

# Friends of Starkweather Creek



Healing and Honoring Our People and Place  
Annual Membership Meeting  
October 23, 2018



*When one tugs  
at a single thing  
in nature, he  
finds it attached  
to the rest of the  
world*

*-John Muir,  
Wisconsin native*



# 2017 Annual Membership Meeting



October 19<sup>th</sup> 2017





## Spontaneous Restoration – November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

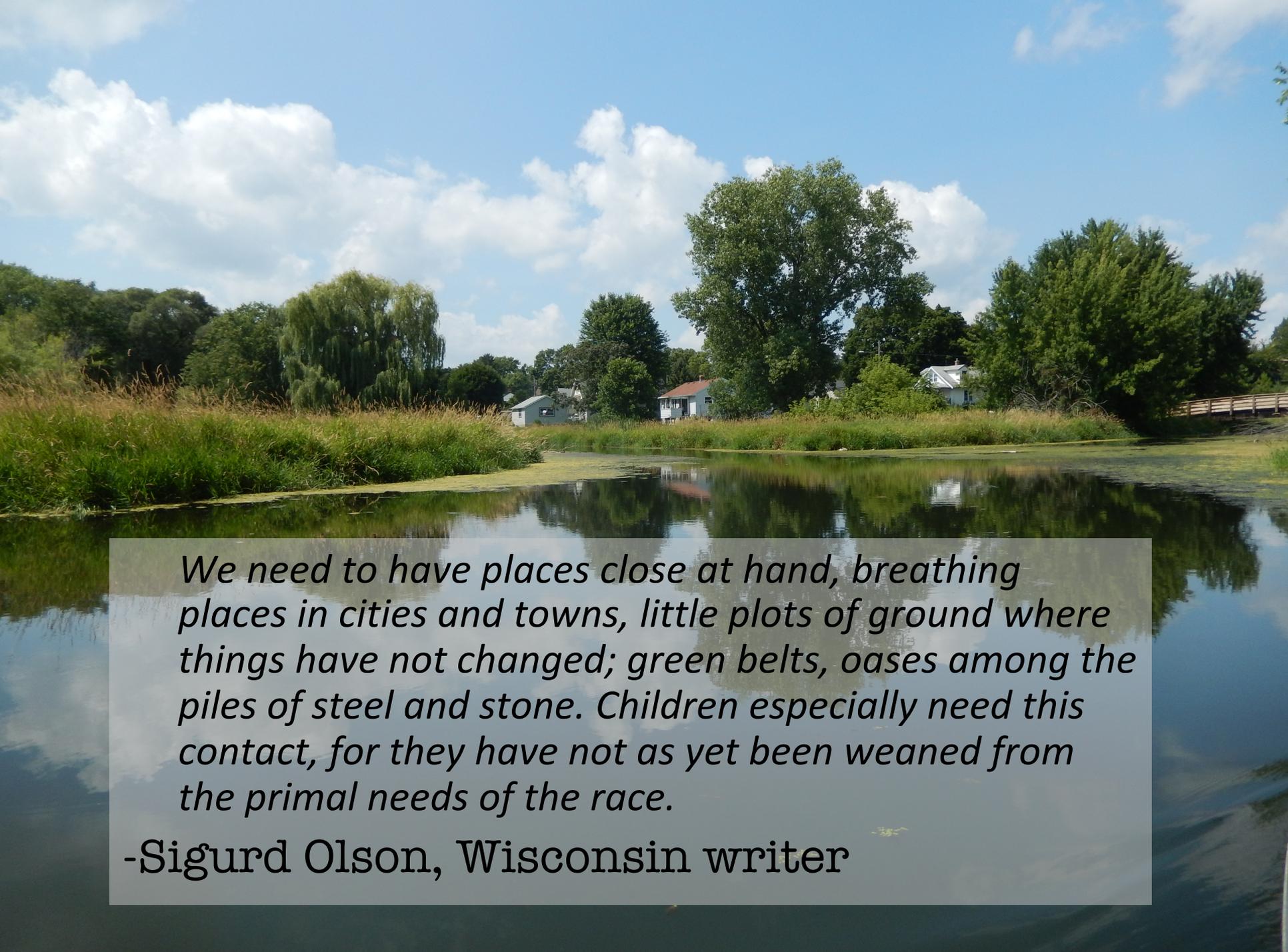
- Frank Hassler of Good Oak Ecological
- 240 native plants donated

