# Q1 Do you live adjacent to a stormwater utility owned pond or greenway? Click on this link to the online map to find out.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.25%	83
No	51.15% 1	111
I am not sure.	5.07%	11
Other	5.53%	12
TOTAL	2	217

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	live nearby	2/7/2024 12:00 PM
2	Next to one that will be part of Madison in 3 years	2/7/2024 11:42 AM
3	NO, but these structures are within my neighborhood	2/1/2024 10:23 AM
4	Greenway within short distance to retention pond	2/1/2024 8:27 AM
5	1 block away.	2/1/2024 8:18 AM
6	not adjacent but same neighborhood	2/1/2024 5:28 AM
7	M property is backed by another year that is adjacent to the greenway. There is no structure or obstruction between my property and the greenway.	1/31/2024 10:47 AM
8	Not strictly adjacent, but < 1/4 mile away and access daily for walks	1/31/2024 10:45 AM
9	Close, within a few blocks, of two, but not exactly adjacent	1/30/2024 12:37 PM
10	I live on Merry St. When it was redone, we gladly agreed to a rain garden at the dead end. I	1/29/2024 10:49 PM

was ready to help plant and tend it. What we got was a too-deep-to-tend hole that doesn't clean runoff. I'd gladly speakw. DOOE about a re-design. Karolyn: 246-0222

11	I live very close (1 block away) but not strictly adjacent	1/29/2024 5:49 PM
12	Outline of stormwater utilities was not clear, but I think we have 2 very close to us.	1/29/2024 4:02 PM
13	Close but not adjacent	1/29/2024 3:13 PM
14	nearby	1/29/2024 2:24 PM
15	No, but I walk the dog next to one daily.	1/29/2024 1:51 PM
16	Near, but not adjacent. Corner of YS and Mineral Point Road	1/29/2024 1:20 PM
17	about 200 ft away	1/29/2024 10:16 AM
18	1 house between me and Kenosha Greenway	1/27/2024 3:31 PM
19	A bit over a block away	1/24/2024 8:46 PM
20	Across street	1/24/2024 6:30 PM

# Q2 Do you volunteer on stormwater land (e.g. trash removal, remove garlic mustard, etc.)? Click on this link to an online map for information on these locations.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.26%	79
I volunteer, but not on a pond or greenway (could be a park, adopt a median, etc.)	13.21%	28
I am not sure.	0.00%	0
No	45.75%	97
Other	3.77%	8
TOTAL		212

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't but want to	2/9/2024 8:33 PM
2	I remove invasive species in the Arboretum	2/8/2024 6:41 AM
3	I'm not aware there was such a group	2/5/2024 11:29 AM
4	Was not aware of volunteers for these areas	2/1/2024 9:58 AM
5	Just moved to our home this year. Would be available to volunteer this year.	2/1/2024 8:30 AM
6	I would volunteer if made aware of opportunities	1/31/2024 11:21 PM
7	Just naturally improve the greenway when I see problemstrash, branches blocking paths etc.	1/31/2024 10:48 AM
8	No, but would be interested - never aware of opportunities	1/31/2024 10:46 AM
9	We always pick up trash when out for walks on/near s.w. land	1/30/2024 12:39 PM

10	I have volunteered and worked in a park in the past	1/30/2024 10:15 AM
11	City Alder	1/29/2024 6:15 PM
12	I've worked on tree planting in greenways	1/29/2024 10:16 AM
13	We have joined neighbors in attempts to rid our green space of buckthorn and other invasive plants, and the planting of native plants.	1/27/2024 6:45 AM
14	Crew Chief of Prospect Prairie Gardens; one of several along the SW Path.	1/24/2024 7:59 PM
15	I am a walker and volunteer in many areas of Madison to remove trash and garlic mustard.	1/24/2024 6:58 PM

# Q3 We have heard past concerns in the below topics. As part of this plan we will be reaching out to experts in these areas of study for additional input. Please rank your top concerns, and add any additional concerns you have under "other."



