



June 12, 2025

NRB Board Liaison  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
PO Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921

Dear NRB Board Members,

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SWTU) strongly supports the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) purchase of 1.4 acres along Mt. Vernon Creek in Dane County as described in Agenda item 7B1 for the June Board meeting.

SWTU represents approximately 800 trout anglers in Dane and Jefferson Counties. We support trout stream conservation and public access and DNR fish biologists throughout Southwest Wisconsin. Mt. Vernon Creek is an excellent, heavily fished trout stream only 20 minutes from the Madison metropolitan area; it attracts anglers from Wisconsin and the Midwest. For over 50 years of SWTU's existence, we have actively cared for and advocated for Mt. Vernon Creek.

We offer our most sincere thanks to the DNR staff who have pursued this purchase and for the Department's support. This lovely stretch of stream with 400 feet of double streambank frontage will offer excellent access and fishing and enable the DNR to better manage the stream.

With your permission we want to extend our thanks to the fish biologists and technicians with whom we regularly work in Dane, Rock, Green, Iowa, Richland, Sauk, Columbia, Grant, and Lafayette Counties. We schedule workdays to help them and offer financial assistance whenever we can. And it's a pleasure to do so because, individually and collectively, they are a competent, careful, kind, friendly and fun bunch to work with. The region's trout and other fish are in good hands.

Thank you for your consideration of our support.

On behalf of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited,

Sincerely,

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