# Madison FUN Outing December 16<sup>th</sup>



# Winter Solstice Bonfire December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017





*We need to have places close at hand, breathing places in cities and towns, little plots of ground where things have not changed; green belts, oases among the piles of steel and stone. Children especially need this contact, for they have not as yet been weaned from the primal needs of the race.*

-Sigurd Olson, Wisconsin writer

# Tour of North Plat January 18<sup>th</sup>





# Madison FUN Outing February 17<sup>th</sup>



# Madison FUN Outing March 17<sup>th</sup>



# Warner Park Birds & Nature Fest

## April 15<sup>th</sup>



# Earth Day Clean Up

## April 21<sup>st</sup>



Collaboration

FYI

Community Unity

Arts

Lake Wingra Boats

Rutabaga

Donations

Madison Sourdough

United Way



# Community Unity Arts

## April 21<sup>st</sup>





# Madison FUN Outing & Rain Garden Planting

## Washington Manor Park - May 19<sup>th</sup>



# Catfish 4H Club Paddle on May 22<sup>nd</sup>



# Madison FUN Outing June 16<sup>th</sup>







*There is a great need, and growing support, for the introduction of new values in our society—where bigger is not necessarily better—where slower can be faster—and where less can be more.*

*- Wisconsin Governor  
Senator Gaylord Nelson  
(founder of Earth Day)*



# Summer Solstice on June 24<sup>th</sup> Canoe Rides!







# Charity Beer Raffle at Dexter's Pub



July 16<sup>th</sup>



# Atwood Festival Convergence

## July 28<sup>th</sup>



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eken Park Festival

## August 18<sup>th</sup>



*We face the question whether a still higher "standard of living" is worth its cost in things natural, wild, and free*  
*-Aldo Leopold, Wisconsin native*





# Madison FUN Outing

## September 15<sup>th</sup> – Flooded Wonderland



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# Flood Restoration Planting September 30<sup>th</sup>



# Madison FUN Outing October 20<sup>th</sup>





# Healing and Honoring Our People and Place

*While I recognize the need for global support for the environment, I have always thought that the slogan 'Think Globally, Act Locally,' is an important plan of action for everyone.*

*- Republican Wisconsin Gov. Warren Knowles  
(who collaborated with Democrat Nelson on Earth Day)*





