of a comprehensive documentation of the lagoons' challenges, opportunities, limitations, and potential alternatives to address water quality and thus potential recreational enhancement that could be realized IF the lagoon were improved.

In essence, job 1 in the lagoon is to improve water quality. Doing so will proffer conditions that allow for the establishment of healthy aquatic vegetation, control of nuisance carp, augmentation of a recreational fishery, improved user access, and control of nutrient and sediment loading.

Before you is a document which can serve as the necessary roadmap to accomplish those goals. It is based on substantial field work, data collection and analysis, complimented by substantial professional engineering, biological, and water quality experience and expertise. The document has been thoroughly and transparently shared, edited, and negotiated with all stakeholders. Most

importantly, the report has cost and time information which allow for budgeting, bidding and construction of the identified and prioritized actions therein.

While this process was lengthy and complicated by multiple issues over the course of 2 decades, we are at a point where your adoption, advocacy and encouragement can drive a significant effort to improve a valuable asset and public amenity.

I urge your adoption of the plan and thank you for helping to see this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

Kurt Welke

End of String

From: Oele, Daniel L - DNR <Daniel.Oele@wisconsin.gov>

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The plan before you offers a socially acceptable and ecologically sound framework to achieve a variety of goals related to improving the water quality and public utilization of the Lagoon. Recognizing the thorough work and commitment of all those involved to this point is the next step to improving the Lagoon and I urge you to adopt this plan.

I look forward to continue to work with you in the future as this process continues.

Dan

Beginning of Email String

From: Schmidt, Janet

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:14 PM

To: 'Steve Gaffield' <sgaffield@eorinc.com>; Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Kurt Welke <kurtontheriver@gmail.com>; Dave Marshall - Underwater Habitat Investigations LLC (underh2ohab@mhtc.net) <underh2ohab@mhtc.net>

Subject: RE: Warner Lagoon Water Quality Planning Final Report

Thank you Steve for the comments.

From: Steve Gaffield <sgaffield@eorinc.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:01 PM

To: Schmidt, Janet <jschmidt@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Kurt Welke <kurtontheriver@gmail.com>; Dave Marshall - Underwater Habitat Investigations LLC (underh2ohab@mhtc.net) <underh2ohab@mhtc.net>

Subject: RE: Warner Lagoon Water Quality Planning Final Report

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Janet,

Please pass along these comments to the Parks Commission (or let me know if I should copy them directly).

My name is Steve Gaffield, and I am a water resources engineer for Emmons & Olivier Resources that worked on the Warner Lagoon feasibility study. I am also a resident of the east side of Madison and an occasional user of Warner Park. During the feasibility study project, I was extremely impressed by the dedication of stakeholders who have worked for years to improve Warner Lagoon. The lagoon provides passive recreation, nature viewing and fishing opportunities readily accessible to many City residents, however water quality and habitat impacts reduce these opportunities. The plan for Warner Lagoon is based on state of the art of fisheries management, rigorous engineering feasibility analysis, and extensive stakeholder input. It is clear that the community support to implement and maintain the measures recommended in the report are in-place, and I urge you to adopt this plan.

Thank you,

Steve Gaffield, PhD, PE, CFM

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My work schedule may be different than yours. Please do not feel obligated to respond outside your regular work hours.

From: Schmidt, Janet <jschmidt@cityofmadison.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 12:10 PM

To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>; Kemble, Rebecca <district18@cityofmadison.com>; 'Kurt Welke' <kurtontheriver@gmail.com>; 'patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com' <patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com>; 'Oele, Daniel L - DNR' <Daniel.Oele@wisconsin.gov>; 'Matthews, Weston K - DNR' <weston.matthews@wisconsin.gov>; Ramminger, Allen J - DNR <Allen.Ramminger@wisconsin.gov>; Michael Rewey <hiwayman@chorus.net>; 'timothydavidnelson@gmail.com' <timothydavidnelson@gmail.com>; 'wolf.kathlean@zoho.com' <wolf.kathlean@zoho.com>; Steve Gaffield <sgaffield@eorinc.com>; 'lynne2133@yahoo.com' <lynne2133@yahoo.com>; 'paul_noeldner@hotmail.com' <paul_noeldner@hotmail.com>

