

From: [Susan Goetzke](#)
To: [Ellen Foley in Madison, Wi](#)
Cc: [OBrien, Joanna](#)
Subject: Re: Nice work with O'Brien!
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:41:52 PM

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Hi Ellen,

Ibelisse is my direct neighbor. What can we do before Feb 11th? I think there is an agenda here that is not taking into consideration the people who live here and pay taxes. It makes no rationale sense whatsoever and the Friends for Sauk Creek have tried to stop this at every step. What more do they want? There is no need for a bike path. There is no need for a hiking trail. There is no need for a gravel road. drive down High Point, Tree Lane and Westfield several times a day. I don't ever see bikers that would justify the necessity for this. These are not busy roads where a biker would feel unsafe. Fix the drainage issues, remove dead and/or invasive trees and leave it be. Why spend more of the taxpayers money on something the community does not want? It is infuriating and ridiculous. Who is the citizen member of the Board of Public Works?

Thanks,

Susan

On Feb 5, 2025, at 4:21 PM, Ellen Foley in Madison, Wi
<ellen.madaline@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Susan. You have a neighbor named Ibelisse Lassiter who came to a meeting today questioning the roads in the greenway. She is sick about the road behind d your homes. Maybe she is a kindred spirit? Do you know her? Here is name and address: Jesse & Ibelisse Lassiter yankeejester@gmail.com 7534 Red Fox Trail, SCestates

While the city says the new roads aren't going to be bike paths, we still think they are the precursors to bike paths. I have been ill and at home for a week so I missed several meetings but you can watch them on TV.. A citizen member of the powerful Board of Public Works gave neighbors a lecture in a meeting this week on being difficult and said the city should shut us down and move ahead. Of course the neighbors say the plan keeps changing. There were no roads to be built in the greenway until recently so it's disingenuous to say we are complaining and recomplaining about the same thing. This board member is the past president of Madison Bikes, the local bike lobby that has very powerful members on the Transportation Commission and in the mayor's cabinet. His comments make me curious about the bike lobby's attention in the greenway.

Personally, I see bikes as a good alternative in the future for some travel to cut

down on carbon omissions but our seniors can't go to the grocery on a bike. A Madison Bike leader was very rude when we asked about that, he basically said they should try harder or take the bus. Can a mom with four kids easily get several bags of groceries home on a bike? I don't think so. I lived in Europe when I was younger and there were small groceries within walking distance. I am confident our culture will integrate bikes and electric cars in the next 20 years but change needs to come with other changes like closer groceries and health care clinics. We can't beat up our vulnerable people. In any case. The BOPW member who took a swat at us made me think the bike people are the unreasonable parties and am trying not to get paranoid. But there's no reason for that permanent road behind your house. A temporary road for construction maybe. But not a permanent road with a path into Haen Park. My two cents. The BOPW is the body that makes recommendations to the council and that is going to happen Feb.11. After that it will be hard to stop your road.

Best, Ellen

On Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 7:52 PM Susan Goetzke <susangoetzke@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Ellen. I did email her again. Thanks for keeping me in the loop. They do not give us any turnaround time, do they? I did include a video of a deer running in the back yard this week. we can prevent the gravel roads.

On Jan 27, 2025, at 11:47 AM, Ellen Foley in Madison, Wi <ellen.madaline@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi, Susan,

Congrats on getting a response from Stormwater Engineer JoJo O'Brien. The road behind your homes is still on her plan. In addition, she mentioned there is also a proposal to build a hiking path in Haen Park behind Estates' homes. She didn't give any details.

Another unexpected finding was that O'Brien said that the four roads the city is building in the greenway woods areas may not be gravel. She said she will determine whether they will be gravel or packed-dirt in the future. Your neighborhood may want to express your preference by Jan. 28, Tuesday, by emailing O'Brien at

jobrien@cityofmadison.com. After that date, the city council will approve the plan as it is on the map. I again include the map below. A dirt road would be less intrusive, according to the city. And it may not be permanent. others suggest. O'Brien did not offer specific details about the road behind your homes.

As for the additional road in Haen Park, you can see the city property lines on the map of the Park, which is also below. The city owns the land contiguous to the park and a new hiking trail/road could go behind other Estates' homes that are not right next to yours. The effort most likely will require tree loss behind homes. If you or your neighbors are in contact with the residents at the Greenbriar Apartments, they may also have opinions on this. The new hiking trail could go through the park but we did not get that detail. The residents of Greenbriar use the breadth of Haen Park for cricket practice and games. I road through the park would affect that.

I am not sure if you had time to attend the online meeting. It was a good meeting and several people asked a lot of questions. The neighbors in Sauk Creek Neighborhood strongly oppose the roads near their homes.

The city has given us just a few days, until Jan. 28, Tuesday, to send comments to O'Brien, which was controversial because it is a short timeline. The Sauk Creek residents suggest that the city wants to get this finalized soon because the April 1 election could change the council makeup. The current city council has indicated it will approve the plan as O'Brien has drawn it shortly after Jan. 28 and then it is more or less written in stone. O'Brien will have meetings with us when she starts parts of the six-year project in Sauk Creek but we don't expect big changes after Jan. 28.

Here is the presentation if you or your neighbors want to review it. It's long and dense.

[Jan. 22, 2025 Public Information Meeting Presentation with Polling](https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sauk-creek-greenwaysults)
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Here is website for more detail:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sauk-creek-greenway>

Here is the Greenway map:

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Here is a map of Haen Park that show its position to homes on Red Fox Trail:

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On Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 10:56 AM Susan Goetzke
<susangoetzke@gmail.com> wrote:

Ellen,

Thank you for your letter and email. I apologize for the late response. We have sickness going around the household right now. I agree that folks are raising kids, working and not aware of what the city wants to do. I think the city is taking advantage of just that. It is very shady and unprofessional. I was wondering who the 88% respondents were in their survey.

I really appreciate all of this information and your vigilance with this issue. I can tell you are passionate and I understand your need to step back for family purposes.

I am raising four kids myself and helping parents in their 80s in the Milwaukee area. I will do my best to keep an eye on things and certainly keep in touch. I am sure I can do something in addition to your letter to alert the homeowners that back up to the trees. We were aware of the bike path, but not the gravel road.

I feel like I saw some information about meeting tonight, maybe from you? Now, I can't find it. If I am able to preregister and tune in via zoom, I would certainly do that. I am still not feeling 100% to go in person.

Also, I was unable to open the slides and would love to see them. Can I trouble you to send again?

Thanks again,

Susan

On Jan 18, 2025, at 3:44 PM, Ellen Foley in
Madison, Wi <ellen.madaline@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks, Susan. Your response is very helpful. I am not sure why engineer O'Brien thought you folks wanted the road. You are labeled a high complaint zone in favor of removing trees. You can see this on their maps from previous meetings. Your area may

have more falling trees than Tamarack although we have several a year. (I am on the board of directors.) But the solution is not to overdo it and put in a road. The previous protocol by the city was to go into residents' backyards and remove a tree that had fallen into your yard. Creating a road behind your homes is overkill if you ask me.

You can see in the slide below that the city has said that it will clear trees within 10 to 20 feet of your fences and THEN put in a 10 foot wide road. That's a lot of trees gone. And they say that 88 percent of residents want this. We were not asked if the city should cut down trees behind your homes and put in short bushes. It was a more generalized question and we have no idea who voted in this "survey" during a meeting but we suspect many of the attendees were bike advocates who want the gravel roads to lay the seeds for paved bike paths. I urge you and your neighbors to keep in touch with O'Brien and feel free to keep in touch with me also if you wish.

I am concerned that many of the Sauk Creek Estates residents are two-professional-earner families with children and you are very busy and don't have time to parse all the info the city has available. On this road project, I urge vigilance. There is a family that I can see from my home on the service road and they have a pool. I hope they understand what may happen if the city puts in a road behind your houses. People walking or biking past on the new road (which will extend to Tree Lane) will be able to see and possibly walk into their yard when kids are swimming. I can hear their conversations now so if many of the trees are removed for the road, I will be able to hear more. Many of you do have fences but I don't think this is why you bought homes in the Estates. Perhaps your neighbors are ok with this and have taken steps to secure their property. I hope so.

The city continues to reassure us that the woods will continue to provide shade and privacy but they are using some unusual tools to convince us that this is the right step. The slide below says that 88 percent of residents said they favor taking down trees in your area. That not really is what the question was. And the answers were in no way scientific or representative of any group. The city won't allow us to see who is attending these Zoom meetings so we don't know exactly who those 88 percent were. I do

spend a lot of time with our neighbors and my take is that many of them want very minimal tree loss and no new roads. We already have the sewer maintenance road so construction machines can come into the area.

The city's report also said that 66 percent of residents wanted gravel roads. I also call that into question. I was at all these meetings and I know from the people who would use their name to ask questions that a good number of them were bike advocates and the main spokesman, a person named Craig Wienhold, lives in Shorewood not Madison.

I need to take a step back from this project for family reasons so I won't be able to monitor everything as I have. I hope Sauk Creek Estates gets a good outcome. I am glad at least one of you had time to send your opinion to the city. I was very concerned as a retired journalist that your area would not be represented at all in the city plan. And when we pushed O'Brien to contact your area, she said that if you do not want the road, she will not build it. However, I see that the road behind your homes is on the plan O'Brien will debut at the next meeting Jan. 22.

Below is a slide from the Dec. 4 presentation by O'Brien, and that presentation is the foundation of the final plan which we will have explained Jan. 22. I urge you to explore what the second bullet means. That sounds like justification to cut down any tree on city land behind your homes to make your yards "sunny". And I expect that after they clear that, then they will need to clear another area that is at least 12 feet wide for the road. (10 foot gravel and at least one foot on each side for a shoulder.) And that road will run through the area behind your homes and link up to those who travel on the sidewalk at Tree Lane. I am unsure if the trees along the creek in the park will remain. I haven't asked O'Brien about that. .

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I will copy and paste her letter here for your consideration. You can clearly feel her frustration as you read. It is long, but well stated.

Thank you,

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7526 Red Fox Tr

To: Jojo O'Brien, City Engineering
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· **9th District has a 16% Tree Canopy.** The city of Madison Urban Forestry Final Report (2019) sets a city-wide goal of 40%. The 9th district was listed as having the lowest canopy at just 16%. The report outlines the benefits of the tree canopy and specific goals on working with neighborhoods to increase the canopy. If the greenway is decimated, as outlined in the proposed plan, the 9th district is unlikely to reach the paltry 16% canopy

again.

Replacing grass with gravel is a nuisance.