# Honoring Our People & Place





# BOATS – Additional Rack



# Goodman Summer Camp on Starkweather



# Watershed Wanders

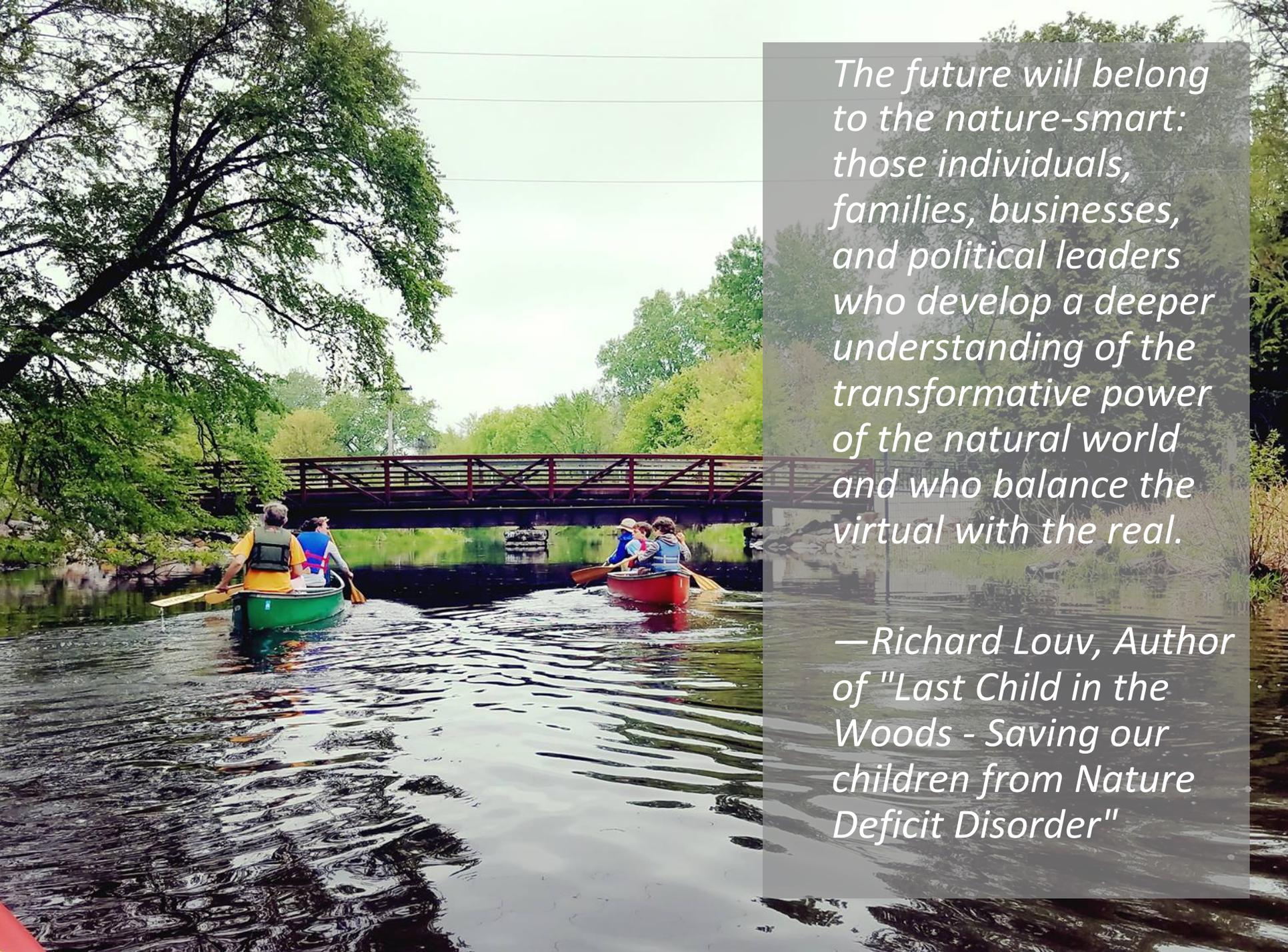


# Carl in the news



HOST.MADISON.COM

**Madison's municipal philosopher: Carl Landsness brings the moderation**



*The future will belong to the nature-smart: those individuals, families, businesses, and political leaders who develop a deeper understanding of the transformative power of the natural world and who balance the virtual with the real.*

*—Richard Louv, Author of "Last Child in the Woods - Saving our children from Nature Deficit Disorder"*



# Facebook & Newsletter



SUN, SEP 30

## Starkweather Creek Flood Restoration!

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★ Interested

Kristin and Lance

**Friends of Starkweather Creek**  
Published by Lance Green [?] · October 20 at 5:19 PM · 🌐

**LEAVES!!!!!!** Keep that phosphorus out of the lakes. Here's how...  
<https://cleanlakesalliance.org/leaves/>

**FRIENDS OF STARKWEATHER CREEK**  
Trickle Newsletter: Spring/Summer 2018

**Ecological Restoration**  
Opportunity for nature recreation

Dea Larsen Converse, Secretary

**Atwood Ave, Milwaukee Street, Garver ... and more**

*This spring season is kicking off some major changes around the creek. As a board, we are engaging with stakeholders and advocating for the creek.*

In this newsletter you will learn about the many construction projects that are going on around Starkweather Creek. Now that the Garver Feed Mill redevelopment is underway, there is a lot of pressure on this area to meet many community needs. The board is closely following the proposals and working to be sure there is a voice for the wildlife and creek as part of the process. The area around the Garver Feed Mill is precious as it represents some of the last urban wilderness we have on the near eastside. Milwaukee Street and Atwood Avenue are also undergoing reconstruction. To follow the project planning for these projects, check our Facebook page and help us provide a voice for the creek. For more information, we provide links to the presentations on page 2.