Answered: 201 Skipped: 16

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Impacts to pollinator habitat.	63.92% 124	31.96% 62	4.12% 8	194
Wildlife habitat and impacts.	65.82% 129	29.59% 58	4.59% 9	196
Loss of biodiversity and species extinction.	66.67% 128	22.92% 44	10.42% 20	192
Bird habitat and impacts.	66.50% 131	31.47% 62	2.03% 4	197
Tree diseases and pests.	48.70% 94	44.04% 85	7.25% 14	193
Invasive plants.	58.97% 115	37.95% 74	3.08% 6	195
Herbicide on stormwater land.	42.86% 81	40.21% 76	16.93% 32	189
Vegetation and heat islands.	38.83% 73	46.28% 87	14.89% 28	188
Flooding and types of vegetation.	50.78% 98	41.97% 81	7.25% 14	193
Water quality and types of vegetation.	58.85% 113	36.46% 70	4.69% 9	192
Sequestering carbon in sols and vegetation.	35.26% 67	47.37% 90	17.37% 33	190

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Pest plants e.g. poison ivy	2/13/2024 6:35 PM
2	Loss of greenspace for development.	2/5/2024 8:47 PM
3	All of this he above. I care the most about water quality.	2/4/2024 7:10 PM
4	I am extremely concerned over the loss of our tree canopy, especially considering how close we are to the beltline. From a 40% canopy to only 23% left in Madison. We were the "City of trees"	2/3/2024 6:29 PM
5	You have a spelling error. The City quotes concerning erosion and tree cover are not supported by scientific literature. I'm very concerned that the city is impacting floodplain and riparian soils and constricting and speeding up runoff, leading to flooding, erosion, and water quality and habitat degradation within and downstream of the areas with vegetation removal.	2/3/2024 5:16 PM
6	Removal of mature trees from greenways for stormwater management.	2/3/2024 4:00 PM
7	Loss of tree canopy	2/1/2024 5:59 PM
8	The beauty of the natural environment, particularly the value of the tree canopy.	2/1/2024 10:27 AM
9	Increasing the tree canopy to 40% from the current 23% is a key component to all of the concerns above. We shouldn't be adding impervious surfaces such as concrete or asphalt in lieu of improving the biodiversity of these areas.	2/1/2024 8:38 AM
10	Organic runoff into Yahara Lakes.	2/1/2024 6:55 AM
11	Not cutting down healthy mature shade trees and selling? as saw logs when we need all the shade trees we can get. Don't roots hold soils from washes down inclines. Eg what's been done in recent spring harbor clear cutting to Lake Mendota. As seems all too frequent not, a plan is made and executed before other departments and taxpayers have any input as to potential problems with the plan. If you already know there were issues with this plan, it seems	2/1/2024 5:43 AM

	that now you are attempting to justify what you already done.(that means what you've already RUINED!)	
12	I do not think these areas are going to meaningfully impact carbon sequestration, as they're too small	1/31/2024 8:07 PM
13	I have grave concerns over losing our tree canopy which is crucial in carbon sequestration, animal and bird habitat, heat/cold and noise abatement. Another point, trees have been proven to reduce flooding and shore up the water way banks with their roots. Following latest scientific approaches to waterway restoration is crucial for the least tree removal. Cheapest and quickest methods have longterm negative impacts on the environment.	1/31/2024 11:11 AM
14	Many of these are subtopics of other items in the list, leading to so many being marked as "top concern"	1/31/2024 10:49 AM
15	erosion undercutting tree roots, and causing large decades old trees to fall over. The stream needs to be rip-rapped to stop the erosion.	1/30/2024 1:44 PM
16	Removal of trees and wild animal habitat. Loss of biodiversity. Loss of "wild" habitat and scenery.	1/30/2024 12:26 PM
17	All are important. I checked only the project I am involved in at the Attic Angel greenway and ponds.	1/30/2024 10:57 AM
18	The one on Nautilus is ugly and caused a wild area to be removed that was fun to play in with our grandchildren. It looks like the water management utility that it isnot a park.	1/29/2024 6:10 PM
19	Preservation of historic trees and mature landscapes, restoration of native savanah habitat.	1/29/2024 5:51 PM
20	Bat habitat, Aesthetics-woods better than weeds, trees not asphalt paths. We have lots of prairies, we do not have have many dense woodlands left in City of Madison. We love our trees!! Madison does not have a great record on maintenance, they just seems to mow all of the weeds down once a year, expecting volunteers (which are getting harder to find) to maintain green spaces. Trees keep the weeds down, the trails allow sunshine and the weeds and noxious trees to grow along the trails.	1/29/2024 5:45 PM
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	good for the emotional health of residents. I hate to see the loss of any trees in the neighborhood.	
31	How to maintain prairie gardens along the SW Path; long term.	1/24/2024 8:01 PM
32	The removal of trees and bushes that provide cover for wild animals. It is a joy to observe deer, fox, turkeys in the City. Elimination of invasive shrubs often comes at the removal of their habitat. The City removes more trees than it replaces. We need to preserve our mature trees.	1/24/2024 7:02 PM
33	I strongly support appropriate herbicide use for restoration activities	1/24/2024 6:32 PM
34	Safety when water flow is very intense, as with the major flooding event a few years ago. This isn't frequent but in our 5 years here I have seen 2-3 times when the water was scarily high and fast. Plantings that could help slow down this flow seem like they could be beneficial.	1/24/2024 6:27 PM
35	Opportunity for human enrichment	1/24/2024 4:56 PM