My house is just 22 feet from the channel with no buffer between my lawn and the grass covered sewer access road. At the October zoom meeting, Jojo O'Brien stated that the city is moving away from planting vegetation (grass) on maintenance roads, although they just built a grass covered maintenance road behind High Point Church. So, the plan is to replace any grass damaged during construction with gravel AND all new "access paths" will be gravel. **Gravel paths create a nuisance for neighboring property owners. Paths will become a weedy mess (like the gravel path behind Walgreens on Highpoint Road) and when we cut our grass, gravel from the path will be thrown onto our lawns – creating a hazard and ruining our lawns.** I suspect the actual reason for the gravel path is to create a de-facto bike path (as suggested in a recent Madison Bikes Blog) even though it is universally opposed by area residents. REMEMBER the north-south bike path was removed from the WAP on the recommendation of Alder Conklin AND the WAP included increased bike infrastructure on both Highpoint and Westfield roads.

Nature Everywhere Campaign. Earlier this year the mayor announced the new nature everywhere initiative designed to increase equitable access to nature everywhere children live, learn and play. There are many manicured parks within a walking distance of the greenway – but this is the last unmanicured natural area in the 9th district. Instead of decimating the greenway – it should be designated as a nature everywhere site. It is a perfect place for neighborhood scout groups to practice wayfinding; science classes to look for the changes of the seasons; and summer day camps to get out of the heat and explore. This area should be celebrated not decimated.

Please use the environmental experts here in Madison, at the University and at the State Agencies, to ensure an environmentally

focused restoration. If this project is not handled correctly – there will be no going back! It will be a tragedy to see this cherished part of our neighborhood decimated!

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Jenny Iskandar

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Hello Jojo,

I appreciate your email. I was not able to attend the meeting on January 22nd and I am still reading through everything you sent me. Three of my kids had influenza in the past 2 weeks and I was laid up last week. I am just coming up for air. I think most home owners would agree that we want the city to have access to maintain the forest, but we want the most minimal approach to this. Gravel roads are out of the question. Please keep in mind that many of my neighbors are busy working, raising kids and schlepping them around night after night. I have four kids and aging parents that need my help. I am only able to keep up with the happenings on this because of the efforts of people like Ellen Foley and the Friends of Sauk Creek. Your decision makes a big impact to our properties and lives. Please enjoy the video of the deer I captured in my back yard tonight. We typically see five in a group.

Thanks again for the information. I will read through everything in the next couple of days.

Take care,

Susan

On Jan 24, 2025, at 1:19 PM, OBrien, Joanna <jobrien@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi Susan,

Yes, I am the correct person to email. I'm not sure if you were able to attend the public meeting on Wednesday, January 22, or read the draft final report posted on the webpage, but one change we made from the draft plan to the final proposed plan is that we aren't deciding whether the paths will be gravel, or will be topped with soil and vegetation, with the corridor plan. That detail will be decided for each section of proposed maintenance access path during the detailed design process for each phase of the plan. Additionally, the maintenance access path is not designed as a bike path and it is not continuous from Tree Lane to Old Sauk Road.

With regard to the email you clipped in, I believe we have provided responses to most of Jenny's concerns, and corrected some inaccuracies noted in that email as part of the report and in the meeting presentation. I've linked them below for your convenience.


- January 22, 2025 Public Meeting Recording: [Jan. 22, 2025 Public Information Meeting Recording](#)
- The presentation slides with polling results are also available: [Jan. 22, 2025 Public Information Meeting Presentation with Polling Results](#)
- Video summarizing a few key corridor plan goals: [Sauk Creek Greenway Walk and Talk](#),
- Graphic of [Final Sauk Creek Corridor Plan](#)
- [Draft Report](#)
- The [Sauk Creek Corridor Plan Fact Sheet](#) has additional information and answers to common questions not covered in the report.
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I will record your comment in the report appendix. If you'd like, you may also register to comment at upcoming Board and Council Meetings:

- Board of Public Works - Informational Presentation - 1/29/25 (No action will be taken)
- Board of Public Works - Corridor Plan approval, 2/12/25
- Common Council - Corridor Plan approval, 3/11/25

Best,

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· **9th District has a 16% Tree Canopy.** The city of Madison Urban Forestry Final Report (2019) sets a city-wide goal of 40%. The 9th district was listed as having the lowest canopy at just 16%. The report outlines the benefits of the tree canopy and specific goals on working with neighborhoods to increase the canopy. If the greenway is decimated, as outlined in the proposed plan, the 9th district is unlikely to reach the paltry 16% canopy again.

Replacing grass with gravel is a nuisance. My house is just 22 feet from the channel with no buffer between my lawn and the grass covered sewer access road. At the October zoom meeting, Jojo O'Brien stated that the city is moving away from planting vegetation (grass) on maintenance roads, although they just built a grass covered maintenance road behind High Point Church. So, the plan is to replace any grass damaged during construction with gravel AND all new "access paths" will be gravel. **Gravel paths create a nuisance for neighboring property owners. Paths will become a weedy mess (like the gravel path behind Walgreens on Highpoint Road) and when we cut our grass, gravel from the path will be thrown onto our lawns – creating a hazard and ruining our lawns.** I suspect the actual reason for the gravel path is to create a de-facto bike path (as suggested in a recent Madison Bikes Blog) even though it is universally opposed by area residents. REMEMBER the north-south bike path was removed from the WAP on the recommendation of Alder Conklin AND the WAP included increased bike infrastructure on both Highpoint and Westfield roads.

Nature Everywhere Campaign. Earlier this year the mayor announced the new nature everywhere initiative designed to increase equitable access to nature everywhere children live, learn and play. There are many manicured parks within a walking distance of the greenway – but this is the last unmanicured natural area in the 9th district. Instead of decimating the greenway – it should be designated as a nature everywhere site. It is a perfect place for neighborhood scout groups to practice wayfinding; science classes to look for the changes of the seasons; and summer day camps to get out of the heat and explore. This area should be celebrated not decimated.

Please use the environmental experts here in Madison, at the University and at the State Agencies, to ensure an environmentally focused restoration. If this project is not handled correctly – there will be no going back! It will be a tragedy to see this cherished part of our neighborhood decimated!

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Jenny Iskandar
17 St Lawrence Circle, Madison
608-335-6666

From: [Jenn](#)
To: [OBrien, Joanna](#)
Subject: RE: Sauk creek greenway
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 10:52:51 PM

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Hi Jojo,

I'm resending this email because you seem to have ignored it the first time. The creek is NOT the problem. The culvert under old sauk at high point is the issue.

Please take into account that the greenway is a very special greenspace and stop trying to put in roads etc!

Jennifer Rygiewicz

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: Jenn <twidget808@yahoo.com>
Date: 12/4/24 1:10 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "OBrien, Joanna" <jobrien@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Sauk creek greenway

Hello,

This is my last ditch attempt to make you see reason. Living near this greenway is why we moved here 7 years ago. This may not be your neighborhood but it is ours. The greenway us why many of us moved here - the ability to be near a forest while still in Madison was a great draw. Please, please redo your current plan for the greenway. During the 2018 "flood" the main issue was not with the current channel but with the fact that the culvert under old sauk rd at high point rd was not big enough.

I beg of you to actually look at the causes - the imperiable surfaces put in at the menards and target parking lots - and to understand that the greenway should not be destroyed - it carried that amount of water just fine, until it hit the culvert under old sauk.

My children and I play in the greenway often, and have built forts there. We look for animal tracks. We use the sun to figure out cardinal directions. We look for nests of squirrels, hawks, foxes, etc. Please reconsider your plans and keep the greenway as the treasure it is.

Jennifer Rygiewicz
Sauk Creek Neighborhood Association

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Susan Goetzke](#)
To: [OBrien, Joanna](#); [Mayor](#)
Cc: [Wolfe, James](#); [Schmidt, Janet](#); [Schmidt, Janet](#); [All Alders](#); [Fries, Gregory](#)
Subject: Sauk Creek Restoration
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 3:56:16 PM

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I am a resident in the Estates at 7526 Red Fox Tr. Please address my questions and concerns at meeting tonight. I do not want an access road, bike path or people beyond my backyard. I understand that the city owns this property, but these actions directly impact my property. I lived in Green Tree prior to this home. All of my neighbors that backed up to the path in that neighborhood would never purchase another home that backs up to a public bike path or park. I would never have purchased my home in the Estates if I knew this was on your agenda. I oppose any access road or bike bike in my yard and the yards of my neighbors.

I, like others in my neighborhood, are raising families and working. To do this without consulting each and every person that backs up to the greenway is disingenuous. I never was given a survey or asked.

- What is the engineering, environmental and neighborhood need to build these roads and 4 concrete bridges that allow crossing the creek?
- Do all Madison Greenways and woods have these access roads?
- Who pays for the roads, since they are for future tree removal access, and not Creek Restoration? Engineers say the Stormwater Fee on your tax bill pays for creek construction.
- Has there been a cost-benefit analysis of the need for these roads vs. staying with current policies to access the creek and removed downed trees in neighbors' yards?
- Will city leaders promise that these roads will not become bike paths as proposed by Madison Bikes, a bike advocacy group which has been active supporter of the city's plans?

Best regards,

Susan

Fleegel, Heidi

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Here's another community that went with natural flood management -- trees instead of concrete
<https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/article299150020.html>

There is also a FEMA BRIC call for proposals out now that cities can apply for to get more funding for natural flood management techniques and community involvement.
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/notice-funding-opportunities/bric-fma>

An email to just Jojo on January 14 -- here's the content (I've attached the Wohl paper too if anyone is interested).

"Jojo, you and your colleagues in City Engineering have been charged with flood management, improving water quality, and caring for an amazing 1.0 mile of creek with a relatively contiguous mature canopy forest and no crossings in an urban setting. **Other cities would pay \$\$ millions to try to restore this setting for water quality and flood management benefits even if they have to wait decades to see the benefits.** Last week I was on a call with about 12 experts and local representatives for another urban creek in a ravine-like setting talking about plans and objectives for restoration of hydrologic functions and water quality improvements within its valley and the watershed that feeds it. This urban creek also has intermittent flows and feeds to a lake. **I would love to have a meeting like that with you and the stormwater engineers and a similar group of colleagues to help the City to flesh out the best management and restoration of this reach.** If meeting with you individually would help I can definitely fit that in sometime too, but from my experience, working with a bigger team of multidisciplinary experts gets you more benefit for the time spent. **Your current plan to alter more riparian corridor with tree removal, a maintenance path with multiple creek crossings, and increase the conveyance of the channel and downstream culvert size will only add to water quality and flooding problems in Pheasant Branch and Lake Mendota.** Not seeing the benefits in your stormwater model further indicates to me that the model does not have the parameters needed. Fighting climate change with more and bigger hard structures just doesn't work. That is why FEMA, ASFP, EPA, and others have endorsed natural flood management techniques that include a more holistic look at the benefits of vegetation, hydrology, and geomorphic setting working together. This 1+ mile of Sauk Creek is a chance for you to take a closer look at these techniques and how they can benefit the stormwater coming out of Madison's pipes before it goes back into a pipe to become Middleton's and Lake Mendota's problem. Please take a closer look at how the topography and vegetation can help store, infiltrate and clean stormwater. Take a look at how the stormwater outfalls are impacting the channel. It might be surprising but these solutions might cost less and cause less environmental harm than the current plans. I've attached a recent paper by Ellen Wohl which might be helpful for context. "

Faith Filtzpatrick
Hydrologist



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Dear JoJo:

I am writing to ask you and the copied City team to please respectively reconsider installing gravel over our section of the Sanitary Access Road in the Sauk Creek Greenway (and any other impacted parties that currently have grass over the Sanitary Access Road adjacent to their lot installed in 2010), as you noted in number 9 on page 53* of the Final Plan of the Sauk Creek Greenway report dated January 17, 2025 (the “**SCG Report**”) that is attached to the Board of Public Works January 29, 2025 meeting agenda number 22.