**Clean Streets P. 2**  
Learn about how to be a lake construction monitor...

**Creek Stewardship P. 3**  
Our work to monitor and enhance the creek environment...

**Community Outreach P. 5**  
Information about our monthly outings around Starkweather...

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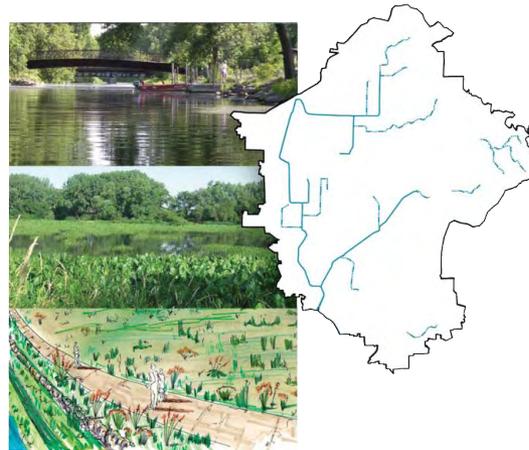
# Leaves!

## Rake them out of the street



## Starkweather Creek Watershed: *Current Conditions and Improvement Strategies in an Urban Context*

2006



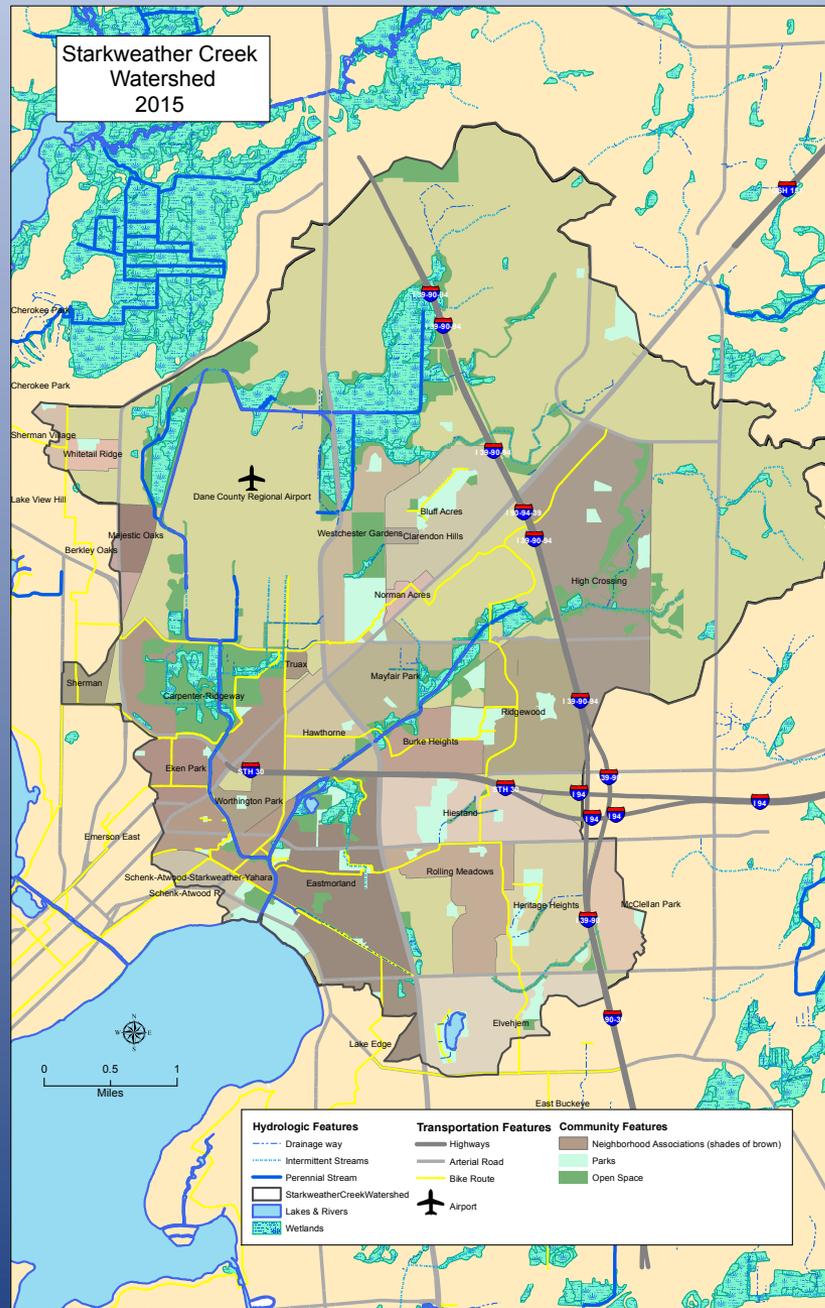
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NELSON INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON





# Watershed

- 24 Square Miles
- Largest in Madison
- Two Branches
- Low baseflow
- Channelized, degraded wetlands
- 16,500 lbs P per year to Monona





# Starkweather Treatment System

## Enhanced Phosphorus Removal from Stormwater

### - - One Approach to TMDL Compliance

August 4, 2015



Greg Fries, PE  
City of Madison  
Engineering Dept.

Jim Bachhuber, PH  
Brown and Caldwell  
Madison, WI







# Native Plant Seeding



# DNR Sediment Testing





# Creek Monitoring Study

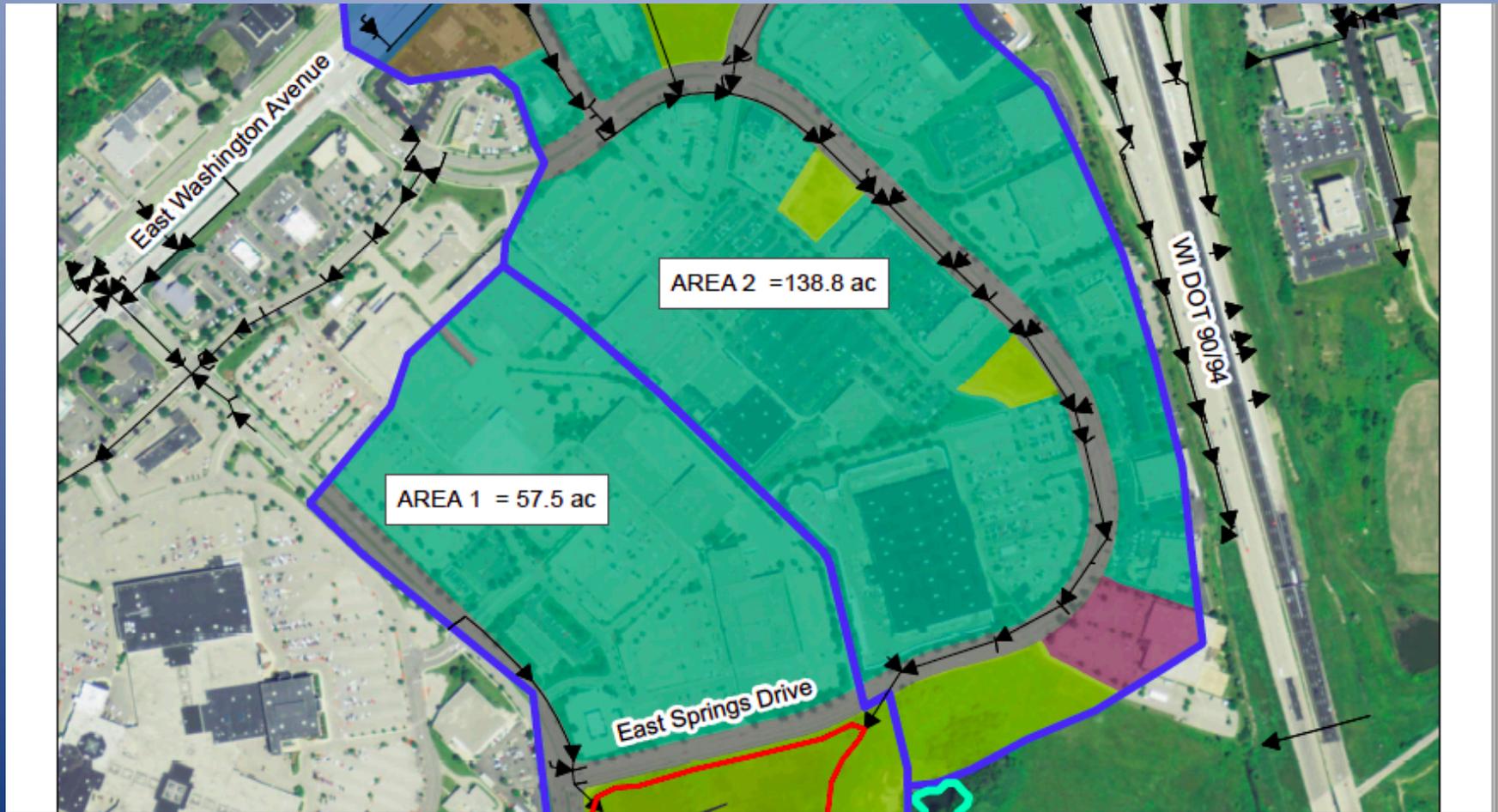
FreshWater  
Engineering  
Laura Rozumalski,  
P.E.