Cc: Fries, Gregory <GFries@cityofmadison.com>; Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com>; Knepp, Eric <EKnepp@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: RE: Warner Lagoon Water Quality Planning Final Report

Good afternoon,

I wanted to give an update on this project since Sally's departure in January. We had been slightly delayed however we are looking to get the report accepted at the Park Commission on **April 14th at 6:30**. We hope that you are all able to attend this meeting to provide comments and feedback. If you have feedback PRIOR to the meeting feel free to send it along as well (Please respond to this email directly) and we can include it with the report to the Parks Commission. After the Parks Commission we will also be taking this to the Board of Public Works to accept the plan. That date is yet to be determined.

Thank you all for the tremendous amount of time and effort you have put towards the planning of the Lagoon! It's been a long journey but this document will be a wonderful tool as we move forward with projects to improve the Lagoon and Park.

Janet Schmidt, PE

Principal Engineer – Stormwater

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I am currently working remotely due to the Covid-19 response recommendations.

Thank you for your patience.

Please note some City offices currently closed to the public due to COVID-19, but most staff is still working. See our website (link below) for the most up to date information on how to best continue working with each department.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/health-safety/coronavirus/service-updates>

From: Swenson, Sally <sswenson@cityofmadison.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:37 PM

To: Abbas, Syed <district12@cityofmadison.com>; Kemble, Rebecca <district18@cityofmadison.com>; 'Kurt Welke' <kurtontheriver@gmail.com>; 'patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com' <patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com>; 'Oele, Daniel L - DNR' <Daniel.Oele@wisconsin.gov>; 'Matthews, Weston K - DNR' <weston.matthews@wisconsin.gov>; Ramminger, Allen J - DNR <Allen.Ramminger@wisconsin.gov>; Michael Rewey <hiwayman@chorus.net>; 'timothydavidnelson@gmail.com' <timothydavidnelson@gmail.com>; 'wolf.kathlean@zoho.com' <wolf.kathlean@zoho.com>; 'sgaffield@eorinc.com' <sgaffield@eorinc.com>; 'lynne2133@yahoo.com' <lynne2133@yahoo.com>; 'paul_noeldner@hotmail.com' <paul_noeldner@hotmail.com>

Cc: Schmidt, Janet <jschmidt@cityofmadison.com>; Fries, Gregory <gfries@cityofmadison.com>; Freiwald, Ann <AFreiwald@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Warner Lagoon Water Quality Planning Final Report

Good Evening Stakeholders,

First, I'd like to apologize for the extreme delay in getting this Final Planning Report written. However, it is finally done and can be found on our FTP site.

To access the FTP site, follow this link: <ftp://ftp.cityofmadison.com/>

Login: cityftp

Password: 2upload!

Navigate to Folder: Warner Lagoon Water Quality Planning Final Report

This report is for you to have and enjoy and read when you need help sleeping, but it's not open for comment. Not because I don't welcome all of your comments, but because I'm leaving City Engineering, and I don't have time to change it, or go through another round of public comment. There is nothing in this report that will be surprising to anyone. Everything being suggested is what has been thoroughly

discussed and voted on. The request for additional dredging, which came up after the second public meeting, can be accommodated and is noted in the text of the report.

Although the report text will not be revised, if anyone or any group would like to submit FORMAL comments, please do so in the form of a letter or email to Janet Schmidt, whose contact information is below. Janet will include these submission in the Public Comment Appendix, which will be a “living” section to record any changes in sentiment towards projects. The final report will be introduced to the Board of Park Commissioners and the Board of Public works for acceptance and at that point it will be considered final. These meetings are scheduled for February, but may be subject to change. Feedback may also be provided at that time and additional comments that were not included in this document will be read or provided to those bodies for consideration. Additionally, everyone will have the opportunity to comment further when these construction projects can eventually be implemented.

So, that brings us to the topic that I’m confident is on everyone’s mind: Next Steps. As I’m sure everyone can understand, budgets are tight right now, and the August 2018 storm revealed issues that need immediate attention for the safety of our neighbors. Janet has included \$300,000 in the 2023 budget for Warner Lagoon. No specific project has been identified at this time. This money is not guaranteed, but I allows us to start some project planning. A new Warner Lagoon project manager will kick off that process in the relatively near future.

