



The City of Madison Engineering Division is planning a stormwater-quality related project in the narrow greenway that runs toward the south, just south of the intersection of Lien Rd. and Theier Rd. (west of Target and east of Thermastor). This is a location that was identified by the Friends as a priority outfall repair location based on the UW Water Resources Management (WRM) Practicum study of the creek in 2005. There is an existing scour hole adjacent the storm outfall, and currently the channel is overgrown with volunteer trees and has eroded banks.

The City plans to remove the volunteer trees; repair the scour hole; install riprap in the portion of the ditch nearer the outfall; and regrade the banks and reseed the ditch further away from the outfall. The bottom elevation of the channel is proposed to be deepened in order to provide some capture of sediment. A gravel access lane along the west side of the ditch is also proposed to facilitate maintenance of the area.

The project is proposed for construction beginning in early October 2010. Construction is being coordinated to follow the work of the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District's (MMDS's) Northeast Interceptor Project, because the two project areas overlap. The project is expected to be complete by the end of November 2010.

Feel free to contact Lisa Coleman (lcoleman@cityofmadison.com, 266-4093) if you would like more information on this project.

**Upcoming Annual Meeting**  
**Friends of Starkweather Creek**  
**October 28, 2010**  
**Goodman Community Center**  
**Doors open 6:30 pm**  
**Meeting starts @ 7 pm**  
**Snacks & cider**  
**Please join us**



## More watershed news...

### MATC MASTER PLAN

Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association has submitted comments on the proposed campus master plan, objecting to the parking lot access road crossing Starkweather Creek and the bike-ped trail. FSC has also commented on the need for reduced surface parking, use of roof space for vegetation or play areas and over all footprint reduction.

### DIXON GREENWAY PLANTING MIX

The graded areas adjacent to the bike path were seeded with regular grass, and areas adjacent to the channel were seeded with Detention mix of native species. FSC has copy of mix detail for interested parties. List is too big to print here.

### POSSIBLE STREAMBANK CLEARING ON MATC PROPERTY

Carpenter Ridgeway Neighborhood has contacted MATC about clearing invasive trees/shrubs from the streambanks on their property along the bike trail. They're interested in meeting to discuss this. FSC would be interested in participating in a meeting and could support possible volunteer efforts in the future related to the project.

### SITE WALK TO BE PLANNED FOR FALL ON POSSIBLE STREAMBANK CLEARING ON EAST BRANCH NEAR EAST TOWNE

A streambank clearing project between Zier Rd. and the Interstate, similar to the successful work on the Carpenter-Ridgeway creek section will be considered in a site walk this fall. Please tune into list serve and website for announcement. The streambanks are a mess of invasives, but this area has some springs and habitat value that could be improved.

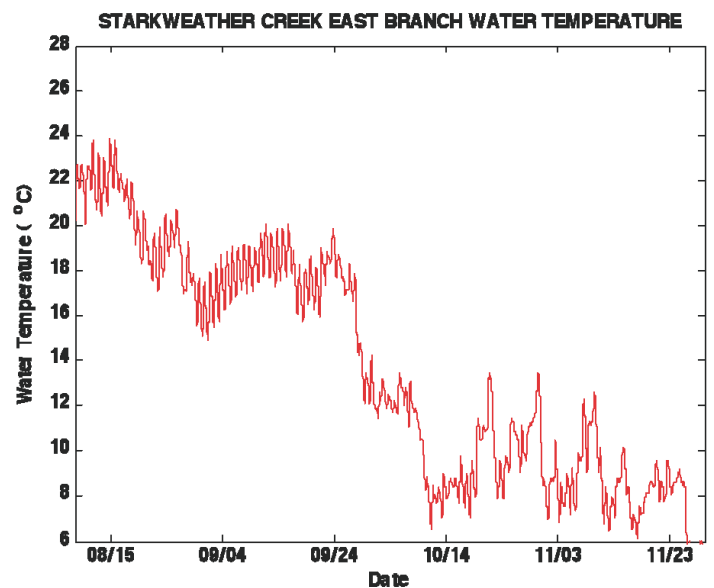
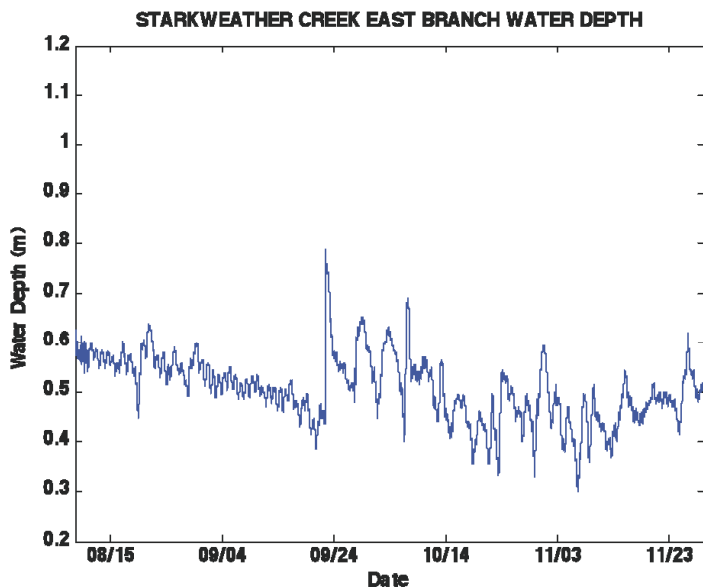
### MONITORING