*Under the Community Walk Through section in the SCG Report, number 9 on page 53 says, “*Some concerns about the timing of gravel sanitary access path installation, but the staff responded that the intent is not to install the full gravel path immediately*”.

In the SCG Report, you mention the change from grass to gravel over the Sanitary Access Road is necessary because: (i) the City’s Vactor 2100 Combo Series trucks (“**Vector Trucks**”) need to access the Sanitary Main for maintenance and repair purposes; and (ii) the concept of topsoil and seed over the Sanitary Access Road has proved over time not to be “robust” as originally thought, and topsoil creates rutting issues and the grass is too slippery for safe, consistent Vactor access.

I outlined several detailed “Reasons” below why the two above-referenced arguments for replacing grass with gravel are unwarranted for our Northern Sanitary Access Road section. I will start with some background details first so those copied are aware of these matters.

BACKGROUND

I am a property owner whose lot abuts a segment of the Northern Sanitary Access Road along with my copied neighbors' lots (the “**Impacted Homeowners**”) between Geneva Circle and Saint Lawrence Circle in the Sauk Creek Greenway (the “**GCSLC SAR**”). When the GCSLC SAR was built in **2010** by the City, it was covered with topsoil and seed/grass, given its proximity to our lots and homes.

- See **Attachment #1** from the City’s approved plans for Project No. 53W0757 for the GCSLC SAR that depicts how abuts our lot lines.

Attachment #2 depicts how close the GCSLC SAR is to our home structures and the width of each lot.

- The Sanitary Access Road is roughly **22’ to 27’**, respectively from the homes at 17 Saint Lawrence Circle and 18 Saint Lawrence Circle.

➤ In addition, 17 Saint Lawrence Circle and 18 Saint Lawrence Circle have a substantial amount of frontage of roughly **170'** each that would have a gravel road next to it.

- Likewise, when the City built the Sanitary Access Road section of the Sauk Creek Greenway near Old Sauk in **2012**, it also installed topsoil and seed over a segment of the homes that abutted it per the City plan for Project No. 53W116.

REASON #1-VACTOR TRUCKS CAN PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE SEWER MAIN FROM OUR CUL-DE-SACS

A. Sanitary Infrastructure Configuration:

There are sanitary mains and sanitary access structures (SAS) in both Geneva Circle and Saint Lawrence Circle (collectively the “**Existing Sanitary Main Infrastructure**”) that connect to the sanitary main behind our homes. See **Attachment #3**. The City Sanitary Sewer Main map shows the locations of the sanitary mains and connections. In addition, there are sanitary mains and SAS directly connected to the Sanitary Main in the Greenway near the top of the Northern Section of the Sanitary Access Road by Plover Circle/Sauk Creek Drive and Red Fox Trail, as shown in **Attachment #3**.

This configuration provides optimal maintenance and emergency response access because of your Vactor 2100 Series Combo truck’s capabilities outlined below.

B. Vactor 2100 Series Combo Unit Technical Capabilities:

- It can manage sewage flow remotely through the street SAS in Geneva Circle and Saint Lawrence Circle for maintenance or emergency operations.
- If there is an emergency break in the sanitary main in the Greenway behind our homes, an excavator truck can access it to dig for any repairs while the Vactor Truck can safely manage sewage flows from a street position via the SAS or at a distance on the Sanitary Access Road.
- High-pressure water projection or vacuum capability extends up to 800 feet. Eric Schmidt from the City confirmed that the truck can function up to 800 feet at January 22, 2025, the Sauk Creek Corridor Zoom meeting.
- Provides complete coverage for our entire section of the GCSLC SAR from the street-based position, as well as the north end and south end of the Sanitary Access Road.

C. Historical System Effectiveness:

- This methodology was successfully employed for **23 years** (1987-2010) before the Sanitary Access Road was built behind our homes.
- No mention of any system issues in the First and Second Corridor Plan meeting slides. In the Third Corridor Plan slides you mention on page 41 that someone complained that large? equipment rutted access paths in areas adjacent to homes. There are No ruts in the GCSLC SAR area. You state smaller equipment was needed and was

not as efficient. The City could have used one of its nine Vector Trucks via the street based direct SAS noted in Attachment #3, which is efficient.

REASON #2: SOIL AND SEED ARE ACCEPTABLE PER CURRENT CITY STANDARDS FOR SANITARY ACCESS ROADS

Per the City's 2024 Public Works Standard Detail Drawings series 5 for Sewer and Sewer Structures, 5.1.4 the typical section of an SAS access permanent road (see **Attachment #4**), the current standard specifies "3 inches of topsoil, seed and mulch" as acceptable surface treatment **over sanitary access roads**.

Reference Links: [City of Madison Engineering Standard Specifications](#)

- Grass surfaces remain an approved standard despite alleged concerns about wet conditions for the Vector Trucks on sanitary access roads.
- There are no signs of rutting in the grass over the GCSLC SAR or behind the Long home by Plover Circle, which would be direct evidence of slipping.
- No documented incidents of access problems in over 14 years of active use of the GCSLC SAR. I acquired my home in 1999.

REASON #3 CITY VALUES AND REQUIREMENTS

According to the City's Service Promise, employees are to involve those who are impacted by a decision before making decisions. The change from grass to gravel over the GCSLC SAR is substantial to the Impacted Homeowners. The first mention of this change occurred on slide 28 of Third Corridor meeting slides in one bullet point about construction access. It states in the one bullet point therein that the sanitary sewer access road will be the main spine for construction access when channel repairs are completed "moving forward, "repairs" of sanitary access path will be completed with gravel." There is no explanation of why. As stated previously, no issues were stated in the First and Second Corridor Meeting Slides.

To mitigate the construction impact to the Impacted Homeowners, could you please consider the construction phasing of the new 10' wide gravel Maintenance Paths in phase 2. This Maintenance Path east of the channel could be built first and used as the main spine of construction access and thereafter. Most of the Maintenance Path area is not next to homes. In addition, the work in the channel by the Impacted Homeowners lots could be performed via the channel floor to minimize the destruction of the grass.

QUESTIONS

The Sanitary Access Road changes you present are part of a stormwater project and funding. According to Chapter 37 of the Madison Ordinances pertaining to the public stormwater system, one of the objectives noted therein is to preserve ground cover and scenic beauty. How does removing ground cover such as grass and replacing it with gravel accomplish that objective?

Can you please send me the page from the as built plans of the Sanitary Main that shows the location of it behind our homes in relation to our lot lines?

CONCLUSION

The above-referenced Reasons demonstrate why replacing the grass between the GCSLC SAR (and any other impacted lots adjacent that currently have grass over the Sanitary Access Road adjacent to their lot installed in 2010 to gravel) to gravel is unwarranted and unreasonable.

Given the above information and the significant impact on our properties, I would like to formally ask that the grass over the Sanitary Access Road between our homes should remain. I

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Kris

Attached Documentation:

1. 2010 City plans showing Sanitary Access Road location and measurements.
2. Impacted Homeowner's Home Distance to Sanitary Access Road and lot line lengths.
3. City public database records of Sanitary Mains locations near the Sauk Creek Greenway.
4. City Public Works standard detail drawings 5.1.4 showing approved grass surface specification.

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The recent addition of long, permanent access roads to the plan for Sauk Creek Greenway is distressing to me and many of my neighbors. These roads are in addition to the sewer access road that already runs almost the length of the greenway. Potentially, the new roads will result in removal of more trees than the creek reconstruction project and will allow more sun and weeds to grow. This has already happened along the sewer access road built in 2011.

In 2010, the community met with City Engineering on the Sewer Access Road project. We came to an agreement that the sewer access road behind people's homes would be covered in grass, not gravel. We neighbors accepted the loss of 1000s of trees when the 12-foot road was built over the sewer lines. We missed the birds, foxes, and other wildlife that disappeared and did not return for years.

The grass-covered surface has worked well for 13 years. No sewer Vactor truck nor tree department machine has become stuck behind any of the homes. Eric Schmidt confirmed that the Vactor truck can function at a distance up to 800 feet if the ground is too wet to drive on. In other words, complete coverage is available for our entire section from the street. Grass would be a sustainable, natural surface that harmonizes with the neighborhood.

We would like assurance that the City of Madison will continue to honor its agreement with the residents of Sauk Creek Neighborhood and not cover with gravel, any current or new access roads that will run behind our homes.

City staff have never provided those assurances in writing, despite our requests. We are asking that you do so now, before the project advances any further.

Respectfully,

Gwen Long
225 Sauk Creek Drive

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Dear Mr. Wolfe,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing regarding the Sauk Creek Corridor Plan currently being developed by the City of Madison. I would appreciate it if you could provide the following information:

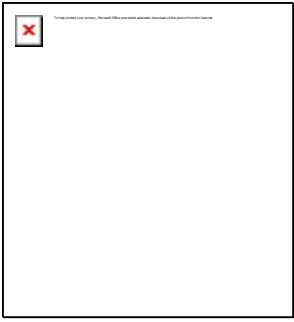
1. Copies of any Wetland Delineation Studies conducted for the plan area.
2. A map of the Sauk Creek Corridor Plan that shows the proposed activities (improvements), known wetland delineation areas, and areas with wetland indicators.
3. Historical information on the costs of the current maintenance program for the Sauk Creek Corridor compared to those anticipated under the proposed plan, including estimates of the capital expenses associated with implementing the proposed improvements.

If possible, I also encourage including this information—or links to it—in the Sauk Creek Corridor Plan, as it would provide helpful context for understanding the project's scope and associated impacts. Additionally, while the current plan outlines the reasons for and benefits of the proposed improvements, it does not appear to include a financial cost-benefit analysis with actual dollar figures. A financial comparison of the costs and benefits of the current maintenance approach versus the proposed improvements would be valuable in evaluating the plan's feasibility and impact. This financial cost-benefit analysis, including historical costs and estimates for projected costs—both operating and capital expenses—is important information to include in the fiscal note attached to the resolution approving the plan.