Q4 Please add any additional comments or concerns you have. Staff will use your information as part of the larger public engagement to solicit additional information from experts and professionals in the fields of land management, ecology, wildlife biology, entomology, climate change, stormwater engineering, sustainability, and other applicable fields.

Answered: 108 Skipped: 109

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Stormwater properties should be planted with appropriate native species and must be maintained. Invasive species in stormwater ponds and adjacent properties need to be controlled. Prescribed fire should be used in vegetation management. The discrete use of herbicides should be used to control invasive species.	2/21/2024 6:08 PM
2	All things ecological are important to me. I have extensive education in chemistry, ecology, and climate change. I just answered a political poll yesterday and my number one concern my entire life has been environmental issues. They are always under valued.	2/18/2024 1:01 PM
3	Noted "no concern" for herbicide use, assuming that it's used appropriately	2/14/2024 3:35 PM
4	Thanks for prioritizing native trees and vegetation that support healthy urban biodiversity!	2/14/2024 12:08 AM
5	More efforts to control invasive plants such as canary weed grass. Also more control of lose vegetation accumulation on water grates after large rainfalls. Possibly more frequent burns in areas of concern.	2/11/2024 11:10 AM
6	Not creating mosquito habitats since with climate change they will spread more disease!	2/9/2024 8:36 PM
7	do not want any mass removal of trees or concrete to direct water.	2/8/2024 12:40 PM
8	Please maximize the amount of native plantings on stormwater land and increase public awareness of the problems invasive pose. Would also like to see more action to prevent turtle strikes in Madison. They're terrible on Fish Hatchery by Wright Middle School, Nakoma Rd/Monroe St. intersection near the Arb, and Seminole Hwy.	2/8/2024 6:47 AM
9	Thank you for all the good work your teams do! During design phase, please leave a buffer between my property line and the "stormwater engineering"	2/7/2024 7:46 PM
10	I wish that Madison would ban the use of RoundUp. My HOA landscaping staff use it. I have tried to get the Board to stop having it use, but they don't care and don't see it as a problem even though we are on a greenway.	2/7/2024 4:16 PM
11	I would love to have volunteer training and work crews organized to help maintain here areas.	2/7/2024 11:46 AM
12	Erosion and sedimentation of our waterways (Starkweather Creek)	2/7/2024 9:45 AM
13	Less lawns and mowing.	2/6/2024 8:03 PM
14	I believe it's more important to listen to the actual experts and scientists instead of people who have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo (i.e. they live next to stormwater parcels and don't want invasive plants removed if it spoils their view)	2/6/2024 7:05 PM
15	It would be helpful to know what specific invasive plants are being targeted with herbicides. I would much rather support through hand pulling in the space behind our yard	2/6/2024 11:41 AM
16	it's great these are being considered. I've also seen recent concerns over fencing in stormwater retention ponds to help with accidental drownings like the on in Sun Prairie, not sure if that's on the Madison radar	2/6/2024 9:21 AM
17	Thank you for planting storm water land with native plants. Please do not approve private encroachments on public land.	2/6/2024 8:55 AM

