

Yahara WINS — Watershed Adaptive Management Paying for Farm Phosphorus Cuts Instead of a Treatment-Plant Upgrade (Wisconsin, USA)

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Madison's sewerage district meets phosphorus limits by funding farm and nonpoint reductions across the Yahara watershed rather than a \$78–124M plant upgrade; 68,303 lb prevented in 2025.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-22

[Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District \(MMSD\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-22

[EPA case study: Yahara watershed](#) — accessed 2026-10-22

[WisPolitics: Yahara WINS 2025 annual results](#) — accessed 2026-10-22

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