



# Rock River Coalition Updates

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Yahara WINs Meeting  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



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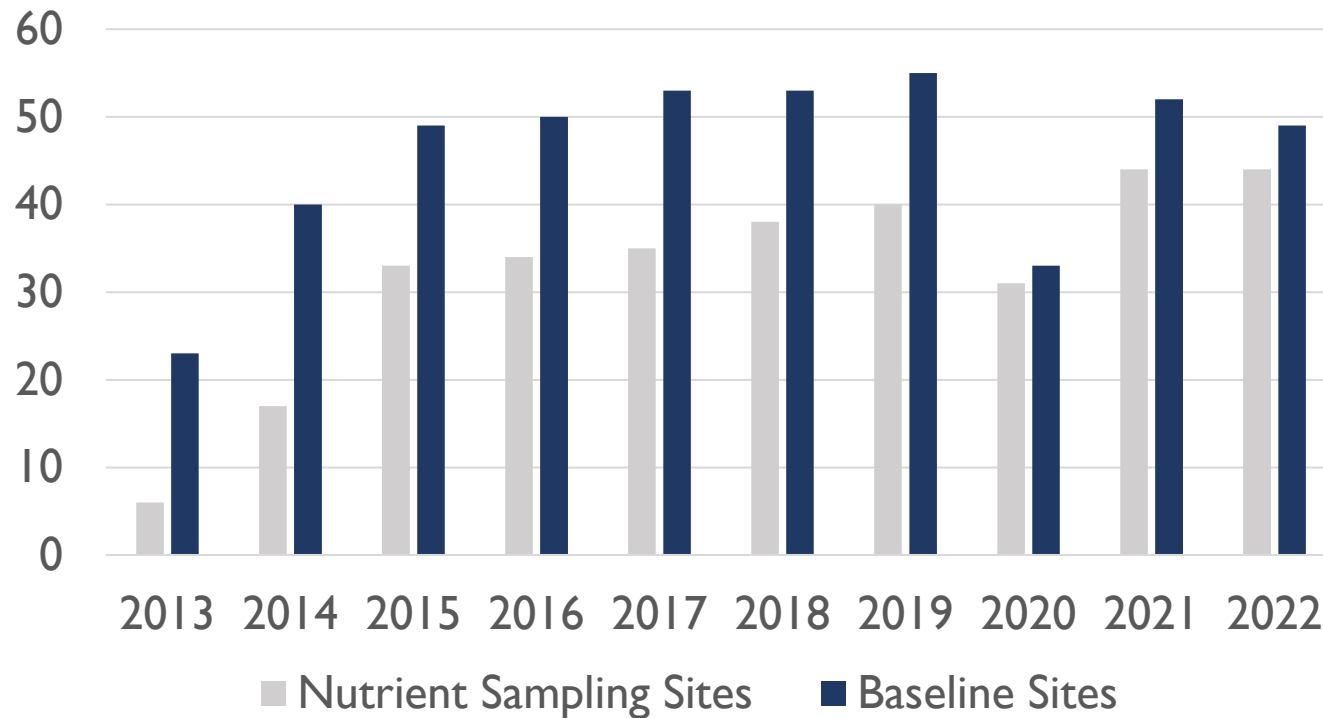


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## *2022 Summary – Yahara WINs Year 10*

Yahara WINs Site Count



2022:

- **49** baseline monitoring sites
- **44** nutrient monitoring sites
- **87** volunteers
- **30** continuous temperature monitoring sites

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## *2022 Highlights*

- Hosted season kickoff for returning volunteers
- Changes to sample drop-off procedure
- Workshop attended by 13 prospective monitors and partners
- Welcomed 26 new volunteers
- Virtual data entry webinar – SWIMS
- Ongoing support during monitoring season



Photo credit Clare Becker



# Yahara WINS Monitoring Updates

*Upcoming in 2022*

- Rock River Basin Confluence  
(Sat. 10/15 in Watertown)
- Yahara WINS Volunteer Gathering  
(Sat. 11/5 in Madison)
- Networking
- Continuing education



