



June 1, 2026

The Village of Cross Plains Plan Commission
2417 Brewery Rd.
Cross Plains, WI 53528

Dear Members of the Village of Cross Plains Plan Commission,

Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SWTU) respectfully requests that the Plan Commission reject an amendment to the Bluff Protection Ordinance that would decrease the setback for development from 150 feet to 50.

The ordinances were created after careful discussion to protect the beauty and ecological functions of the bluffs. The bluff in question is vital to the ongoing health of the Festge Springs and Black Earth Creek. We do not believe there is any compelling reason to lessen the protection for such an important part of Cross Plains and this area's most important natural resources.

Bluff and hillside ecosystems and springs are vulnerable to degradation. Any proposal to curtail their protection demands much more study and analysis than this amendment has received.

Please recommend denial of this amendment.

Respectfully,

On behalf of Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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