I have included Katie Crawley, Deputy Mayor; Nikki Conklin, District 9 Alder; and Ricardo Cruz and Joann Pritchett, candidates for District 9 Alder, on this email so they are in the loop on this discussion. If there is someone in your department better suited to handle this request, I kindly ask that you forward this email to the appropriate individual.

Thank you for your time and assistance with these requests. Please do not hesitate to contact me if further clarification is needed.

Best regards,



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I am a 36-year resident of a home along the Greenway on East Geneva Circle. I have been involved/following the development of the SCG plans over the last several years. I have relied on folks like Gwen Long, Jenny Iskander and Ellen Foley and many more whose perspectives I value and appreciate. In my role as a long-time executive at MGE I also deal with complex subject matter and employee/union relations.

As I have not spent the time or resources of some of my neighbors, but I want to echo the comments from Jenny's email below. My perspective of the 1/22/25 meeting that was both professional and building a case for the City of Madison to defend whatever actions they are now adding into this close to "final" plan and engagement of the Community.

I can also appreciate that the voice of the Community has made your jobs much more difficult. But the City wants to recharacterize an area that is integral to my home and property value for 36+ years and it could very likely change the character of our beloved neighborhood. The property owners along and near the greenway pay millions of dollars in property taxes over the course of our home ownership and have properties that are similarly valued.

I hope that you, our alder and other city officials continue to heed seriously the comments of my neighbors who have devoted so much of their time and resources to this issue. I am so grateful to them for their wisdom and engagement. I also thank you and your team for trying to balance the needs of many constituents.

Best regards,

Sandy Dolister

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Hi Jojo,

This is Louie Cornelius at 13 Sauk Creek Circle.

During the question and answer period at last night's meeting, you asked me to send you an e-mail with my question.

Before I address my question, I want to commend you and your staff for all of the work you have put into this project. I have lived in Sauk Creek for over 36 years, worked with the City and your department on many issues, and have admired and respected the hard work and engagement you have had with the community on this project.

When I reviewed the materials for tonight's meeting, I was surprised to see the wide maintenance access path located on the west side of the creek. Your past work, maps, and reasoned explanations made sense for the original location. I attended the walk through; sessions with you in December from 12:30 until after 5:00 and did not recall strong input to relocate the access road on the west side. The last item I remember was the gentleman asking whether Mennonite farmers/loggers could bring their horses into the woods in the winter to carry out the dead and fallen trees. As I recall, you noted that as a public agency, he would have to go through the competitive bidding process. Anyway, I walked back into the woods after I reviewed the final corridor plan and prior to tonight's meeting. There are a lot of fallen trees. I trust my neighbors bordering the woods will want to see approximately where the access path will be located and the general impacts in terms of trees, terrain, slopes, etc.

Is it possible to meet, review and get a sense of what you are proposing and the location relative to the creek and the properties adjoining the greenway? It will provide everyone with a more complete understanding. I thought the December walkthrough was very helpful for the entire project and addressed many questions and concerns.

Thanks again,

Louie Cornelius

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To: Board of Public Works
Subject: BODW 2/12/25, Item 87045 Adopting Sauk Creek Greenway Corridor

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Hi Jojo,

Thank you very much for your e-mail response this morning. I truly hope that you will feel better soon.

I have appreciated the clarification that your department is not proposing a bike path, and that there are options on the table for the covering of a proposed maintenance path. I want to reiterate that from my contacts, the neighborhood is not opposed to people walking and enjoying the woods. They use the dirt paths now, and it is pleasing and comforting to watch people enjoying them. To my knowledge, many neighbors are enthusiastic bicyclists. My sense is that the existing bike lanes on the streets surrounding the Sauk Creek Greenway offer viable bike lane routes for most bicyclists. Nonetheless, there is concern that the powerful bike lobby will eventually push for a graded path, if there is a another permanent access path constructed, in addition to the existing sewer access road.

I have started reaching out to neighbors about a meeting with you on the proposed maintenance path west of the creek. The neighbors are appreciative of your willingness to meet with us, and they are also appreciative of the map, references to other projects, and the tree inventory and symbols. This information will be very helpful as neighbors walk in the area and observe the trees and tag # data points. Thank you for sharing this information.

As we approach the meeting, I received some initial reactions: First, many neighbors were surprised to see the Wide Maintenance Access Path located on the west side of the creek, particularly after all the meetings and discussions we have had over the past few months. There was concern that it came at the "11th Hour" and the reasoning behind it. The last thing that neighbors want is a conflict between neighbors residing on opposite sides of the Greenway.

Second, there was frustration. Several neighbors have lived in the neighborhood for a long time and recall discussions during the process that led to the construction of the sewer access road in 2011. It was their recollection during those discussions that there were more trees on the west side that would need to be removed, and therefore, the route for the current existing sewer access road was approved and constructed. Thus, it appeared that your initial work, maps, and reasoned explanations before last Wednesday's meeting made sense for the original proposed route.

Third, neighbors expressed concern that the "ford crossing" at the inlet, besides adding to the overall costs of the project. will truly lead to the further disturbance and eventually the destruction of the natural habitat for the birds and wildlife that still exist in the green way but have gradually disappeared over the years. We have had deer, turkeys and foxes in our yard and nibbling at our shrubs. We have all had a peaceful coexistence.

I share several of the concerns noted above. Nonetheless, I have an additional concern, which involves the potential destruction (much of it unintentional) of trees, terrain, and other features of the greenway during the construction phase. I appreciated the overview that you provided at last Wednesday's meeting regarding the oversight of the contractors. Yet, I still have vivid memories of our experience during the construction of the Sauk Creek berm and N. High Point Retention Pond in the 90s and early 2000s. We had developed an excellent working relationship with your department, and we had established a strong and mutually agreeable understanding of the construction process and schedule. Yet, when the original berm and pipes were constructed and installed for the N. High Point Retention Pond, the contractor cut down two large oaks within the first few days. Your department was surprised by the contractor's actions and extended its apologies, but the trees were lost. We hope that such an accident will not happen again. In the process, the woodchucks that lived in that area soon lost their habitat and have moved on.

Our neighbors are looking forward to our meeting and seeing approximately where the access path will be located and the general impacts in terms of trees, terrain, slopes, etc. Again, we appreciate your willingness and openness to meet with us.

Based on your presentation at last Wednesday's session, it appears that there is a tight and fast-paced approval schedule for the project. I sincerely hope that you, the staff and the various committees will have an opportunity to pause in the hectic schedule to consider questions and concerns that may be expressed. The proposed plans for a reconfigured path certainly represent a new and significant last-minute change in this lengthy planning process. We realize that this project may be several years out and may experience changes, but it is essential to address concerns over items, such as the location of the maintenance road access, before the initial project is approved by the committees and the Common Council.

We look forward to our meeting, and we again appreciate all the information that you have provided us, thus far, on the new proposed access path. I thought the December walkthrough was very helpful for the entire project and addressed many questions and concerns.

Thanks again for all your work and outreach. I will contact you on a meeting date soon.

Louie Cornelius
Sauk Creek Circle

Fleegel, Heidi

From: Friends of Sauk Creek <fosc.msn@gmail.com>
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We are writing to express our serious concerns regarding the final Zoom meeting for the Sauk Creek Greenway plan and the proposed changes.

First, the plan presents significant alterations, including a major shift in the access road and the widespread use of gravel. These substantial changes require adequate time for a thorough review and thoughtful public input. The current timeline of only 6 days before the final approval process begins is insufficient.

Furthermore, the Zoom meeting format did not adequately facilitate meaningful public participation. The rapid presentation of information and limited time for digesting it hindered residents' ability to form informed opinions and ask pertinent questions. An in-person meeting with accessible plan displays would provide a more equitable and interactive platform for public engagement.

Our specific concerns regarding the revised plan and process include:

Impacts on Property: The potential effects of the revised plan on surrounding properties require careful consideration.

Hurried Timeline: The compressed timeline suggests a disregard for resident input and an undue emphasis on meeting project deadlines.

Flawed Public Participation: The Zoom meeting format and the lack of prior access to plan materials hindered meaningful public input and participation.

Alder Conklin's Lack of Engagement: Alder Conklin has not adequately addressed constituent concerns and appears to prioritize City Engineering and mayoral objectives over resident input.

Inconsistent Planning: The reemergence of the North-South bike path that Alder Conklin removed from the WAP in the "final" corridor plan demonstrates inconsistencies and a lack of transparency in the planning process.

We strongly urge the City to:

Extend the public comment period: Allow sufficient time for residents to review the updated plan and provide meaningful input.

Hold an in-person public meeting: This will facilitate open dialogue, address resident concerns, and ensure equitable participation.

Respectfully,

Randy and Susan Bruegman
313 Sauk Creek Drive
Madison, WI 53717

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Dear Jojo: Thank you for your thoughtful December 26th response to the letter we sent in December. The holidays and new year seem to have overtaken us all.

We live about a block from Tamarack Trails homes that border the Sauk Creek Greenway (SCG). The owners of those homes are our friends, as are neighbors in the Sauk Creek Neighborhood whose homes also abut the greenway.

We've followed the greenway restoration odyssey for the last few years and can understand why you're eager to get a final plan approved. But we think it's unfair to try to rush through last-minute changes that people weren't even aware of until January 22nd. The stakes are high for those owners because the changes could permanently alter their living spaces, privacy, and sense of security. We think the clock should be reset to allow them more than six days to respond. Thirty days would be reasonable, or better yet, suspend further action until after the April 1st alder election.