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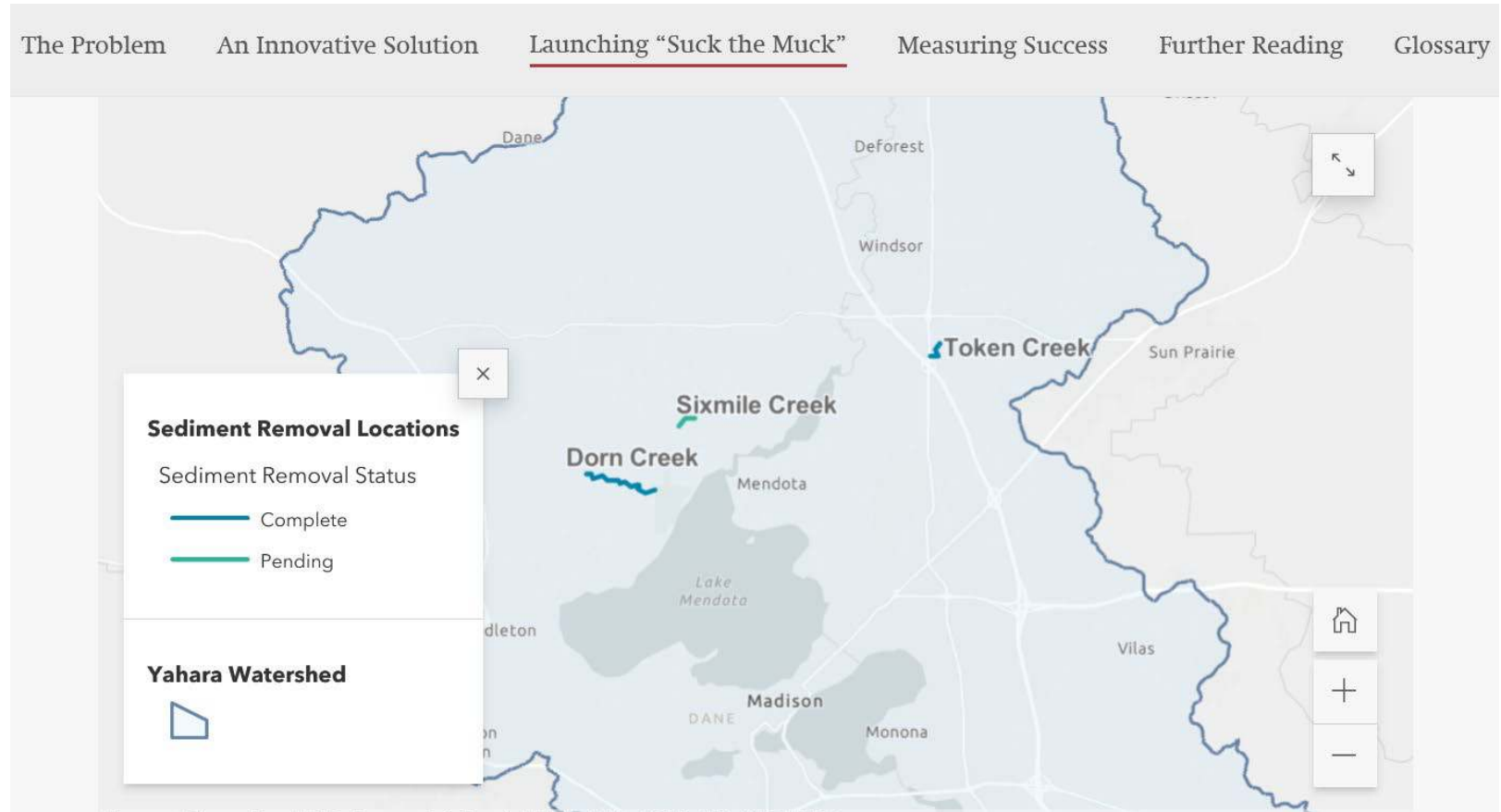


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# Outreach & Communications: New StoryMaps