We’ve received comments about the possibility of private fundraising for lagoon improvements. We would welcome this effort, and support it in any way we can. However, City Engineering will not be spearheading a private fundraising effort; it would have to be led by members of the public and would require discussions on how that would be set up to accept donations.

Thank you all again for making the Warner Lagoon Water Quality Planning effort interesting and rewarding. I look forward to seeing improvements in the near future.

Finally, if anyone has Jack’s address, I will mail him a hardcopy.

Please send formal comments to : Janet Schmidt, Stormwater Utility Principal Engineer

210 MLK Jr. Blvd., Room 115

Madison, WI 53701

jschmidt@cityofmadison.com

Thanks and be well,

Sally Swenson, P.E.

City of Madison - Engineering Division

210 MLK Jr. Blvd., Room 115

Madison, WI 53703

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From: Topf Wells <topfwells@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:02 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Patrick Hasburgh <patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com>
Subject: Warner Park Lagoon Restoration Plan

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Members of the Madison Park Commission

Please support the Warner Park Lagoon Restoration Plan on your 4/14/21 agenda.

The value of the lagoon and its wetlands to the fish and wildlife of Lake Mendota and to its human neighbors was recognized and acted on decades ago. Public agencies, conservation organizations, and residents of the North Side knew the area to be an important spawning ground for Lake Mendota fish and a wonderful place to fish and enjoy nature. Preserving that habitat and securing those recreational opportunities were the reasons those lands were purchased.

Years of development and inadequate control of run-off and stormwater have horribly degraded the waters and the public's enjoyment of the resource.

Many residents of the North Side and grassroots conservation organizations such as Wild Warner and the Yahara Fishing Club have worked with City staff for years to create a practical, holistic, comprehensive, and sustainable plan to restore the Lagoon. It will re-vitalize spawning habitat for fish, restore healthier wetlands with many native flora and fauna, and provide excellent shore fishing and other outdoor recreation for neighbors and visitors.

Please give this plan your full and enthusiastic support.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Topf Wells

From: tparker23@charter.net <tparker23@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:01 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner Park Lagoon

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Dear Park Commission Members,

I am writing to you to express my support for the City of Madison Warner Park Lagoon Restoration Plan. This restoration work is long overdue and much needed to preserve this ecosystem in our city let alone this gem of a park. Please do whatever you can to make this restoration a reality soon. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Parker

From: John Lyons <jdlyons@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:35 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: patrick.hasburgh@gmail.com
Subject: Warner Park Lagoon Restoration Plan

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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly urge you to support the proposed Warner Park Lagoon Restoration Plan. As a professional fish biologist, I think the plan is a well-crafted approach to rehabilitating a degraded aquatic habitat that has great potential recreational value to the Madison community. The lagoon, if properly restored and managed, could become a fishing destination for families.

Sincerely,

John Lyons

John Lyons, Ph.D.

Curator of Fishes

University of Wisconsin Zoological Museum

<https://uwzm.integrativebiology.wisc.edu/>

jdlyons@wisc.edu

From: Lorraine Meyer <ronlor.meyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner Park Lagoon

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I want to register my strong support for the Warner Park Lagoon Project. This is a very important project to improve the quality of the lagoon, Lake Mendota and Warner Park in general. Please take action to prevent further damage to the lagoon. Thank you. Lorraine and Ronald Meyer

POST MEETING COMMENTS

From: Steph Lauer <stephlauer916@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 5:51 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for Dredging

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Hello,

I would like to send my support for dredging and improving water quality at Warner Park. Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do to make this position known.

Thank you!

Stephanie Lauer

Brentwood Village

1406 Pleasure Dr, Madison, WI 53704

From: Kevin Rowe <rowe.kr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Warner Park dredging

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I think I'm a few days late after the city meeting, but I would like to register my support of dredging the Warner Park lagoon. This is an important fish and wildlife habitat that needs maintenance, the spring evidence of the fish kill clearly shows a habitat in need.

I'm a nearby resident in the Mendota Hills neighborhood, and want to see this park cared for, for the sake of the resident bald eagles, cranes, herons, and the fish population which serves as nursery to the lakes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Rowe
