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Vilas Park statue should be preserved -- Craig Deller

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Support is growing for the preservation of the Annie C. Stewart Memorial Fountain in Vilas Park. This long neglected and often vandalized sculpture is a part of Madison history, and one of our oldest (if not the oldest) commissioned works of public art.

Public art punctuates our surroundings. It reminds us of important moments in history, and it honors the fallen. It makes us smile in parks and squares and captures our attention in underpasses and stations. Unlike its privileged cousins housed in the controlled confines of art museums, public art contends with the world at large.

The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation is 100 percent behind the preservation and conservation of this wonderful sculpture and encourages the entire Madison community to join us.

-- Craig Deller, Madison, director of communications, Madison Trust for Historic