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Subject: Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee

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Dear members of the Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee,

I speak as an individual and as a community board member who has developed and maintained a long-term interest in the Wilson Green of the Blair Street Gardens portion of which is located west of the Nolen-Williamson-Wilson intersection since 1985.

Along with several other, we participated in the development and maintenance of the Blair Street Gardens, spent tens of thousands of volunteer hours and considerable sums, worked with the Water Utility, Engineering, Parking Utility and Parks Departments during this time to create these little urban oases out of scrap highway and railroad lands. I drew up the landscape plans including raising the grade, installing a walk and landscape plantings for that site.

The Wilson Green, across from the Essen Haus and Cardinal Apartments, has been a principal area of focus of our work. We would like to maintain a presence as the plans are further developed for the proposed promenade along the railroad ROW. We see a potential conflict for which we would like to see a resolution as the plans in Phase 3 are developed.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continue working with our partnership with City Departments as the plans are further developed.

Regards,

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