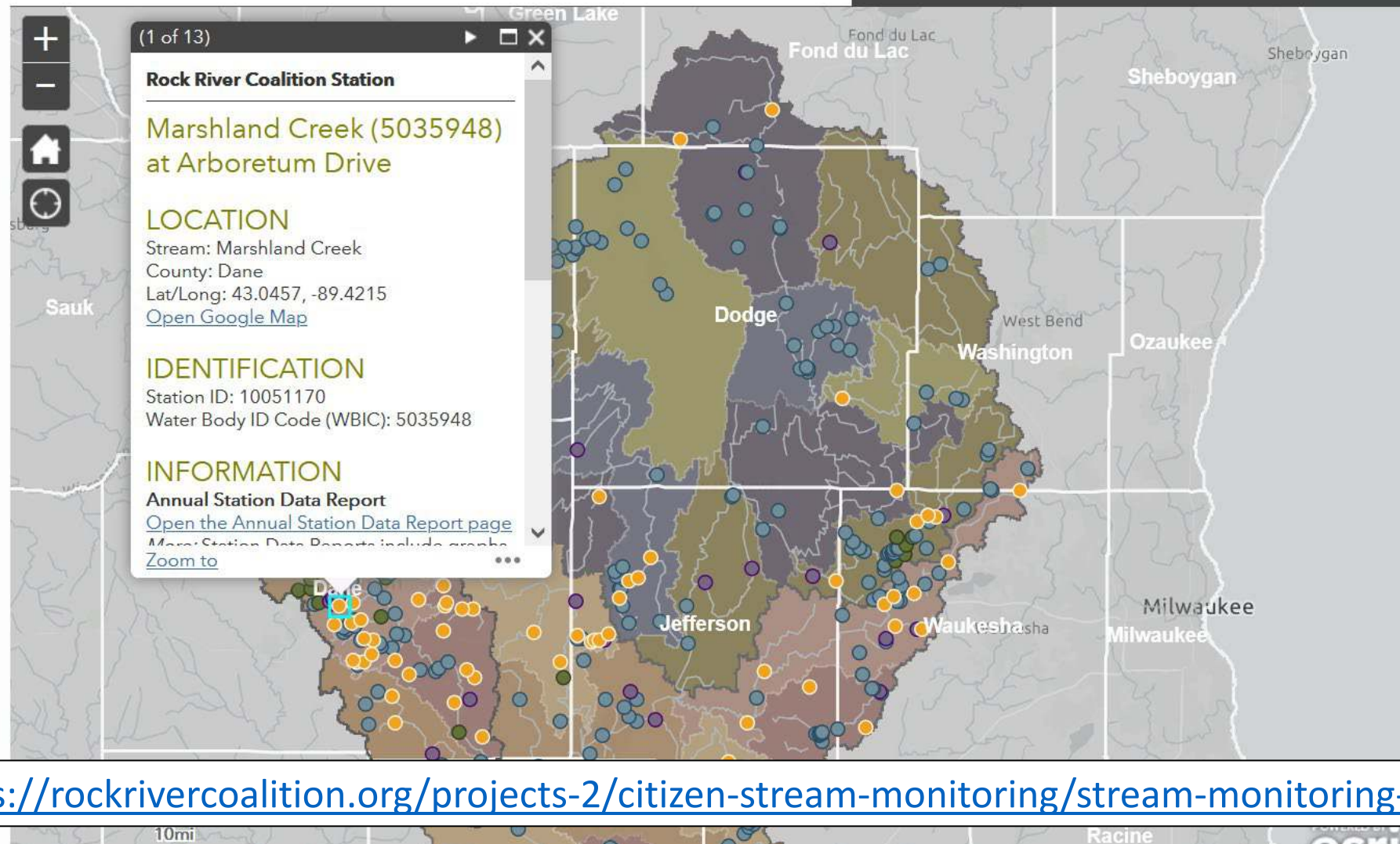
- Topic: “Suck the Muck” Legacy Sediment Removal
- Now have five StoryMaps about Yahara Watershed
- Three more in 2022 - 2023





# Stream Monitoring Map

Rock River Coalition



<https://rockrivercoalition.org/projects-2/citizen-stream-monitoring/stream-monitoring-map/>



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# Outreach & Communications: New Website (in progress)

- Greenleaf Media hired to create new website
- Highlights include:
  - Volunteer forum
  - Learning center



## THE ROCK RIVER BASIN

covers nearly 3,800 square miles of South Central Wisconsin. Shaped by the last glacial episode, this rolling landscape was once covered by thick woodlands interspersed with oak-savanna, prairies, wetlands, and numerous streams and lakes. [More about the Basin](#)



[SEE OUR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)

(draft)



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# Outreach & Communications: Community Outreach

Community organizations contacted in 2021-22

- Friends of Capital Springs – Master Naturalist
- Friends of Pheasant Branch – Master Naturalist
- Friends of Lake Kegonsa
- Friends of the Yahara River Headwaters
- Village of Windsor/Token Creek Conservancy

Two community lectures planned for early 2023



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# Outreach & Communications: Ongoing Communications

- Monthly e-news
- Monthly volunteer emails
- Twice yearly paper newsletter



## April is Citizen Science Month!

Greetings Rock River Coalition Supporters and Friends,

This month is Citizen Science Month, and with that we are bringing you some exciting opportunities to get involved and learn about the conservation efforts surrounding your watersheds! In addition to the Volunteer Stream Monitor Training information, we are also sharing information on upcoming webinars, virtual conferences, and much more!