[www.freshwatereng.com](http://www.freshwatereng.com)

# Creek Monitoring Measuring depth



# Possible Future Project East Towne Drainage





# What's up next year?





# Future Possibilities

## HONORING OUR PEOPLE

- Connecting Kids with Nature
- New learning center at Olbrich Gardens
- New bike paths
- Collaboration with Ho-Chunk
- Co-created art
- Connections with city parks
- Collaborations with schools



# Future Possibilities

## HONORING OUR PLACE

- Working with the airport and golf course on sustainability practices
- Follow up on toxicity testing
- Creek navigability
- Explore alternatives for phosphorus reduction
- “Arboretum of the eastside”
- Leaf programs to inspire all
- Flood control restoration projects

FRIENDS OF STARKWEATHER CREEK  
FINANCIAL REPORT 10/01/2017 – 9/30/2018



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**INCOME**

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MEMBERSHIPS

25 memberships, \$1,750.00

OTHER INCOME

City Engineering 1,000.00

Donations 567.00

**TOTAL:** \$3,317.00

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**EXPENSES**

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ADMINISTRATIVE - room fees, website, paypal transaction fees, annual insurance premium, P.O. Box

Subtotal 929.98

ACTIVITIES - registrations, additional canoe racks & storage fees, rain garden expenses

Subtotal 1,029.39

**TOTAL:** \$1,956.37

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**NET INCOME** \$1,360.63

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**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

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CHECKING \$1,030.38

SAVINGS \$5,634.40

CDs \$1,295.94

PAYPAL \$546.00

**TOTAL** \$8,506.72



# Election of Officers

## Current Board

- Dea Larsen Converse (2016-2018)
- Deborah Crabtree (2016-2018)
- Lance Green (2016-2018)
- Doug Johnson (2016-2018)
- Kris Long (2017-2019)
- Carl Landsness (2016-2018)
- Paul Noeldner (2017-2019)
- Dave Pulkowski (2016-2018)
- Jeffery Steele (2017-2019)
- Theresa Vander Woude (2016-2018)

## Re-election

- Dea Larsen Converse
- Deborah Crabtree
- Lance Green
- Doug Johnson
- Carl Landsness
- Dave Pulkowski
- Theresa Vander Woude

## Nominations

- YOU!



# Enjoy the Creek!



<http://starkweatherfriends.org/>



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FriendsofStarkweatherCreek](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofStarkweatherCreek)