You have shown commendable patience and professionalism in your dealings with SCG neighbors to this point. Please continue to listen to the concerns of the people whose lives will be directly impacted by this project. We urge you to meet personally with one or more of the people who know the greenway intimately: Ellen Foley (Tamarack), Jenny Iskandar (Sauk Creek), or Gwen Long (Sauk Creek). Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ginny and Larry White
71 Oak Creek Trail

Fleegel, Heidi

From: Friends of Sauk Creek <fosc.msn@gmail.com>
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Printed Name	Signature	Address	City	Date
Thomas Ferris	<i>Thomas Ferris</i>	1 Sugar Maple Trl	Madison	8-22-22
PRUDENCE STEWART	<i>Prudence J Stewart</i>	13 GRAY BIRCH TRAIL	MADISON	8-22-2022
George Meyer	<i>George Meyer</i>	901 Randolph Dahl	MADISON	8-22-2022
William Probst	<i>Will Probst</i>	61 Oak Creek Trl	Madison	8-22-2022
Dean Ruyerson	<i>Dean Ruyerson</i>	17 Hemlock Trl	Madison	8-24-22
Bob Jacobs	<i>Bob Jacobs</i>	59 OAK CREEK TRAIL	MADISON	8/25/22
Elizabeth Brunner	<i>E BRUNNER</i>	22 Oak Creek Trl	LI	"
ISABELLA POPIC	<i>Isabella Pyp</i>	14 BAMBERRY TRAIL	MADISON	8-26-22
John A. OAKS	<i>John A. Oaks</i>	7426 Cedar Creek Trail	MADISON	8-26-22
Carolyn Klotz	<i>Carolyn Klotz</i>	2015 Woodfield	Madison	8-29-22
Marjorie Miller	<i>Marjorie Miller</i>	22 Pin Oak Trl	Madison	8-29-22
Jean Lofdahl	<i>Jean Lofdahl</i>	15 Mountain Ash Trl	Madison	8/29/22
Pat Konrad	<i>Pat Konrad</i>	7 Red Maple Trl	Madison	8/29/22
Rebecca Oaks	<i>Rebecca Oaks</i>	7426 Cedar Creek Trail	Madison	8-29-22
J Eisen	<i>J Eisen</i>	83 OAK CREEK TRAIL	Madison	8/30/22

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CECILIA ALKERMAN	C Alkerman	17 OAK CREEK TR	MADISON 53717	8/30/22
MIRKINS	[Signature]	2317 Cedar Creek Trail	MADISON 53717	8/30/22
JANET ROBERTSON	Janet Roberts	12 Bayberry Dr.	Madison	8/30/22
Jeanine Allen	Jeanine Allen	7 Red Oak Trail	Madison	8/31/22
JOHN T. ALLEN	John T. Allen	7 RED OAK TR	MADISON WI	8/31/22
PAUL SKIDMORE	P. Skidmore	13 RED MAPLE TR.	MADISON, WI	9/1/22
Janet Penschler	Janet Penschler	7410 Cedar Creek Tr	MADISON 53717	9/2/22
Judy Blue	Judy Blue	26 Oak Creek Tr	Madison 53717	9-2-2022
Brian Shore	Brian Shore	86 Oak Creek Tr	Madison	9/2/22
Don Haas	Don Haas	54 Oak Creek Tr	Madison	9/6/22
Julia Heusinger	Julia Heusinger	7318 Cedar Creek Tr	Madison	9/7/22
Barrett Karabis	Barrett Karabis	27 Red Maple Tr	Madison	9/7/22
Bonnie Duffley	[Signature]	1 Hemlock Tr	Madison	9/9/22
Chris Harper	Chris Harper	7383 Tree Ln	Madison	9/8/22
KATY GOLDBEN	KAG	7375 Tr 60	"	9/14/22

PETITION CIRCULATED BY JANET HERSCH

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Raren Sypour	Raren Sypour	1 St Lawrence Circle	Madison	8-21-22
Jeanne Howard	Jeanne Howard	5 St Lawrence Circle	Madison	"
Shirley Howard	Shirley Howard	" "	"	"
ERIC SIEGAL	Eric Siegal	" "	"	"
Tom Dosch	Tom Dosch	13 St. Lawrence Cir	Madison	8-21-22
Sharon Dosch	Sharon Dosch	"	"	8/21/22
JULIA SEGAL	Julia Segal	5 St Lawrence Cir	" "	8/21/22
Chris Sillins	Chris Sillins	6 St. Lawrence Circle	Madison	8/21/22
Jim Bolt	Jim Bolt	2 St Lawrence Cir.	Madison	8/21/22
Laural Mohr	Laural Mohr	213 Sauk Creek Trail	Madison	10/28/22
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Cowley	Cowley	225 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	8-21-22

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Bonnie Phaneuf	<i>Bonnie Phaneuf</i>	5769 Meadowood Dr	Madison	9-6-22
DAVE GAUTHIER	<i>[Signature]</i>	6937 Newsham Dr	Madison	9-7-22
Ina Koff DONALD	<i>[Signature]</i>	3739 Monmouth	Madison	9-7-22
Cotton Stetson	<i>[Signature]</i>	514 Plaza Dr. Madison WI, 53719	Madison	9-7-22
Kelly Peterson	<i>[Signature]</i>	4605 Hemlock Rd Madison WI 53724	Madison	9-7-22
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Theodore J Hellocks		4377 Pleasant View Road	Middleton WI	8-13-2022
Mae Wachholz		5019 Sheboygan Ave Apt 215	Madison	8-14-2022
John Winter		7201 Spring Hill Middleton	Middleton	8/14/22
Donna Winter		" " "	" "	" "
Fanta Shelton		1104 Park St	Cross Plains	8-14-22
Blair Shelton		" "	" "	" "
Carol Shelton		6905 North Ave	Middleton, WI	8-14-22
Emily LaFlash		4723 Sheboygan Ave #214	Madison WI	8/14
Susan LaFlash		7551 Hubbard Middleton	Middleton WI	8/14/22
Andrea Fullerton		2014 Continental Ln.	Cross Plains	8/14/22
Jordan Shelton		2014 Continental Ln	Cross Plains	8/14/22
Jessica BROOKS		1518 Fremont Ave	Madison	8/14/22
Nicole Vanko		30 E. Rockdale Rd 53523	Cambridge	8/14/22
Andrew Vanko		30 E Rockdale Rd Cambridge WI 53523	Cambridge	8-14-22
Lori Wipperfurth		501 Ridge Top Dr. Wauwatosa, WI 53197	Wauwatosa	8-14-22

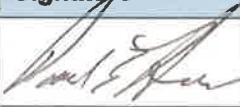


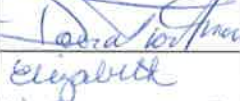

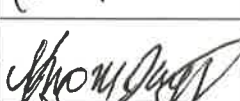
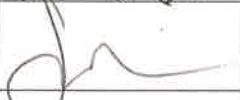

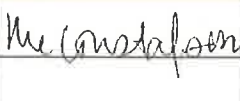

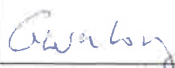
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PAUL HERR		14 E Geneva Cir	Madison	7-6-2022
Britta Herr		14 E Geneva Cir	Madison	7-6-2022
Helen Traubman		10 E Geneva Cir	"	8-10-22
David Traubman		10 E Geneva Cir	"	8-10-22
Elizabeth Traubman		10 E Geneva Cir.	MADISON	8.10.22
Benjamin Davenport		17 E Geneva Cir	Madison	2020810
Kristin Davenport		17 E Geneva Cir	Madison	8/10/2022
John Edwards		9 E Geneva Cir	Madison	8/14/2022
Benny Gustafson		5 E Geneva Cir	Madison	8/16/22
Michelle Gustafson		5 E Geneva Cir	Madison	8/16/22
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Cowley		225 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	8-16-22

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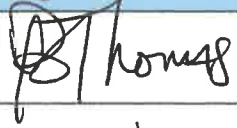
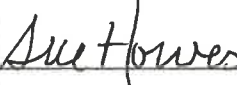
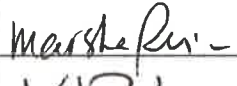



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Diane Vanko	<i>Diane Vanko</i>	7105 Companion Ln	Middleton	WI
Dick Vanko	<i>Dick Vanko</i>	7105 Companion Ln	Middleton	WI
Erik Brooks	<i>Erik Brooks</i>	1518 Fremont Ave Madison, WI	Madison	WI
Kathy Brum	<i>Kathy Brum</i>	6421 Mendota Ave	Middleton	WI
Carol Esser	<i>Carol Esser</i>	6433 Franklin Ave	Middleton	WI
Lisa Pierick	<i>Lisa Pierick</i>	5739 Weiss Rd Waunakee WI	Waunakee	WI
KSHIPRA Kulkarni	<i>Kshipra Kulkarni</i>	8401 LANDFALL DR, MADISON WI	MADISON	WI
Missy Sisler	<i>Missy Sisler</i>	6205 Westgate Rd Monona WI 53716	Monona	WI
Christine Bithner	<i>C. Bithner</i>	132 E Wilson Apt. 611	Madison WI	8/14/22

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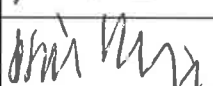





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Belinda Thomas		1 Horrey Locust Trl.	Madison	9/5/22
Sue Howes		144 Pine Ridge Tr	Madison	9/5/22
Marsha Renier		141 Pine Ridge	Madison	9/5/22
KEN BAKER		102 Pine Ridge Trl.	Madison	9/5/22
Larry White		21 Oak Creek Trl	Madison	9/5/22
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Cindy		225 Sauk Creek Dr.	Madison	9-5-22

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Katherine Carpenter		484 Wimbledon Dr NE	Atlanta, GA	8/13/22
Jonathan Cohen		1042 Acker Ln	Verona	8/13/22
Kevin Davidswar		1114 Re & Tail Dr	Verona	8/13/22
Christine Davidswar		1114 Re & Tail Dr.	Verona	8/13/22
Rachel Witty		1042 Acker Lane	Verona	8/13/22
Karen Kelly		7813 Trillia	Madison	8/13/22
Katherine Kappes		4620 Frey St	Madison	8/13/22
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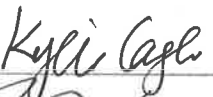


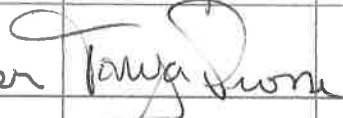

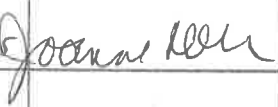
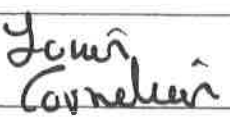
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Anna Koczanadm	<i>[Signature]</i>	2 Sauk Creek Cir	Madison	8/27/22
Rae Bailine	<i>[Signature]</i>	2025 wildcat Drive	Fitchburg	8/27/22
Pete Koczanadon	<i>[Signature]</i>	2 Sauk Creek Cir	Madison	8/27/22
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Tim Cornelius		2729 Alwood Ave. #210 Madison, WI, 53707	Madison	9/6/2022
Kylie Cagle		5 Sauk Creek Cir.	Madison	9/8/2022
Howard Cagle		5 Sauk Creek Cir	Madison	9/8/2022
J Prosser		9 Sauk Creek Cir	Madison	9/8/22
Tanya Prosser		9 Sauk Creek Cir	Madison	9/8/22
CHRISTINE TIGHE		108 N OAK GROVE DR.	MADISON	10/14/2022
Jeanne DEVRICK		6917 Old Sauk Rd	Madison	10/14/22
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Teresa White	<i>Teresa White</i>	25 Oak Glen Ct	Madison	9/5/22
Georgine Jacobs	<i>Georgine Jacobs</i>	7842 E. Oakbrook Cir	Madison	9/5/22
Omar Rivas-Alvarez	<i>Omar Rivas-Alvarez</i>	230 Randolph Dr	Madison	9/5/22
KEITH PAAR	<i>Keith Paar</i>	7718 Gray Fox Trl	MADISON	9/5/22
Margie Bolig	<i>Margie Bolig</i>	7622 Gray Fox Trl	Madison	9/5/22
Joan Westgaard	<i>Joan Westgaard</i>	7614 Gray Fox Trl	Madison	9/5/22
Brian Chapman	<i>Brian Chapman</i>	7606 Gray Fox Tr	Madison	9/5/22
MARGARENE RAY	<i>Margarene Ray</i>	31 Creekside Way	Madison	9/5/22
PAT RAY	<i>Pat Ray</i>	41 Creekside Way	Madison	9/5/22
Justin Levinson	<i>Justin Levinson</i>	7557 Red Fox Trl	Madison	9/5/22
Tom Meyer	<i>Tom Meyer</i>	7546 Red Fox Trl	Madison	9/6/22
RACHNA TIWARI SANDESH PARAGI	<i>Rachna Sandesh</i>	7542 Red Fox Trl	Madison	9/5/2022
Franne Nevin	<i>Franne Nevin</i>	7514 Red Fox Tr.	Madison	9-5-2022
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Gwen Long	<i>Gwen Long</i>	225 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	537 9-5-22

