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**To:** Hoffman, Jeanne

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Hello, Jeanne,

I was looking at the sustainability plan online. Is it finalized?

I will respond to the survey when I have read all.

In the meantime, I have one comment:

The Odana Infiltration Project is mentioned in the plan. However, it is not a model of sustainability, and should be removed from the Sustainability Plan.

In short, the Odana Project is extremely wasteful of energy, and is pumping polluted water into the ground (50 million gallons a year). Back in 2008, the groundwater near the project exceeded the "action levels" for salt. The Friends of Lake Wingra have exposed the flaws of this project. The DNR should have taken action back in 2008, but still have not done so.

For full details, about pumping water polluted with salt at Odana, see: <http://greenermadison.blogspot.com/p/odana-controversy.html>

Another thing that isn't sustainable about the Odana project--is that it doesn't address the root cause of the salt problem, which is salt overuse on the West Side. This project is basically, a giant, clunky, inefficient, centralized rain garden. Natural, dispersed rain gardens would be far more sustainable.

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