18	Specifically increasing milkweed plants for Monarch butterflies.	2/5/2024 9:12 PM
19	I am concerned about building on our remaining greenways instead of areas that could be redevelopedfor instance building into the greenways near Zeier Rd and East Springs Dr instead of redeveloping the area around East Towne Mall that is mostly empty parking lot.	2/5/2024 8:49 PM
20	I live in the Elvehjem Neighborhood on the east side of Madison, and I walk daily at the Acewood Pond rainwater retention basin. I hope that space can be the healthiest space as possible for all living beings.	2/5/2024 6:44 PM
21	Seems there is a general lack of maintenance (trees and branches falling down).	2/5/2024 11:32 AM
22	I'm concerned about so much sand and salt going into the storm drains and stormwater ponds. Wishing there were a way to capture it before it gets to the ponds.	2/4/2024 8:01 PM
23	I enjoy volunteering. I would like more involvement and/or the ability to access resources and assistance. (Private/public partnerships)	2/4/2024 7:13 PM
24	We need more Oaks, Hickory, Walnut, River Birch, etc. ; and less of the invasive trees.	2/4/2024 2:18 PM
25	The city has said it will not take down many trees behind WALGREENS ON Mineral Park and in Oakbridge and in Shorewood so we don't trust them to manage our lands and creeks.	2/4/2024 10:50 AM
26	Can't we preserve our precious resources? Will Madison become a vast city of barren land full of apartment complexes?	2/3/2024 6:31 PM
27	I'm concerned that City Engineering is using outdated techniques from the 1960s that 2/3/2024 5:19 channelize water and cause additional erosion, loss of habitat, and downstream flooding. Please, please, get some grants and hire consultants that know what they are doing with natural flood management, habitat protection, and water quality. Of special concern is the prolific addition of stormwater outfalls directly to the lake, with no concern for water quality and habitat impacts, including fish spawning and mussell beds.	
28	We would like to see a partnership with city engineering and the stormwater utility. At the 2/3/2024 4: present time we are concerned that major changes will occur that we don't want and for which we will have had no input. We believe that a cooperative relationship is possible.	
29	Include other scientists: foresters, hydrologists, botanists, soil scientists. Manage greenways for overall health, not just utility and ease of maintenance. Save as many trees as possible. "A piece of land can't be all things to all people." Recreation such as bike paths should be secondary to carbon sequestration and sustainability.	2/1/2024 6:10 PM
30	I feel the experts at the City are doing a fine job in attempting to balance the stormwater and erosion issues with the need to maintain tree coverage to the extent possible.	2/1/2024 5:53 PM
31	Help Madison increase tree canopy percentage.	2/1/2024 2:45 PM
32	I'm particularly concerned about invasive species particularly buckthorn, garlic mustard and "trash" trees that do not advance the ecosystem nor provide protection of our watersheds.	2/1/2024 1:26 PM
33	Love my views through the trees in all seasons. Seeing wildlife. Walking the woods and mushroom hunting. Was told by city when I built my house in 1979 this would always be preserved.	2/1/2024 1:05 PM
34	I strongly support city management to maintain operational function of stormwater utility systems. I also support best management practices to maintain quality of the vegatation and trees on these lands. This may require the removal of invasive and low quality species.	2/1/2024 10:28 AM
35	Madison is such a beautiful city. I hope that plans will include preservation of our natural assets as well as accommodating future growth.	2/1/2024 10:28 AM
36	Organizing "Friends" groups to more regularly handle clean up and invasive species control	2/1/2024 10:23 AM
37	Suggest contact with The Nature Conservancy Wisconsin Chapter located in Madison	2/1/2024 10:00 AM
38	Primary concern is loss of wildlife habitat, including tree loss but also ground vegetation due to over engineering/culling and opening up of green space for recreational or access purposes	2/1/2024 9:09 AM
39	Oak savannas and prairie plantings cannot replace the benefits of a diverse forest canopy. While stormwater management is important, care should be taken not to further damage the existing tree canopy with unnecessary and unneeded impervious surfaces and artificial	2/1/2024 8:51 AM

