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Instructions: See page 2 for naming guidelines. Send form and inquiries to the above address.

Geographic Feature Information

Description of Feature – Include size (acres), length (miles) or population, etc. Recommended Name of Feature
Trout Stream feeding Black Earth Creek *PEDO CREEK*

Other Names or Spellings in Use: _____ By Whom: (Name and Address) _____

Reason for this Proposal – Identify Problem and Need (Attach supplementary sheet if necessary)

An unnamed tributary to the Black Earth Creek, which, if named would hold historical meaning to the older residents still alive today & would be very helpful in mapping the area.

Origin and Significance of Recommended Name – Attach Supporting Documents (resolution, historical data, etc.)

Feature Location	DNR Use Only
County <i>Dane County</i>	Lat. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " , Long. _____ ° _____ ' _____ "
Stream Heads: Sec. <u><i>33</i></u> , T <u><i>8</i></u> N, R <u><i>7</i></u> E/W <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ends: Sec. <u><i>33</i></u> , T <u><i>7</i></u> N, R <u><i>7</i></u> E/W <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lat. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " , Long. _____ ° _____ ' _____ "
Lake, Village, etc. Secs. _____ , T _____ N, R _____ E/W Secs. _____ , T _____ N, R _____ E/W (or locate by landmarks and attach map)	Lat. _____ ° _____ ' _____ " , Long. _____ ° _____ ' _____ "
	USGS Quad. Name _____ Index Number <u><i>1250100</i></u>

Applicant Information

Name <i>JOHN BROOKS</i>	Agency <i>brooks4@wisc.edu</i>	Telephone Number (include area code) <i>608-798-3578</i>
Address <i>P.O. Box 158</i>	City <i>CROSS PLAINS</i>	State <i>WI</i>
Signature of Applicant <i>John E Brooks</i>		ZIP Code <i>53528</i>
		Date Signed <i>1-10-17</i>

DNR Use Only – Map Search and Field Investigation		
Name of Map or Other Reference	Date of Ref.	Name Given Feature
Person Contacted	Address	Occupation
Special Concerns		
Findings and Recommendation		
Signature of Investigator		Date Signed

History

The duties and functions of the State Geographic Board were transferred by Section 25(1)(A) of Chapter 75, Laws of 1967, to the Natural Resources Board. Subsequently the Natural Resources Board assigned the duties and functions to the Division of Resource Management and retained the State Chief Engineer, the State Geologist, the State Cartographer and a designee from the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, as advisors as a Geographic Names Council.

Statutory Authority – Section 23.25, Wis. Stats.: Geographic Powers and Duties

- (1) The department shall:
 - (a) Determine the correct and most appropriate names of the lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state, and the spelling thereof;
 - (b) Pass upon and give names to lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state for which no single generally accepted name has been in use;
 - (c) In cooperation with county boards and with their approval, to change the names of lakes, streams, places and other geographic features, with the end in view of eliminating, as far as possible, duplication of names within the state;
 - (d) Prepare and publish an official state dictionary of geographic names and to publish the same, either as a completed whole or in parts when ready;
 - (e) Serve as the state representative of the U.S. geographic board and cooperate with the said board to the end that there shall be no conflicts between the state and federal designations of geographic features in the state.
- (2) Whenever the department has given a name to any lake, stream, place or other geographic feature within the state, or determined the correct spelling of any such name, it shall be used in all maps, reports and other publications thereafter issued by the state or any of its political subdivisions, and shall be deemed the official name of such geographic feature.
- (3) No person shall in any advertisement or publication attempt to modify local usage or name unnamed geographic features without first obtaining the approval of the department. In case of a violation of this subsection, the department may promptly announce its disapproval and thereafter adopt an official name for such feature.

