

Theresa Sewer and Water Utility
Dodge County

January 24, 1977

East Branch Rock River - Surface Acres = 145 Miles, Miles = 20.0, Gradient = 2.9 feet per mile.

The larger branch of the Rock River, and the most reliable source of water for the Horicon Marsh. The headwater of this stream in Washington County is known as Allenton Creek, a largely spring-fed brown trout stream. In Dodge County, increased water temperatures restrict the fishery to warmwater species, with bullheads, northern pike and carp the most abundant. The early settlers were well aware of the considerable gradient of the stream, and erected four dams, with a total of 35 feet head, between Theresa and Kekoskee. The damsite at Mayville was long considered the finest on the Upper Rock River. At the time of this writing, however, the East Branch Rock River remains one of the sorriest examples of man's abuse of nature.


Recommendations

From the Theresa outfall and for the remainder of the East Branch of the Rock River the classification should be 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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