	plantings for convenience. Once the land is covered with concrete, asphalt or prairie, it becomes part of the problem, not the solution.	
40	The deforestation that is occurring throughout the city is alarming. There has to be a concerted effort to save as many mature trees as possible, and when trees are removed, they should be replaced with others. cutting trees down and replanting savanna grasses will have a long-term negative impact on the carbon sequestration effort.	2/1/2024 8:10 AM
41	Whatever can be done to conserve, restore and minimize impact to the environment in general is very much appreciated.	2/1/2024 5:57 AM
42	I'm concerned average folks are not prioritizing the highest impact items or things that are most important. There needs to be more systems thinking and less 'what does my backyard look like'	1/31/2024 8:08 PM
43	Need to protect greenways. Save the trees. No bikepaths in greenways.	1/31/2024 7:39 PM
44	Please be more judicious about removing greenways for flood control. You are eliminating a tremendous amount of canopy and creating "eye-sores" in those neighborhoods.	1/31/2024 3:40 PM
45	See former answer.	1/31/2024 11:11 AM
46	I am against building bike paths in areas areas of mature trees	1/31/2024 11:06 AM
47	Deforestation should be avoided whenever possible and native grasses replanted after construction, especially on the edges of wooded areas so that they are not grass-seeded by adjacent homeowners to avoid the invasive weeds	1/31/2024 10:54 AM
48	Main concern is flooding	1/31/2024 10:38 AM
49	The city has been difficult to get to listen on maintaining trees in our city. We had direct experience with this during recent major road construction on our street. The city wanted to cut down over 150 trees. It took multiple meetings to get this reduced to approximately 90	1/30/2024 4:53 PM
50	Functioning wetlands are crucial. There should not be concrete liners to move water away but deep-rooted native vegetation to facilitate absorption. Small habitats that encourage frog and salamanders would be nice and a range of hosts plants for native butterflies and insects, some of which would be bird food. Hopefully colorful diverse interesting flowering plants native to southern Wisconsin to enjoy.	1/30/2024 4:16 PM
51	QA 13 foot retention pond at 129 Nautilus Dr would require a 13 foot dike for several lots above that address to prevent flooding in basements.	1/30/2024 1:46 PM
52	I am concerned about clear cutting greenway spaces to prevent flooding. We are in a climate crisis and we need all the trees we have. Also, Madison is known for our green spaces and tree canopy. This shouldn't be the first choice or knee jerk reaction in flood prevention- we should be looking into and exhausting other possibilities before we clear cut trees. This changes whole neighborhoods! Please take care in these decisions and take into consideration how everyone is affected.	1/30/2024 1:21 PM
53	Don't create solutions that are excessively carbon intensive to build or maintain for example large spans of concrete water mgmt structures or fields that require constant mowing.	1/30/2024 1:14 PM
54	While stated concerns are important, stormwater land is a miniscule fraction of our environment. Most important is that we are ready for a repeat of 8/18/2018. Meanwhile, I'll build a composter and plant a tree/wildflowers in my yard.	1/30/2024 12:47 PM
55	I am concerned that we will be too short-sighted in our management and restoration goals. And the City will be too influenced by adjacent property owners who do not want short-term changes.	1/30/2024 11:56 AM
56	Promote native plants, support native wildlife especially diversity 0f birds.	1/30/2024 11:33 AM
57	Our group has made the request for this area to be burned more often. This makes a big difference in clearing dead plants to prevent flooding due to a plug grate. I know grate maintenance was finally done. When Maggie was here working she checked the grate and your crew was sent out because it was plugged. It also helps to protect the work we have done. Several trees were removed on the north side on condo property. Pat Brennan saw hundreds of these trees popping up in the greenway. Thank you Pat for working on this. What is the cost to	1/30/2024 11:08 AM

burn? Could the area from Blackwolf down to the retention pond be burned more often? That is the biggest problem area.