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Rick Shih		2 W Geneva Cir	Madison	09/05/22
Rosanne Shih		2 W Geneva Cir	Madison	9/5/22
Jane Brokish		10 E Copper Cir.	Madison	9/5/2022
Ester Lowery		7702 Gray Fox Trl	Madison	9/5/22
Carol Stotlan		9 Gray Fox Circle	Madison	9/5/2022
Julia Katz		10 Gray Fox Circle	Madison	9/5/22
Fred Jaechle		7610 Gray Fox Trl.	MADISON	9/5/22
Martha A Jaechle		7610 Gray Fox Trl.	Madison	9/5/22
Nancy Chopin		7606 ^{Dr} Fox Tr	Madison	9/5/22
Ben Braun		7529 Red Fox Tr	Madison	9/5/2022
Amy Braun		7529 Red Fox Tr	Madison	9/5/2022
Daisy Marshok		7525 Red Fox Tr	MSN	9/5/2022
Kevin Wagner		7521 Red Fox Tr.	MSN	9/5/2022
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Anne Selna		40 Oak Creek Trl	Madison	9-8-22
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Jane Imholte	<i>Jane Imholte</i>	921 Darien Dr.	Madison	08/13/2022
David Henry	<i>David Henry</i>	7417 Farmington Way	Madison	8/13/22
Sonja Henry	<i>Sonja Henry</i>	7417 Farmington Way	Madison	8/14/22
Dick Rosenbauer	<i>Dick Rosenbauer</i>	302 Oldfield Rd	Madison	8/14/22
Daire Kolebuntel	<i>Daire Kolebuntel</i>	302 Oldfield Rd	Madison	8/14/22
Susanne Dunham	<i>Susanne Dunham</i>	7426 Farmington Way	Madison	8/14/22
DeGennar	<i>DeGennar</i>	7430 Farmington Way	Madison	8/14/22
Sw Berkeley	<i>Sw Berkeley</i>	5 Pintail	Madison	8/14/22
Tenzin Wang	<i>Tenzin Wang</i>	10 Pintail Ln	Madison	8/14/22
Tom Wildger	<i>Tom Wildger</i>	9602 FARMINGTON	MADISON	8/14/22
Petition Circulated By:	<i>Ted Drewsch</i>	7621 Farmington	Madison	8-14-22

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Michael Notaro	<i>Michael Notaro</i>	317 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	7/24/22
Dawn Zimmerman	<i>Dawn Zimmerman</i>	317 SAUK CREEK DR	Madison	7/24/22
Petition Circulated By:	<i>Susan Buegeman</i>	313 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	

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Ibelisse Lassiter	<i>Ibelisse Lassiter</i>	7534 Red Fox Trl	Madison	08/17/2022
Jesse Lassiter	<i>Jesse Lassiter</i>	7534 Red Fox Trl	Madison	08/17/2022
JOSE LAFUENTE	<i>J Lafuente</i>	7534 RED FOX TRL	MADISON	08/19/2022
M ^{rs} Elizabeth de la Fuente	<i>E de la Fuente</i>	7534 Red Fox Trl	Madison	08/17/2022
circulated by	<i>Susan Buegman</i>	313 Sauk Creek Rd Madison WI 53717		08/17/2022

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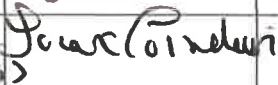


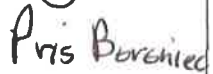





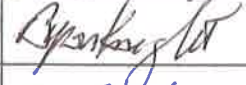





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Debra Oakes	<i>Debra Oakes</i>	7705 Old Sauk Rd	Madison	8.11.22
Carol Jensen	<i>CAROL JENSEN</i>	9 St. LAWRENCE ^{Circle}	MAD	8-11-22
Herbert Jensen	<i>Herbert Jensen</i>	9 St. Lawrence Cir	Madison	8/11/22
BILL GRENEN	<i>Will G.</i>	313 Wolf St	MADISON	8/12/22
Olivia Fardet	<i>Olivia Fardet</i>	7802 Big Sky Dr Madison		8/12/22
Brady Anderson	<i>Brady Anderson</i>	2504 Myrtle St.	Madison	08/11/22
Julie Genie	<i>Julie Genie</i>	313 Wolf St	Madison	8/12/22
Keisha Marsh	<i>Keisha Marsh</i>	2715 Marshall Court	Madison	8/12/22
Mike Smute	<i>Mike Smute</i>	3204 Country Grove Dr	Mad	8/12/2022
NANCY CORRIGAN	<i>Nancy Corrigan</i>	1005 MIDDLETON St.	MADISON 53717	8/12/2022
Joshua Berkson	<i>Joshua Berkson</i>	1319 E Johnson St. Madison	Madison 53703	8/13/2022
Rebecca Busch	<i>Rebecca Busch</i>	305 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison 53717	8/20/2022
Benjamin Bramble	<i>Benjamin Bramble</i>	305 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison 53717	8/20/2022
Petition Circulated By:				
Leslie Brugnara	<i>Leslie Brugnara</i>	313 Sauk Creek Dr.	Madison 53717	

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Louis Cornelius		13 Sauk Creek Circle	Madison	7/4/22
Joshua Wilke		17 Sauk Creek Circle	Madison	7/14/2022
Ashley Wilke		17 Sauk Creek Circle	Madison	7/14/2022
Pris Bronnie		13 Sauk Creek Cr.	Madison	7/19/2022
Pat Tregoning		321 Sauk Creek Dr.	Madison	7/19/2022
PATRICK TREGONING		321 Sauk Creek Dr	MADISON	7-19-22
Zahra Rezai		10 Sauk creek cir	Madison	8-11-22
Laura Boyle		6 Sauk creek cir	Madison	8-13-22
BOB BOYLE		6 Sauk Creek Cir	Madison	8-13-22
Byron Knight		501 N Highland	Madison	8/20/22
DANA CORRETT		9 Pintail Cir	Madison	8/26/22
Janice Mueller		8 Classic Circle	Madison	8/29/22
JOEL MUELLER		8 Classic Circle	Madison	8/29/22
Petition Circulated By:		13 Sauk Creek Circle Madison	Madison	8/31/22
Dan Gustafson		5 E. Geneva Circle	Madison	8/31/22

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Dorothy Bellant	Dorothy Bellant	511 Commerce Dr Apt 420	Madison	7/25/2022
MARYVAN MEER	Mary Van Meer	511 Commerce Dr Apt 2318	Madison	7/25/2022
Joan Statz	Joan Statz	511 Commerce Dr. #416	Madison	7/25/2022
Nancy Meyer	Nancy Meyer	511 Commerce Dr. #408	Madison	7/25/22
MARIAN KIENITZ	Marian Kienitz	511 COMMERCE DR #315	MADISON WI	7-25-22 53719
MARY G. HOLM	Mary Holm	511 Commerce DR #306	MADISON WI.	608-577-7227
Marilyn Ross	Marilyn Ross	511 Commerce Dr #308	Madison	7-25-22
Carol Osten	Carol Osten	511 Commerce Dr Apt #306	Madison Wis	7-27-22
Barbara White	Barbara White	511 Commerce Dr #308	Madison	7-27-22
ELIZABETH TYREE	Elizabeth Tyree	511 Commerce Dr #217	Madison	7/27/22
Betty J. Bent	Betty J. Bent	511 Commerce Dr #210	Madison	7/27/22
Jeanette Reece	Jeanette Reece	511 Commerce Dr. #213 Madison, WI	Madison	7/27/2022
Petition Circulated By: James Plons	James Plons	225 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	7.27.27

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MARIA HOFFMAN	Maria Hoffman	#5110 511 Commerce Dr.	Madison	7/28/22
Judith Kalschauer	Judith Kalschauer	#406 511 Commerce Dr.	Madison	7/28/22
TEANNE Facke	Teanne Facke	205 511 Commerce	Madison	7/28/22
Nancy Sommers	Nancy Sommers	419 511 Commerce Dr	Madison	7/28/22
Connie Fahy	Connie Fahy	317 511 Commerce Dr	Madison	7/28/22
Frederick Halverson	FREDERICK HALVORSON	511 Commerce Dr	MADISON	7/28/22
Dale Miller	Dale Miller	511 Commerce Dr APT 310	Madison	7/28/2022
DORIS GRAF	Doris Graf	#408 511 Commerce	"	7-28-22
HELEN DORAK	Helen Dorak	#314 511 Commerce Dr.	Madison	7/28/22
Barbara Jean Anderson	Barbara Jean Anderson	8202 Highview Dr Apt 57 Madison, WI	Madison	8/2/22
Paul O'Connell	Paul O'Connell	8202 Highview Dr APT 215	Madison	8/2/22
Sally Ellis	Sally Ellis	511 Commerce Dr #207	Madison	8-2-22
Tom Ellis	Tom Ellis	511 Commerce #207	Madison	8-2-22
Petition Circulated By: James Long	James Long	225 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	8-2-22

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Rosemary Jones	Rosemary Jones	5142 Pepin Pl	Madison	7/24/22
Benson Brown	Benson Brown	101 Everglade Drive	Madison	7/24/22
Maribeth Gettings	Maribeth Gettings	101 Everglade Dr.	Madison	7/24/22
Donna Beest	Donna Beest	6225 Min. Pt Rd	Madison	7/24/22
Nancy Gunder	Nancy Gunder	4417 Hillcrest Dr.	Madison	7/24/22
Peter Gunder	Peter Gunder	4417 Hillcrest Dr.	Madison	7.24.22
Margaret O'Donoghue	Margaret O'Donoghue	317 S. Owen Dr.	Madison	7/24/2022
Steve Veazie	Steve Veazie	317 S. Owen	Madison	7/24/22
Katse Herring	Katse Herring	5101 Conroy Wetzel Pl	Madison	7/24/22
Patricia Fendler	Patricia Fendler	28 Ridgeway Dr	Madison	7/24/22
Jean Spiller Jean Spiller	Jean Spiller	5 Classic Cir.	Madison	7/24/22
JAMES SPILLER	JAMES SPILLER	5 CLASSIC CIR.	Madison	7/24/22
Melissa Hinz	Melissa Hinz	2214 Woodside Dr	Cross Plains	7/24/22
Petition Circulated By	Gwen Long	Care Long	Madison	53717
Abigail Elman	Abigail Elman	9619 Ancient Oak In Apt 107	Verona	7/24/22

