Black Earth Sewage Plant Cross Plains Water and Sewer Utility Mazomanie Sewage Treatment Plant Dane County

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<u>Black Earth Creek</u> - Surface Acres = 50.9 Miles, Miles = 21.0, Gradient = 6.9 feet per mile.

A spring fed stream tributary to Blue Mounds Creek, with three major feeder streams, Garfoot, Vermont and Halfway Prairie Creeks. The stream receives treated sanitary effluent from the Villages of Cross Plains, Black Earth and Mazomanie, and receives pumped seepage from gravel mining operations near its headwaters. An excellent trout fishery is maintained in about 11 miles of stream. There are 54 acres of fresh meadow contiguous with the stream banks. The stream supports some fall jump shooting for waterfowl and some upland game hunting opportunities on the bordering 26 acres of land available for public use through easement and public ownership. An intensive stream habitat improvement program was initiated in 1949 and continues to date. All but the headwaters are considered navigable.

Recommendations

Black Earth Creek in its entirety should be classified continuous fish and aquatic life.

The above recommendations represent a concurrence of opinion of the stream classification team who are as follows:

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