

Mill Creek

OVERVIEW

Mill Creek is a warmwater stream in south-eastern Stearns County. Mill Creek begins south of Rockville at the outlet of Goodners Lake, inlets and outlets from Pearl Lake, and flows north for over 11 miles, eventually outletting into the Sauk River in Rockville. The stream runs through two subwatersheds, the Pearl Lake and Mill Creek subwatersheds. Mill Creek flows underneath MN Highway 23 on its northern edge before entering the Sauk River. Mill Creek has been assessed for aquatic life and is listed as impaired for *E. coli*, but received Good ratings for invertebrate IBI (52) and fish IBI (62).

The SRWD actively monitors Mill Creek for water quality data, and has been since 2003. The MPCA initially monitored Mill Creek from 1977 to 1979. In 2023, the average phosphorus concentration was below the water quality (WQ) standard of 100 µg/L. The average total suspended solids for the year was under the WQ standard of 30 µg/L as well.



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ID: 07010202-676

County: Stearns

Near: Rockville

Drainage Area: 47.62 square miles

Length: 11.17 miles