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Sandy Dolister		13 E Geneva Cir	Madison	7/21/22
Harriet Tafodes		7501 Red Fox Trail	Madison	7/21/22
James LONG		225 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	7-22-22
Herb Bostrom		7 Ashland Ct.	Madison	7-22-22
Mary Bostrom		7 Ashland Ct	Madison	7/22/22
Andrea Oyler		2106 Adderburg Cir.	Madison	7/22/22
ARNOLD BERNARDETTE		622 Odell St	Madison	7/22/22
RYAN BENDER		5117 Whitcomb Dr	Madison	7/22/22
Kindra Goehle		5117 Whitcomb Dr.	Madison	7/22/22
Ed Rogers		5009 Tocora Ln	Madison	7/22/22
Nancy Schofer		418 Mineau Pl	Madison	7/22/22
Melissa Schmidt		2804 Big Bluestem Pkwy	Fitchburg	7/24/22
Gretchen Gifford		202 WABAN HILL	MADISON	7/24/22
Petition Circulated By: →		Owen Long	Madison	WF 53717
		5422 Pepin Pl	Madison	7/24/22

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Ernest Madsen	Ernest Madsen	6205 Mineral Pt. Rd Madison	Madison	7/31/22
Barb Larsen	Barb Larsen	6614 Dumont Rd Madison	Madison	7/31/22
Voel Pearson	Voel Pearson	5030 Zane Mendenhall	Madison	7/31/22
Walt Stevenson	Walt Stevenson	222 S. Kenosha Dr	Madison	7/31/22
Judy Stevenson	JUDY STEVENSON	222 S. Kenosha Dr	Madison	7/31/22
Sarah L. Lorenz	Sarah L. Lorenz	6330 Woodingford Way	Madison	8/2/22
Gail Walsh	Gail Walsh	5 Plover Cir	Madison	8/3/22
Kristi Fleming	Kristi Fleming	1 E. Geneva Cir.	Madison	8/4/22
Patrick Fleming	Patrick Fleming	1 E Geneva Cir	Madison	8/4/22
DAVID JOAN	David Joan	7922 WCAK Packer	MADISON	8/4/22
Simon Sharpswain	Simon Sharpswain	7555 Red fox tr.	Madison	8/4/22
Frances Sharpswain	Frances Sharpswain	7555 Red fox tr.	Madison	8/4/22
Maureen Powell	Maureen Powell	14 Plover Cir	Madison	8/4/22
Petition Circulated By:	Gwen Long	County	Madison	53717
Sabine Zamer	S. Zamer	13 Bumble Circle Madison, WI 53717	Madison	8/4/22

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Stanley Richardson	<i>Stanley Richardson</i>	314 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	7-4-22
Zoe Richardson	<i>Zoe Richardson</i>	314 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	7-4-22
Justin Lovins	<i>Justin Lovins</i>	7551 Red Top Trl	Madison	7/4/22
Aaron Tenbrunsel	<i>Aaron Tenbrunsel</i>	14 St. Lawrence Cir	Madison	7/4/22
TOM D'ALESSANDRO	<i>Tom D'Alessandro</i>	" " "	MADISON	7/4/22
Robin Skjerka	<i>Robin Skjerka</i>	405 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	7/4/22
Kris Koral	<i>Kris Koral</i>	18 St. Lawrence	"	7/4/22
Mark Hanson	<i>Mark Hanson</i>	9 Plover Cir	"	7/4/22
Brian Chipman	<i>Brian Chipman</i>	7606 Gray Fox Tr	"	7/4/22
James Dalton	<i>James Dalton</i>	7713 Brule St.	"	7-4-22
Jeff Lucas	<i>Jeff Lucas</i>	210 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	7/4/22
DAVID AL-ADRA	<i>David Al-Adra</i>	18E Copper Cir	Madison	7/4/22
Tom Hornung	<i>Tom Hornung</i>	25 W Copper Cir	Madison	7/4/22
Petition Circulated By:	<i>Stanley Richardson</i>	314 Sauk Creek Dr	Madison	7-4-22
Jennifer Ryjovic	<i>Jennifer Ryjovic</i>	7510 Farmington Way	Madison	7/4/22

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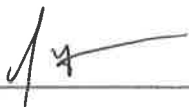
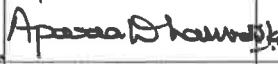


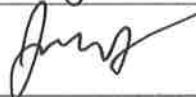





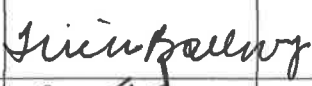

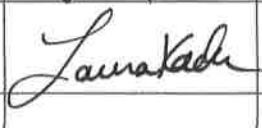
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Theo Wessome	Theo W.	155 Saukaya		
Tom Bauer	Tom Bauer	10 Carillon Dr	Madison	7/24/22
Dennis Joosse	Dennis Joosse	1623 Meadow Crest Ln	Middleton	7/24/22
Kris Bauer	Kristin Bauer	10 Carillon Dr	Madison	7/24/22
June Stelberg	June Stelberg	APT. 211 511 Commerce Dr	Madison	7/25/22
Nancy Gunde	Nancy Gunde	4417 Hillcrest Dr	Madison	7/27/22
Diane McHugh	Diane McHugh	4801 Restana Dr.	Madison	7/27/22
Janelle Sundberg	Janelle Sundberg	617 Color Park Rd	Madison	7/27/22
Anne Earl	Anne Earl	26 Bayberry Tr.	Madison	7/28/22
Friedemarie Farrar	Friedemarie Farrar	9 Cheyenne Circle	Madison	7/31/22
Doug Poland	Doug Poland	2621 Gregory St.	Madison	7/31/2022
Jennifer Morgan	Jennifer Morgan	505 N. High Point Rd	Madison	7/31/22
Brenda Pitt	Brenda Pitt	9061 Paddy Ln to Hwy 53593	Verona	7/31/22
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Helen Mada	Helen Mada	6205 Mink Pt Rd Madison	Madison	7/31/22

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Fred Ketchum		7651 Farmington Way	Madison	2/3, 2022
APARNA DHARWADKER		7625 Farmington Way	Madison	7/3/22
COLE / MORGAN		7512 Farmington Way	Madison	7/3/22
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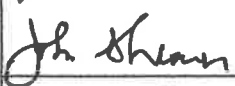


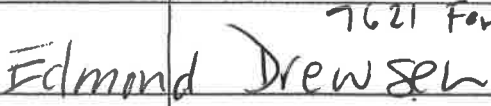
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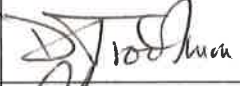


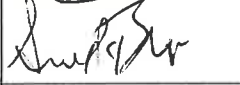
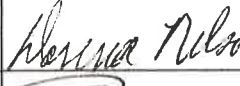


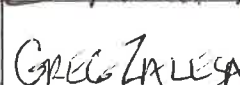
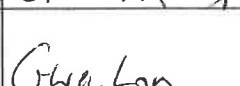
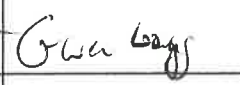
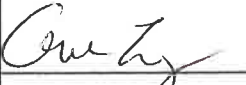
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Donna Nelson		310 N. High Point	Madison	8/9/22
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To Board of Public Works Members, Alders, Mayor, Deputy Mayor Christie Baumel

We hope you truly appreciate that the greenway is an incredible old-growth, bio-diverse riparian woods in District 9 that benefits the whole city, and our climate. We advocates and citizens of Madison are passionate about saving this unique natural area, as other green space vanishes. Wooded wild areas are quickly disappearing in new developments and watershed projects throughout Madison. Please listen to and work with outside experts to make this watershed project a cost effective, environmental success for everyone.

1. Other **environmental experts support** what [Dr. Faith Fitzpatrick](#) reported to the Board. This restoration project can be done at less cost and with less tree loss. She works across the nation planning successful watershed projects. Dr. Fitzpatrick and others have offered to meet with City Engineering's board of experts and provide pro-bono expertise, but no meeting has been forthcoming. WHY? These are national experts living in our own community.

Dr. Fitzpatrick has also sent numerous letters offering expert, cost saving advice. Please read them! She is a national watershed expert. Other stormwater experts, who have walked the creek with us, are afraid to say anything in fear of losing future city contracts.

City engineers have also ignored expert opinion and offers of help from [Dr. Michael Notaro](#), a climatologist with the UW-Madison Nelson Institute; and [George Meyer](#), former Secretary of the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, and others. What is preventing city engineers from taking advantage of this expertise? Had environmental experts been included in the early planning stages, restoration could already be underway.

Dr. Faith Fitzpatrick explained that gravel will cause more wash-out, rutting and erosion/sediment; more long-term maintenance costs than grass; is less water permeable (the whole reason for the greenway); and increased temperatures. Weeds that grow through the gravel cannot be mowed because mowing will spread the gravel into the creek and private properties. We see significant weed growth through other gravel paths. Unintentionally, it might also affect animal and reptile movement. Grassed sewer access roads are much cheaper and have not had any maintenance in 13 years. Why is City Engineering promoting gravel?

When Ms. O'Brien was asked if she would meet with Faith Fitzpatrick at last year's WAP meetings, Ms. O'Brien said that Dr. Fitzgerald could attend the zoom meetings like the rest of us and talk for three minutes. Why couldn't they meet and exchange scientific stormwater project ideas, as professionals?

2. FOSC wonders why the city is spending so much time, money, and effort on this project when there are so many other, bigger watershed projects needing attention. The many new housing developments throughout Madison will have HUGE impacts on water availability and quality going forward, if they are not designed correctly from the start. It will cost city taxpayers millions of dollars to correct such problems in the future.

3. **It was the costly, unnecessary bike paths added to the West Area Plan and additional permanent gravel roads that delayed the Sauk Creek Watershed Project progress.** They were added based on answers to biased survey questions posed to people who lacked knowledge of the greenway. We learned subsequently that the additions were secretly backed by outside bike lobbyists, not the affected community. Documents obtained via FOIA requests include emails advising Engineering on how to sugar coat the project to persuade the neighbors to accept it, also admitting “the stormwater project will decimate the Sauk Creek Greenway for years.” Bike paths in the West Area Plan held up this project for over a year.