We hope that you have a fantastic start to your spring, and look forward to seeing you by the water.

Have a great day!

Becca



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- Close to fundraising goal: ~\$40,000
- **Phase 1: 2022**
  - Rip rap replacement completed
  - Shoreline preparation completed by Resource Environmental Solutions (RES)
  - Plantings by RES and volunteers on 9/22 and 9/24
- **Phase 2: 2023**

## Partners

Wisconsin Department of Administration  
Wisconsin Executive Residence Foundation  
Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute  
Jefferson Co. Land & Water Conservation Dept.  
University of Wisconsin Extension Lakes  
Rock River Coalition  
Resource Environmental Solutions (RES)  
Clean Lakes Alliance

## Other Project Supporters & Collaborators

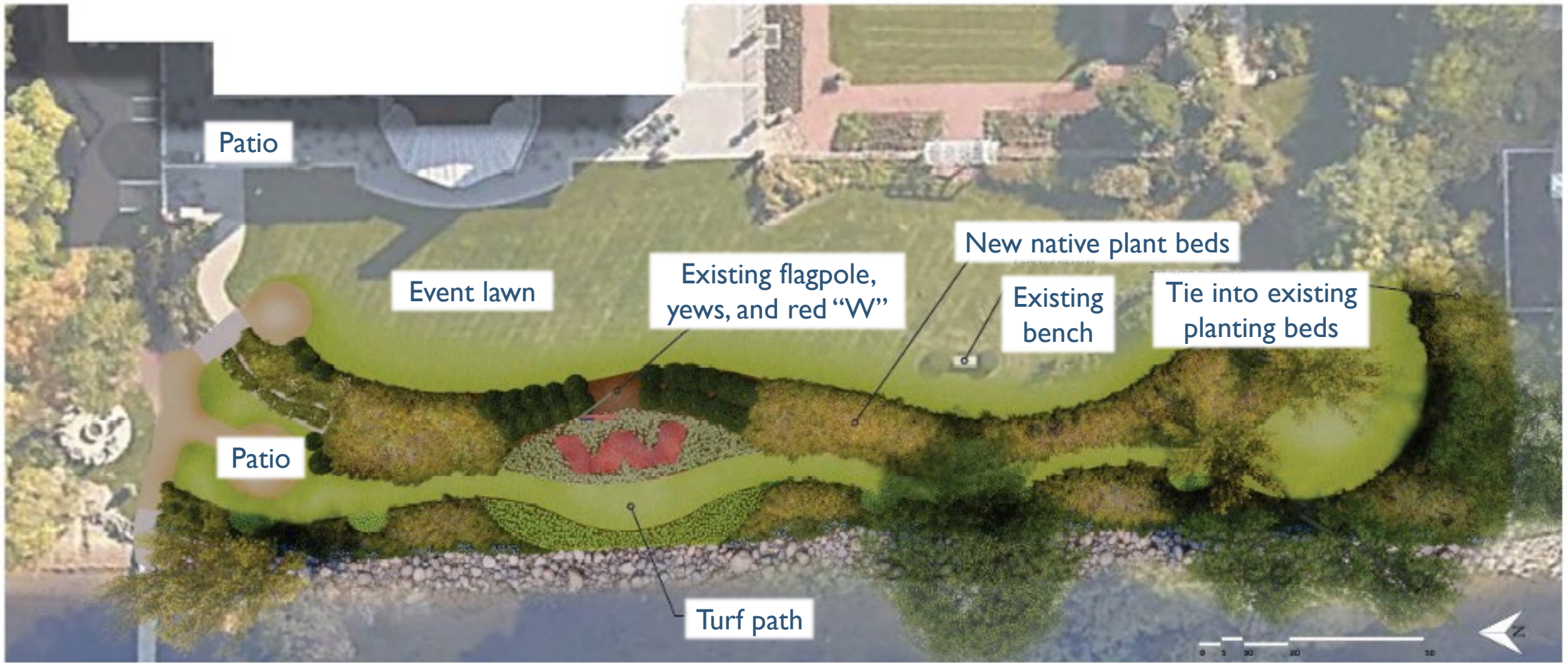
Dane County Land & Water Resources  
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*Thank you!*  
*Questions?*

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