

# Pheasant Branch wetland degraded by urban runoff

The Pheasant Branch wetland receives groundwater from the north, and stormwater runoff from the south from Pheasant Branch Creek.

After re-routing of the Pheasant Branch Creek in mid-1960's, aimed at attenuating sediment runoff into Lake Mendota, floristic quality of the wetland is low.

When compared to benchmarks for wetland plant communities, many areas within Pheasant Branch Conservancy rank fair or poor.

