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To: Property Owners along Castle Creek Greenway

Re: Castle Creek Improvements at Warner Park Tree Removal Plan Public Hearing

The City of Madison is planning a flood mitigation and channel restoration project in the Castle Creek Greenway in 2027. The project will allow the City to reach its flood mitigation targets by deepening and widening the existing channel between N Sherman Ave and Warner Lagoon and remove the existing concrete lined portions of the channel through the existing wooded area, thus further naturalizing the channel. The project will mitigate flooding to adjacent buildings and Trailway. To reach the flood targets and improve the existing channel, the City will need to remove trees within the greenway. The Stormwater Utility has worked with the City Forester and a certified Arborist to thoughtfully work to minimize tree removals with the flood mitigation project. The Stormwater Utility's plan for removing trees in the Castle Creek Greenway will be presented at the Board of Public Works on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026 at 5:30 PM., via virtual meeting.

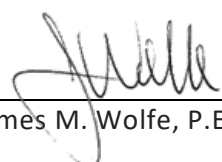
If you wish to speak at the virtual meeting, you must register in advance. You can register at www.cityofmadison.com/city-hall/committees/meeting-schedule. Registration will open once the meeting is published on the Calendar, typically around noon on the Monday preceding the meeting, which in this instance is Monday, September 21, 2026. Interested participants need to search for the date, click on the Board of Public Works meeting, then click "Register for Public Comment."

Most of the tree inventory was based on tree conditions in 2023. To ensure final design is based on current tree conditions, the City is meeting with a Certified Arborist on-site for professional input on final tree removal plan around grading boundary. Small changes may be made to removals based on review by Certified Arborist prior to the hearing. Final proposed removals will be uploaded to the project webpage, Legistar, and shared at the hearing at Board of Public Works.

If you require an interpreter, materials in alternate formats, or other accommodations to access this public hearing, please contact the Engineering Division at phone (608) 266-4751 or email us at engineering@cityofmadison.com. Please make contact at least 72 hours prior to the date of this public hearing so that we can make proper accommodations.

If you have any other questions regarding this the tree removal plan, please contact Ryan Stenjem, rstenjem@cityofmadison.com. You can learn more about the greenway project on the project website: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/castle-creek-improvements>

Sincerely,


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- x Total Tree Removals Needed for Flood Mitigation Project (212)
- x >50% Small Trees, 6 inch diameter or less (109)
- x 28% Trees Dead or Poor Condition per Certified Arborist (59)
- x 22% Invasive Trees according to WDNR (46)
- - - Updated Grading Limits - Modified Aug 2026 based on Public Input