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58	I am dismayed by the clear cutting of trees in many greenways in Madison. I am concerned about animal corridors which Madison sorely needs. Humans do not need access to every green space in the city of Madison. I am a walker and avid bicyclist and respect the need for quit spaces for animas. Please reconsider taking every non native tree down when improving water management in these areas. With the resurfacing and installation of large storm water pipes on Lake Mendota Dr. we stopped the removal of several trees due to non creative alternatives to removal. In Turtle garden they planned to take down a large oak but with some brain storming with neighbors they realized a solution was possible to save the tree. Madison is losing too many trees on private and public land!!	1/30/2024 11:03 AM
59	Your biggest challenge won't be compiling the massive and diverse amounts of information from qualified individuals. It'll be getting already passionate people to listen with open minds and the non-engaged folks to engage at all.	1/30/2024 10:24 AM
60	I support saving old trees, especially oaks, but ok with removal of young trees and invasive species to promote biodiversity and enhance storm storage and capacity. My family experienced severe flooding of our home in 2018 related to overflow from stormwater utility owned greenway on Kenosha Dr. I am sensitive to the urgent need to improve flood resilience in the City. I also have observed stormwater projects that resulted in the removal of 100s of mature oaks, which I would like to avoid or minimize in the future. Adapting to climate change will require big investments, and there may be trade-offs, but green infrastructure and nature based solutions can provide win-wins.	1/30/2024 8:42 AM
61	Too many trees not sufficiently protected (need to protect root zones) during construction. Too many trees removed. Not enough trees planted. City forestry needs to encourage private owners to better protect root zones and reduce removals of large trees as a part of construction plan review - especially during bird nesting periods. Also, increase natural and native shrubs. Prairies are not the answer for all locations.	1/30/2024 8:18 AM
62	Mostly concerned with flooding.	1/30/2024 6:56 AM
63	Existing trees have been there, in forest habitat, now for about 80 years or more. Those trees must be preserved not only for their value of continuing the forest as natural succession from prairie and fields, but also for cooling the city and providing privacy for and from houses and for walkers. This tree ecosystem is well developed, although could use a little help where there are thickets of buckthorn and honeysuckle. However, all invasive shrubs should not be drastically removed. They will need monitoring every few years, but that's a lot less work than trying to re-establish and continually maintain oak savannas, which are no longer natural or desirable in an urban environment.	1/29/2024 8:41 PM
64	When possible, make these areas accessible to neighbors (walking or biking trails, attractive sights.) Ensure as much diversity as possible, in part to educate people in their own neighborhoods.	1/29/2024 8:13 PM
65	Storm water runoff and control in areas around Old Sauk road as highlighted in the 2018 report after the major rain event.	1/29/2024 6:27 PM
66	Greenways should be preserved as natural spaces with park like access for residents. They should allow water to move through an area with out the need for retention ponds.	1/29/2024 6:19 PM
67	I'd like the city to consider the impact of clear-cutting trees on the neighborhood in which those trees exist. They're a big part of the appeal, and should be preserved, if possible. If there are ways for the neighbors to help volunteer our time to identify and mitigate invasives or undesirable trees, shrubs, and weeds, we'd love to help, we just need some direction.	1/29/2024 5:55 PM
68	We need to work towards a biodiverse 40% tree canopy. Trees not asphalt paths. We have lots of prairies, we do not have have many dense woodlands left in City of Madison. We love our trees!! Madison does not have a great record on maintenance, they just seems to mow all of the weeds down once a year, expecting volunteers (which are getting harder to find) to maintain green spaces. Tree/woodlands keep the weeds down, the trails allow sunshine and the weeds and noxious trees to grow along the trails, and spread onto the woodlands. Need to get objective, current, storm water management experts to advise on dealing with the multiple Watersheds, not just a group that will recommend what City Engineering already plan to do, cut down valuable trees and plant weeds to mow down, and add impervious asphalt bike paths.	1/29/2024 5:51 PM

