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Cc: [Sarah Gaskell](#)
Subject: RE: SWNDP proposed shared-use path
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Hello Jeff,

Thanks for explaining the thinking behind proposing this shared-use path. There would be connectivity benefits but this seems pretty challenging.

Please consider changing the plan language to something like:

A study is proposed to evaluate the feasibility of a shared-use path in the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District interceptor project corridor (described in the Sanitary Sewer Service section on page 16), which will be located along Lower Badger Mill Creek between Nor-Del Hill Road and Rolling Meadow Road.

I think this reflects the uncertainty around this trail segment that you express in your comments.

I think we don't need a meeting at this time. I added more detailed comments below. Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,

Tom

I live just north of the stream (red dot). Yesterday two engineers from the sewer project met at my neighbor's house (green dot) and we walked much of the ravine. Based on the terrain, the engineers were thinking that something like the route shown in yellow might be the preferred route. This is my rough diagram and has not been checked by anyone.



This route would involve two channel crossings, shown in blue (more conceptual than precise locations). For the permanent sewer access, they said these crossing would probably be fords – rocks put across the stream bed to allow a vehicle (ATV) to cross.

For a shared-use path, presumably these would need to be bridges or other structures. One difficulty for these structures, as well as for the path throughout the ravine, would be surviving the tremendous amount of water that rushes through here during spring thaws and other flood events. For example, I took the attached photo during a spring thaw in 2018 looking southwest from the location shown by the yellow dot. Downstream from this area, the water velocity increases because the slope is steeper and the ravine is narrower.

Another concern would be the safety of a path intersection with Shady Oak Lane. This would be on the inside of a downhill curve. Cars tend to speed through here and cyclists from the path would not necessarily stop before continuing on the road.

From: [Greger, Jeffrey](#)

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 9:14 AM

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Tom,

The proposed path (adjacent to the MMSD sewer interceptor) addition to the Shady Wood Plan was requested by Madison's Transportation Policy and Planning Board at our informational presentation on October 10. The inclusion of the proposed path in the plan will allow for the evaluation of the feasibility of a path along the sewer corridor. From early discussions with MMSD the current alignment shown in the plan will be very difficult to achieve. MMSD indicated that they will be exploring alternative sewer alignments that may be less disruptive to Town residents. We will have to wait and see if any of the alternative routes would be conducive to routing a path.

MMSD passed along concerns about the alignment of the path and the adjacency to Town residents. Our intention is to work with the Town, Town residents, MMSD and other interested parties to see if we can achieve an alignment that works for everyone as this proposed path will be another way to connect residents to the Ice Age Trail corridor.

As more is known about the alignment of the MMSD sewer and the feasibility of a path I think it would make sense to meet with Town staff/representatives to discuss the potential path and see if there are ways the Town, City, and MMSD can collaborate on a potential path in this area. If you would like to meet sooner to discuss let us know and we can setup a meeting.

Jeff

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Hello Kirstie and Jeff,

It looks like this proposed shared-use path was recently added to the draft Shady Wood Neighborhood Development Plan:

From there a shared-use path is proposed to be built as part of the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District interceptor project (described in the Sanitary Sewer Service section on page 16), which will be located along Lower Badger Mill Creek between Nor-Del Hill Road and Rolling Meadow Road.

This proposed path is shown in Map 10:



Is this path being proposed as part of this plan? Or does the wording reflect a proposal from MMSD? The language seems unclear.

Has there been discussion with homeowners? Last week there was an open house for the interceptor project. My sense is that the homeowners would not support this path.

Including this path in the SWNDP could adversely impact a potential sale of one of these homes. The path would be very close to the home on Shady Oak Lane.

Best regards,

Tom Mathies
Town of Verona Supervisor