Policy of the State of Wisconsin Geographic Names Council**It is the policy of the State of Wisconsin Geographic Names Council:**

- (A) Not to name a geographic feature after any living person.
- (B) Names having a scientific derivation are not as a rule acceptable.
- (C) Names with historical significance or with Indian or French origin are usually appropriate, but care should be exercised that the Indian names are from tribes native to Wisconsin. They should not be too long nor difficult of pronunciation.
- (D) That newly acquired proper names for geographic features shall not be designated with "s" or "s", indicating possession, following the name. For example: Mott Lake, rather than Mott's Lake or Motts Lake.
- (E) That only lakes 10 acres or more in size shall be considered by the Council for naming unless reason is evidenced for special consideration by the Council. For example: significant public use.
- (F) That only streams 5 miles or more in length shall be considered by the Council for naming unless reason is evidenced for special consideration by the Council. For example: trout stream.

The U.S. Board on geographic names has indicated the following guidelines with reference to the naming of geographic features:

- (A) That local usage be followed whenever possible.
- (B) That the specific name precede the generic name. For example: preference is given to Alice Lake rather than Lake Alice.
- (C) That whenever practicable the recommended names include single names only followed by the generic name. For example: preference is given to Meyer Lake rather than John Meyer Lake.
- (D) That hyphens be omitted in newly established names.
- (E) That descriptive words such as "Big", "Little", etc., be eliminated unless they are necessary for proper identification of the feature.

Pedo Creek: New Name (Commemorative)

Recommended Name of Feature: Pedo Creek (4.92 miles)

Current Name of Feature: Unnamed (WBIC 1250100)

Unnamed	WDNR – Register of Waterbodies
Unnamed	Dane County GIS
Black Earth Creek (Waters ID: 1248600)	WDNR – Dane County classified trout streams

Location & Description: T7N R7E Sec. 5; Town of Berry, Dane County

[DNR Trout Stream Classification](#) | [Map](#)

The feature is a 4.92 mile creek in Dane County, within the Town of Berry. It is connected to several other streams and is fed from Black Earth Creek, a perennial stream. The stream is simply referred to as part of Black Earth Creek. This feature is classified as an intermittent stream by Dane County GIS. There are no other waterbodies or features sharing the name of Ruth Ann in Wisconsin.

Proponent: John Brooks (Cross Plains, WI)

Summary: This is a commemorative naming proposal. The proponent states that naming this creek will help with mapping and signage in the area. The proposed name is after Edward “Pedo” Kerl who owned property along the creek from 1948 to 1968, during which there was an effort to drain the surrounding wetlands for agricultural purposes, and to straighten this unnamed creek into a ditch. Mr. Kerl reportedly prevented that. The stream is classified as a Class I trout stream by the Wisconsin DNR.

Local Opinion: An approval letter from the Town of Berry from March 2015 was enclosed with the proposal, though an official recommendation form was not received. No recommendation has been received from Dane County.

Letters of support were also enclosed with the proposal, from the Ice Age Trail Alliance, the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association, and the Swamplovers Foundation Inc.

Decision: The proposal was denied by the WGNC on 1/16/2018. The decision was made based on lack of any historical evidence of the proponent’s namesake and his actions to preserve the wetlands. If the history can be proven and there is county support a future approval will be considered.



Wendt Creek

Pine Road

Otto Kerl Road

Scott Road

Hering Road

Table Bluff Road

North Hill Point Road

West Hill Point Road

Enchanted Valley Road

Ridge Road

Scharbel Road

Master Road

Carya Road

Town of Berry

Hiele Road

Cross Plains

Town of Berry

East Commercial Street

14

Center Street

East Street

Park Street

Main Street

Cross Plains

Town of Cross Plains

Lewis Street

Valley Street

Street

Thinner Street

West Brewery Road

Sewery

Valley Street

Street

Amity Road

BERRY

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pedo creek

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March 19, 2015

John Brooks
PO Box 158
Cross Plains, WI 53528

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Town of Berry joins in support naming the presently unnamed creek running parallel to County Road KP in Section 33, and supports naming it Pedo Creek. At the March 16, 2015 Town of Berry Board of Supervisors meeting the Board unanimously approved a resolution to that effect.

Please call 608-767-4152 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Kahl".

