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I am opposed to the current amended language in the Merrill Springs View Preservation Easement for the following reasons:

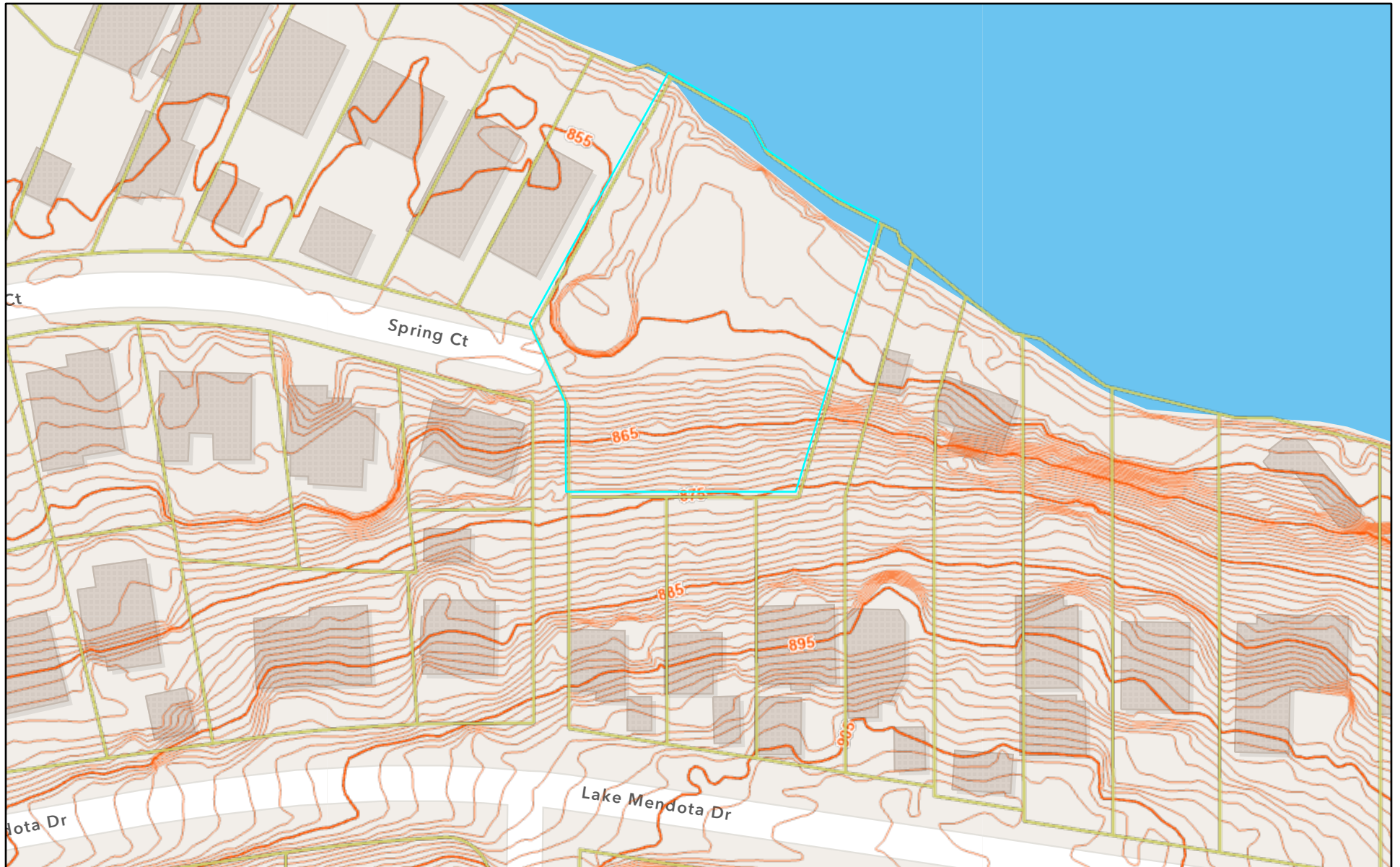
1. This is an expansion of the current easement as shown by the zone 4 delineation. Zone 4 includes the original park area, which was never included in the original easement.

2. Photographic evidence does exist as part of the Appraisal of 5100 Spring Court (City Files File No 5100SpringCourt GPAR). This, along with new photographic evidence should be taken as to establish a baseline on what defines this view.




3. Zone planting heights are arbitrary A viewshed analysis needs to be done to establish a defined vegetation height limit. Lakeshore elevation to the subject's residential structure is approximately 35 feet of vertical elevation gain (attach_1.pdf)

- Jeff Prey

Dane County Map



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 Parcels
 1 foot Intervals
 5 foot Intervals



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0 40 80 160 ft
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Dear Parks Commission,

I do not support the amended view preservation easement for Merrill Springs Park.

I am a long time resident of the Spring Harbor neighborhood and am a past board member of the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association and past president of the Indian Hills Garden Club. I am currently an active member of the Merrill Springs Park board. This small gem of a park is very important to the neighborhood and other visitors who are fortunate enough to visit it. Its location at the base of a wooded north facing slope has always made it private and cooler in the summer months when it is most visited. The amended view preservation easement is now asking for even more of a treeless view than before. The requested view now reaches west to the mouth of the spring channel where several mature trees grow. I am concerned about those trees, the privacy that is now gone and the wooded shade and cool respite that this park has always offered. I have talked to individuals who used to do morning yoga and sun bathe in this park for the privacy it afforded no longer feel comfortable doing so. Even the dark sky at night has changed in the park as the house which looms over the park shines down on it with no trees to filter the light.

Please reconsider approving this amended view easement for Merrill Springs Park. I feel strongly that compromise is possible for an easement that does not change the feel and use of this wonderful space.

Thank you, Kim McBride