

Since returning to Madison, my partner and I have often found ourselves saying we wish more of the lakes of this town were accessible. It would be great to have more access to lakefront at evenly spread locations. We even dream about the unavailable prospect of being able to walk along larger segments of our lakes than we currently can. Though we understand the unlikelihood of acquiring MORE public lakefront, we are solidly against any reduction in that resource.

There is no general public need to drink beer in the proximity of lakes. There is nothing about that endeavor that makes it a pressing public need. There are a lot of places to drink beer outside. For those not within reach of a space where they can drink beer outside, they can drink beer inside. I like beer. I don't however, find it to be a policy driver or substantial enough reason to effectively limit access to more of our public lakes.

We're making Madison into a drinking destination. Maybe we should diversify our plan a little bit. We already have what basically amounts to a giant drinking destination surrounding State Street. We've got that covered.

Please vote against authorizing the concession at Olbrich. Let's think of something more imaginative than selling beer at this location, maybe something that provides enjoyment for broader segments of the citizenry.

Thanks
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