69	Just conversed with a friend today and a different one yesterday. We've lost all confidence in 1/29/2024 5:15 PM the city and county actually listening to very educated citizens. We feel that it is chronic lip service that we get "we want to hear from you" but then the city/county is on full speed to push thru "THEIR" agenda. This is chronic in all the people I speak with. We are many long time residents that are active in helping protect the environment and know our neighborhoods very well - and no one is 'really listening'.		
70	This is an extremely important subject and I would hope, given the proximity of the UW, that city staff would take advantage of local expertise and get this RIGHT!	1/29/2024 4:08 PM	
71	Drainage in green spaces needs to be maintained. Current populations of deer and turkey in my area need to be culledseen frequently in my back yard In past 2 yearssame residence past 30 years. Looking forward to seeing results of current project in "my" greenspace.	1/29/2024 4:03 PM	
72	The city needs to address All stormwater flow issues together not isolate each problem independently	1/29/2024 3:49 PM	
73	Put emphasis on utilization of native plants and shrubs. Community access to greenway and Lake Mendota.	1/29/2024 3:47 PM	
74	While planning and directing storm water is important and the primary reason for this land, the vegetation is THE MOST important long term activity for absorbing and handling run-off. With global warming, we will need to better keep water as close to the location where it originated rather than rapidly getting water to the lake by the quickest path.	1/29/2024 3:16 PM	
75	There has to be additional ways of managing water other than cutting down all the trees to build a retaining pond that is used every 100 years. The plan from the city for along Island Dr is to cut every tree. This is not a sustainable, environmental approach. Please do more figuring about how much water actually could come down from the nautilus park area since those ponds were put in.	1/29/2024 2:47 PM	
76	Negative climate change impacts due to tree removal as well as anticipated maintenance of area (e.g. removing trees which increases grass areas that would be mowed.)	1/29/2024 2:01 PM	
77	We've got a lot of garlic mustard and porcelain berry vine at the greenway behind our house, and have been doing what we can/working with the DNR to remediate.	1/29/2024 2:01 PM	
78	You've already cut down a huge number of trees in the Skyview Park Watershed. It seems a little late to ask our opinions now.	1/29/2024 1:59 PM	
79	Humans ju at need more natural space. We are healthier wirh more of it around us. Please keepore natural/wild space around us.	1/29/2024 1:54 PM	
80	I want to ensure we do not loose our utility owned lands	1/29/2024 1:45 PM	
81	Loss of trees on stormwater greenways. Please don't clear cut them!	1/29/2024 1:43 PM	
82	There needs to be storm water management at Rennebohm Park and by the Hill Farm Pool. The city tried to "fix" it but it's still a massive flood, the storm drains are huge and consequently allow all kinds of garbage into the lakes - doesn't anyone care????	1/29/2024 1:42 PM	
83	Thank you for managing our public lands in an environmentally friendly way that prioritizes wildlife health and keeps pollutants out of our water ways	1/29/2024 1:41 PM	
84	I think that increasing biodiversity and managing for healthy high quality natural communities is top priority (after stormwater management). This requires removal of invasive trees and with low value for biodiversity.	1/29/2024 1:39 PM	
85	With city reduction of trees & plants behind my house, we are noticing more water infiltration from storms.	1/29/2024 1:31 PM	
86	The primary concern should be to allow stormwater infiltration and to reduce flooding. Secondary concerns include preserving/improving wildlife habitat and preserving these areas for public use (kids exploring in the woods, etc.)	1/29/2024 1:26 PM	
87	Among the experts listed above, I'd recommend including arboriculture/urban forest. This management plan should define "tree" v.s "woody vegetation" so that buckthorn, honeysuckle, etc removal are not considered tree removals. Trees to be considered invasive should be defined. Native trees such as hackberry, black cherry, silver maple. black walnut, elm should not be considered invasive. Management of these native species should not include their	1/29/2024 10:32 AM	

wholesale removal as happened in the southern end of Owen Park. Removal specifications for invasive species should be standardized. Trees should be considered from a risk perspective in terms of the likelihood of channel blockage and harm to people and property. Tree planting needs across the greenway system and for individual sections should be determined and implemented. Thanks

88	Greenways need to be maintained once they are planted or invasives will end up taking over.	1/29/2024 7:16 AM	
89	We have watched the decimation of our Greenway natural habitat since it was taken over by Madison stormwater. No more owl, no more kids playing there. It has been very sad to live near a Greenway managed by Madison stormwater. Just lots of soil running off into the street with every rain from the compaction of all the heavy equipment and tree removals.		
90	I prefer more naturalistic spaces. Playing fields (near West Towne) are another excellent use - low infrastructure cost (no buildings etc.) and mulit-use most of the time.	1/27/2024 3:45 PM	
91	Create more native plantings. How about sporadic tree planting white pine, sugar maple? Could 1/27/202 some walking trails be cut in so people can enjoy the space on a more intimate level? I leave near the green space between Hammersley and Barton roads.		
92	We enjoy living opposite a green space, but are also aware of the downside that they can pose. In recent years, three trees have fallen across the street into our and and a neighbor's yards, bringing down a beautiful 10 year old sugar maple (planted by the city), and posing a worrisome hazard to the people and pets who enjoy our sidewalks. While appreciating the fact that wildlife makes good use of aging trees, we would appreciate the city's help in managing them.		
93	Very concerned about flood control in the S. Kenosha area. Do not destroy our S. Kenosha greenway!	1/26/2024 10:51 AM	
94	WOULD LIKE TO SEE A FOUNTAIN IN THE RETENTION POND TO HELP WITH WATER CLARITY AND OXYGEN IN THE WATER	1/25/2024 3:40 PM	
95	I've lived across from the Kenosha Blvd for 37 years, enjoying nature, the shade from the tree canapes and privacy. I understand that it aids in the stormwater run off that has increased with the constant new building in the industrial park and that it services the east side of Whitney Way also. I believe there should be compromises that allows the neighbor to enjoy the nature beauty of the blvd but helps with the stormwater drain off.		
96	the greenway at Kenosha has many mature oak trees that need to be maintained Why don't you dredge the stormwater pond at Garner park to aid in flood mitigation Also worried about development in research park increasing runoff downhill.		
97	There needs to be a wider public education regarding trees and native ecosystems and how 1/25/2024 7:55 perennial root systems store far more carbon and WHY we need to cut down invasive/non native trees and even native trees to let in light for our keystone species that so many ecosystems depend on and how it all relates to climate change and biodiversity		
98	I am continually disappointed by city engineering's heavy hand with these last 'natural' islands of land in the city. While invasives, tree health, etc. are important, the policy for these Greenways cannot be to raise them and start over. There is too much maturity in these locations (large trees, wild animals, etc.) to take this approach, regardless of invasive populations or preferred use of heavy machinery to do all work. I feel like it would be a lot more effective to let the surrounding neighborhoods that enjoy these locations participate in gentler, longer term management of these lands. Education from Maddie and others on how to do this and local organization is far more preferable to Engineerings current bulldozer tactics.	1/25/2024 7:52 AM	
99	Reduce the amount of Herbicide used	1/25/2024 7:51 AM	
100	Trees and woodland areas are of vital importance to residents, to wildlife, and to the environment!	1/24/2024 10:10 PM	
101	You guys do such a great job already. I know it must be a huge challenge to plan with climate 1/24/2024 8:48 Pl projections and much more extreme weather. The projects you have done really seem to be well thought out and are helping our natural world and our human world.		
102	Over the long term, how to encourage private land owners to support policies and practices implemented on stormwater utility owned land. I realize that budgets are tight, yet who's thinking about the wider context which includes private land owners, corporations, etc?	1/24/2024 8:05 PM	