Brenda Kahl
Clerk/Treasurer

January 5, 2015

This unnamed tributary to the Black Earth Creek runs through the valley parallel to County Road KP in the Town of Berry (T. 8N.-R. 7 E. section 33) and predominately through the properties owned by Swamplovers, Inc. and John Brooks. I am proposing to name this creek "Pedo Creek." The name was the nickname of Edward Kerl, who owned the John Brooks property from approximately 1948 until 1968. During the period of his ownership there was an effort to drain the wetlands for agricultural purposes. At that time Mr. Kerl refused to allow the creek to be straightened into a ditch because his grand children enjoyed fishing in it. His action ended the effort to ditch the valley at the northern boundary of his property. Today this unnamed stream is a thriving trout stream. Were it not for his decision, the proposed ditching would have gone all the way to US Highway 14, and this entire valley would have been converted from wetlands to agricultural fields.

Today The Ice Age Trail controls a significant portion of the stream and Swamplovers, Inc. has been involved in many efforts to restore the area to a pre-agricultural condition. Swamplovers has also been active in mapping this area. It is difficult to prepare educational signage and other materials when a prominent geographic feature of the area does not have a name.

Edward Kerl (Pedo) preserved the stream in its natural condition. Swamplovers are restoring the natural land features and vegetation to its natural condition. Please consider naming this stream after the man whose efforts kept this wetland as a wetland.

John Brooks



May 8, 2015

RE: Ice Age Trail Alliance supports naming creek in Dane County

To Wisconsin Geographic Names Council:

The Ice Age Trail Alliance (Alliance) supports the naming of a feeder creek to Black Earth Creek in the Town of Berry, Section 33, Dane County, Wisconsin.

The Alliance is a non-profit organization committed to creating, supporting and protecting the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. To that end, the Alliance holds a 433-acre easement on the Swamplovers Inc. property through which a vast majority of the unnamed subject creek flows. The Alliance also owns the adjacent properties which may someday house an interpretive center and will take ownership of the 433-acre parcel no later than 2025. The property will be protected in the public trust in perpetuity.

Each year, hundreds of users walk, hunt and explore the Swamplovers property and the Ice Age Trail therein. It is important that the creek have a suitable and stable name for community, signage and other interpretive purposes.

The Alliance supports and recommends naming this currently unnamed creek in the Town of Berry.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Thusius". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kevin Thusius
Director of Land Conservation



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January 24, 2015

Black Earth Creek Watershed Association supports Creek Naming

To Whom It May Concern:

The Black Earth Creek Watershed Association (BECWA) supports naming a creek feeding Black Earth Creek west of County Highway KP Pedo Creek.

Place names help people identify with, and connect to, area natural resources. Identification and connections encourage "ownership", conservation and stewardship. Place names connected to people who lived in the area help make very strong stewardship and conservation connections – especially when a conservation story is connected to the name.

Pedo is the nickname of a former owner of land adjacent to this creek. He made sure the creek remained natural and was not "ditched" when that was the standard practice.

BECWA supports and recommends naming this creek Pedo Creek.

Sincerely,

Greg Hyer
President

To whom it may concern;

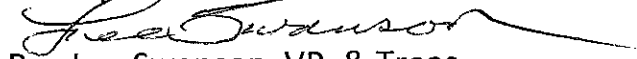
We are writing to support the nameing of an unnamed stream north of Hwy. 14 along County Hwy. KP in the Town Of Berry, Dane County.

The stream runs thru our property in sections 33 & 28. We have been restoring the property to pre settlement condition as close as possible to prairie. wetland prairie, Oak Savanah etc and have dedeed it over to Ice Age Trail Foundation with a life estate.

The property is being used for hiking, many kinds of study of plants, insects, birds and all variety of wild life and has over 100 listed species of concern from very rare on down.

As it is just west of Cross Plains and has one of the main tributaries of the Black Earth Trout Stream, the unnamed stream, running thru it, it would be nice if it had and a name. Since our neibhors family has owned the land adjacent to ours for a long time, it would be nice to recognize the stream as suggested by Mr Brooks, the grandson now owning the property, who is care taking of the property in a manor his grand father would be proud of. His grand father took care to see that the stream continued to meander and preserved the marsh thru which it ran. It is a wetland treasure and a substantial stream that should be recognized by name for reference by all that use the area.

Swamplovers Foundation Inc.



By: Lee Swanson, VP. & Treas.