

# Citizen Resolution # 601222

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## Stricter Water Quality and Depth Regulations For Millponds On Trout Streams And Rivers

For over 100 years many millponds are still in existence but are not being used for what they were first intended. Now many are filled in with sediment and are creating a very unhealthy environment. Many have very few gamefish and mostly rough fish like carp. They can have very high nutrient pollution and invasive species issues. The biggest threat is water quality degradation. Even though upstream from some of these impediments are high quality class 1 or 2 trout streams with temps in the 60's, these millponds can reach temps over 90 degrees! Temps that high will kill most gamefish, and will create massive algae blooms that can be toxic to humans and animals. Because these ponds are river systems, the poor water quality affects everyone and everything downstream. The dam owners and property owners should be held responsible for the negative environmental impacts these millponds cause. These much needed regulations would help prevent impaired water from millponds causing problems downstream to all the waters flowing out of the millpond.

**Would you support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Board working with the state legislature to create water quality and depth regulations for millponds on class 1 or 2 trout streams?**

Additional Information provided by author:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/small-dams-have-large-impacts-on-water-quality>.

<https://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/story/news/local/door-co/2018/06/29/forestville-millpond-dying-slow-death/745656002/>

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