The City of Madison will purchase an additional data logger to record atmospheric pressure, needed to process the creek water level measurements, which will speed up the data analysis and make it more accurate. City to look into purchasing; FSC will deploy the sensor and collect the measurements along

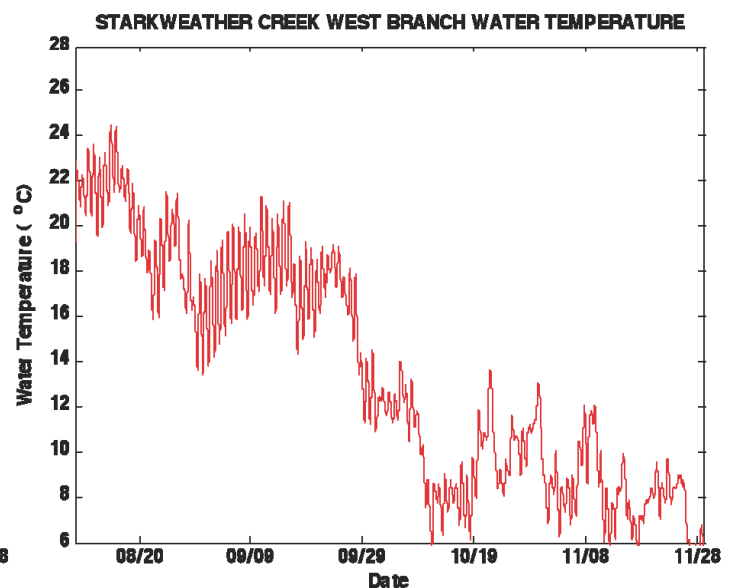
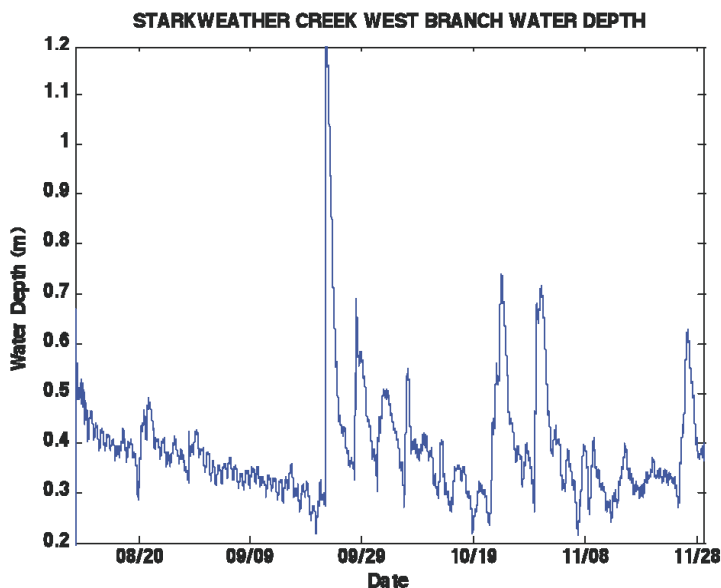
Friends of Starkweather Creek are exploring new creek projects for the upcoming year or two. Please join the discussion at our annual membership meeting, October 28, at Goodman Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm with meeting at 7 pm.

Creek monitoring data for the year for both branches (portion of which is pasted below) will be posted on the Starkweather webpage ([www.starkweatherfriends.org](http://www.starkweatherfriends.org)) and will also be reported on at the annual meeting, October 28 2010. West branch is more flood prone (flashier condition).

## East Branch Water Level/Temperature



## West Branch Water Level/Temperature



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Why not buy cards that benefit the Friends of Starkweather Creek?

You can view 5 different cards at this URL:

<http://starkweatherfriends.org/cards.asp>

Better yet, stop in at Absolutely Art and buy some cards.

Absolutely Art is at 2322 Atwood Ave, next to Café Zomagot to FSC.

The cards feature photos taken by Jonathon Beers, and were printed at Lakeside Press. Lakeside Press charged half of their normal fee for the cards, which are printed on recycled paper from a wind-powered paper mill. (That's almost as green as a Starkweather frog.) The back of the cards shows the mission of the Friends of Starkweather Creek and points to [StarkweatherFriends.org](http://StarkweatherFriends.org) for more information.

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FSC Membership Form

[www.starkweatherfriends.org](http://www.starkweatherfriends.org)

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Annual Membership Fee (donations are tax deductible)

Cranefly Larva (\$10) - Crayfish (\$25) - Damselfly Nymph (\$50) - Mayfly Nymph (\$100) - OTHER\_\_

Make check out to: Friends of Starkweather Creek