Beaver traps moved from Madison laggon

By The Associated Press
City officials have removed beaver traps from their property in Madison following complaints from residents.

Madison Parks Division officials Tuesday removed seven beaver traps set on their property near the Monona Terrace shoreline and found dead animals. Among the traps was one that had fallen into a drain and killed beavers.

"Beavers are not selective in what they eat," said Robert C. Smith, director of parks division. "The beaver occurs in a wide variety of habitats and is a naturally occurring animal that can flourish in suburban areas, urban areas, and natural areas. The beaver is a keystone species that plays an important role in the overall health of the ecosystem."

"I do not have a full comprehension of what is happening as of today, but all indications are that those who are damaged as beavers are contributing to the overall health of the ecosystem and enhancing the beauty of the area," Smith said. "I believe that we should work together to ensure the protection of the beaver population in our area."

Kathy Kelly, who works as a wildlife biologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, said the city's decision to remove the traps is a positive step towards protecting the beaver population.

"We fully support the city's decision to remove the traps," Kelly said. "This is a great step towards protecting the beaver population. We encourage all residents to work together to ensure the protection of the beaver population in our area."

Statewide, 116 beavers have been reported killed in the Madison area. Of those, 77 were reported killed by urban residents. The remaining 39 were reported killed by either rural residents or by residents outside the city.

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Next time you are outdoors, take a moment to appreciate the beauty of the beaver population in our area. Let's work together to ensure the protection of the beaver population in our area. 