103	Please be more transparent about your plans rather than designing surveys with a bias to support your plans.	1/24/2024 7:03 PM
104	Seems like the Grassman Pond area might be a good place to experiment with wildlife corridorsYou could set something up that went from Owen Conservation Park into the Highlands neighborhood, across the train tracks and all the way to Lake Mendota that created safe passageways for animals to move back and forth. Animals already use the drainage tunnels to go under the roads, I think, but I'd love to see a way for, say, the many toads who all come mate in the Grassman ponds every spring be able to cross the roads without getting squashedand protect the barred owls who fly down to catch them but then get hit by cars. I see many run-over toads every year on Old Middleton Road on Toad Mating Day and last year also found a dead owl by the road which was probably the same one I saw going after the toads the night before and almost hit myself : (. I realize this is probably not on Engineering's top 10 list! but whenever new infrastructure goes in, or old stuff is repaired, it would be great to include animal protection and movement in the design.	1/24/2024 6:38 PM
105	I am thrilled that the city has a veg manager for storm water properties and hope they give Maddie a giant raise and increase her yearly budget by 10x. Keep up the great work!	1/24/2024 6:34 PM
106	Removing trees should not be knee jerk solution to past flooding troubles.	1/24/2024 4:57 PM
107	Concerned about extensive tree removal plans without replacement plans or neighborhood involvement. Glad to see increase in community engagement. Build capacity/skills in community engagement and volunteer action to stretch the staff capacity & budget. INVEST in spongy month control in Kenosha Greenway and beyond aggressively before it reaches OWEN Conservancy, and possibly before all our oaks are lost. This city failure has a huge financial impact on West Hill Farms residents.	1/24/2024 4:57 PM



# Q5 How do you identify your race/ethnicity? (optional)

ANSWER C	HOICES	RESPONSES	
Black, Afro	Caribbean, African or African American	0.00%	0
Asian Amer	ican, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	2.67%	5
Latinx/e/a/o	, Chicanx/e/a/o, or Hispanic	1.07%	2
Middle East	ern, North African, or Arab American	0.00%	0
Multiracial		2.67%	5
Native Ame	rican or Alaskan Native	0.53%	1
White		78.61%	147
My racial/et	hnic identify is not listed	1.07%	2
I prefer not	to answer	14.97%	28
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under 18	0.00% 0	)
18-24	0.00% 0	,
25-34	5.82% 11	
35-44	16.40% 31	
45-54	10.05% 19	
55-64	13.76% 26	
65+	45.50% 86	,
I prefer not to answer.	8.47% 16	,
TOTAL	189	

# Q7 Do you own or rent your place of residence? (optional)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	90.43% 170	
Rent	5.85% 11	
I prefer not to answer.	3.72% 7	
TOTAL	188	