Please stop blaming our fiscally responsible, concerned, environmental community for all the delays. We have always wanted this project to go forward in ways that conserve the environment and animal habitat. **We are gratified that Ms O'Brien's current creek reconstruction plans reflect that,** minus the unnecessary permanent gravel roads.

4. Sauk Creek Greenway was never an oak savannah. In the face of oak wilt disease, it's important to keep the greenway a bio-diverse riparian woodland. Ms. O'Brien has said she agrees with this. We all agree that invasive trees and vegetation need to be controlled, but they are invasive and residual, and will return to the woods.

5. In the final days of the project, a *permanent* access road, almost the length of the creek, was added to the project. We'd understood that the roads were only temporary for getting riprap to the creek reconstruction area. Now we're told that they're needed for creek construction machinery and large tree removal. How can Ms. O'Brien now say the paths will meander around the mature trees? **The roads follow similar routes as the north-south bike path that was removed from the WAP.**

Alder Conklin supported removal of the north-south bike path from the WAP. In city emails with Craig Weinhold, a Madison Bike Community activist and Shorewood Hills resident, there was an understanding with Jojo O'Brien and Ben Zellers, that **the permanent roads and sewer access roads would be used as ad hoc bike paths going forward.** “The sooner these answers (No bike path in WAP) are known and publicized, the sooner they can help diffuse the organized neighborhood resistance.” We suspect that this is the REAL REASON the paths were dropped suddenly from the WAP and made headlines in the newspaper; knowing Ms. O'Brien would add them back into the project. They are now proposed as permanent gravel-covered access roads, despite not being needed because there is already a sewer access road!

6. After seeing the massive tree loss in 2019-20 upstream Sauk Creek restoration projects, nearby neighbors were distressed and formed the Friends of Sauk Creek. We banded together to advocate for a better, environmentally friendly project outcome for this 40-acre woods.

400 City of Madison residents signed a **petition In Opposition to the City Of Madison's Sauk Creek Greenway Restoration Project and Removal of Trees.** (see agenda attachments) and another petition in **Opposition to a Bike Path through the Greenway.**

There are 600 community environmentalists and concerned citizens from all over Dane County on our Friends of Sauk Creek mailing list. People from across Madison have come out in support of FOSC after experiencing immense tree loss in Mendota Grassman, Lake Mendota Drive, Oak Bridge, Robin Parkway, Olbrich O.B. Sherry Park, Hiestand Park, and other areas. They were not against the projects as proposed, but were upset by the extensive tree loss in the completed projects.

Please review the FOSC **Save the Sauk Creek Woods and Greenway** book that was distributed in September 2024 to all alders and the mayor. It is a compendium of six years' worth of efforts by advocates to save the unique greenway ecosystem. City residents spent hundreds of hours of time documenting their valid concerns.

We were not granted a one-on-one meeting with City Engineering to discuss our concerns until the walk-through on December 12, 2024.

The ONE greenway walk-through meeting was great, and helpful for talking and sharing each other's issues and concerns. We had to request that in-person walk-through multiple times before it finally occurred. Alder Nikki Conklin, a member of the SCG project planning team, did not facilitate a meeting.

7. The Sauk Creek Greenway project has had several issues during the 6-year process, including the multiple conflicting and concerning emails between city departments and the bike lobby. Behind-the-scenes strategizing shows a lack of transparency and conflicts of interest throughout the process.

8. Six years into the project, City Engineering is still issuing MAJOR, last-minute information and project changes. The rushed time frame for these major changes that affect the community and whole project, undermines public trust.

10. All of the last-minute changes proposed since mid-December 2024 confirmed how much information had been withheld. Over 400 people asked for environmental impact studies. We sought open communication and trust building after the disappointing WAP process. Large information dumps in quick, one-sided Zoom presentations impede understanding. Three minutes allotted in zoom meetings is not adequate to convey our valid scientific, environmental, and climate concerns about this watershed project.

We need more walk-throughs and open Q&A to build understanding and trust.

A new concern is that recently City Engineering zoom meetings do not allow attendees to see who else is on the call, as we could previously. Those meetings are public records, and other committees do not block that type of information.

11. The beautiful regenerating oak trees shown in a later slide in the engineering report are, unfortunately, mowed down yearly by the city as part of retention pond maintenance! And they will continue to be mowed down, not allowing for regenerative regrowth of oaks and valuable native tree species.

12. The *multiple focus groups* referred to were NOT with the neighborhoods that are most affected by the restoration. They were with random people, who **were given gift cards to attend the focus groups** and had no idea what the issues were. Their naïve answers were used as the basis for Engineering's plans. We would have loved an in-person focus group of FOSC leaders with Ms. O'Brien. That would have streamlined the process and cleared up misconceptions. Instead, we got impersonal, rushed zoom meetings with no time for follow-up questions and discussion.

13. The community input meetings and listening sessions were about anything but "community input" and "listening." Zoom meetings were run quickly and we had no time to discuss or think through

the “survey questions.” We expressed to Ms. O'Brien during the meetings that we were frustrated with how they were being run. She wonders why there are still so many questions and what she considers “misinformation”, after her meetings. Maybe it’s due to the format and process she is using. Citizens throughout Madison are frustrated with top-down city planning and “Community Input” meetings.

15. The whole Wexford sediment pond and retention pond project cost less than \$2 million. It seems doubtful that it would cost \$1 million to occasionally dredge Wexford sediment pond. I have not received an answer to my question about how often the Wexford sediment pond had been dredged prior to this year. Doing so would be a less expensive, more environmentally friendly process, than reconstructing all of Sauk Creek. Why isn’t this being considered, along with dredging the High Point and Old Sauk Road retention pond?

We do not understand why the two current sediment/retention ponds are not better than no retention ponds, to filter out chemicals and sediment. **The salt levels and chemicals in our wells are increasing rapidly.** The city promotes individual, tiny rain gardens in people’s front yards. Isn’t it better and cheaper to dredge the vegetation in retention ponds every few years, than to remove 100s of mature, climate-controlling trees and to construct access roads that will need to be maintained in the future?

16. Construction that causes disruption to the creek banks and gravel swept from the new access paths by rain, will cause more sediment to flow downstream until the banks heal. Trees and roots help prevent sediment from going downstream. Trees also help absorb huge quantities of storm water. Loss of mature trees and roots have shown that more, faster-moving water and sediment will go downstream. All scientific experts agree on this.

17. In spring 2018, this was presented as a flood control project. However, in August 2018 during a record rainstorm NO flooding was caused by rising creek water. Clogged street drains and concrete culverts or living next to a hillside were blamed for most of the flooding issues in our area, per public meetings held after the floods. Now the SCG project is premised on needing to control sediment. This change in the purpose of the project, halfway through and not using sediment collection/retention ponds already in place, is perplexing.

18. The eroded creek banks seen in Ms. O'Brien’s pictures could have been avoided if the city had done maintenance and removed downed limbs in a timely manner. Over time, they grew into huge tree tangles that are difficult to remove. My 60-year-old husband has cleared out creek dams all by himself using a rented chainsaw, to avoid the erosion seen in other areas. A three-man city crew with a chainsaw could have prevented a lot of creek bank erosion and sediment over the past 30 years. Why has there been so much deferred maintenance? And what is the plan for maintenance going forward? We are told only two years of maintenance will be funded to get the vegetation established. It is well accepted that a prairie needs 10 years of care to get established or it will get overrun with noxious weeds. Tree shade keeps the weeds from taking over in a dense wooded area like the SCG.

19. The West Area Plan stopped this project for over a year to find out if the community wanted bike paths through the woods. We overwhelmingly opposed the cost, tree loss, increased water run-off, loss of heat and climate change mitigation, and habitat disruption for redundant bike paths. There are already bike routes available nearby! At our walk-through, Ms. O'Brien blamed our community for delays in this project and loss of project funding, but the WAP caused a major delay.

20. The Highpoint and Old Sauk Road Retention Pond was either poorly designed or built improperly by the contractor 10 years ago. It overflowed into the busy intersection after the first big rain and had to be

re-constructed within the first year. The other retention pond behind St. Lawrence Drive failed soon after being built in the 1980's and does not direct water into the retention pond at all. Yet, they do not seem to be of high importance for this project.

21. Why do hundreds of trees have to come down, **and millions of dollars spent**, to build permanent access roads for tree removal? How is this a part of a watershed project? They look like bike paths in waiting in a watershed area. We have been told repeatedly that the purpose of this greenway is for the conveyance of water away from residential and commercial areas. Why interfere with its true purpose by building impervious roads or bike paths? What is the real reason for wanting to put down gravel? What is the plan for maintaining the gravel paths? The grassed sewer access road has NOT needed city maintenance; nearby residents maintain it for the city.

22. The sewer access road was built in 2010 and is not covered with 6" of dirt, but rather with an inch or two of sod over 12" of dense compacted sand and crushed stone. This design is in the city's approved engineering plans and was used recently in other projects. We are unable to find reports of machinery getting stuck or causing rutting on the sewer access roads over the past 13 years. We **oppose** changing the sewer access and proposed new roads **running behind peoples' homes** to gravel covered.

23. My home has a sidewalk in front, a concrete sewer access sidewalk along one side, and now possibly a gravel path in back. I'm hemmed in on three sides! Of course, I'm concerned about aesthetics and the effect on my home's resale value. There are city ordinances and codes protecting homeowners' aesthetics.

24. The tree department said they only remove trees if they will cause damage to property. Otherwise, they leave downed trees to add to the environment. Most of the tree access roads are not near private property, which is the criterion the tree department said they use to come and remove dead trees. Why are roads needed the whole length of the creek when there is already a sewer access road? We have emails from Craig Weinhold to JoJo O'Brien and Ben Zellers stating that maintenance access roads can be used as ad hoc bike paths. It's disingenuous to keep denying the real purpose of these roads.

25. Signage *would* be great! Everyone is welcome in this awesome natural area to hike the dirt trails, mountain bike, splash in the creek, and climb over downed trees in search of insects, birds, wildlife, and native flowers. Friends of Sauk Creek have reached out to the Lussier Community Center through Alder Conklin, the Memorial High School biology club, and others to use the woods more. Everyone deserves to enjoy nature and the peace and restorative powers it provides. Let's not destroy this awesome wild and natural space, as Madison has done elsewhere, to everyone's detriment.

Thank you for your service on the Board of Public Works on behalf of the community and your fellow residents.

Gwen Long, concerned citizen, with additions by Friends of Sauk Creek members

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Good evening, everyone. My name is Becky Bittner and I am a resident in the beautiful Sauk creek neighborhood. I'm speaking today in strong opposition to the unnecessary destruction planned for the Sauk Creek Greenway.

Let's get straight to the point—why is this so-called "maintenance road" even needed? For decades, tree maintenance in this area has been simple: a small crew with chainsaws and a bobcat. No heavy machinery. No permanent road. And it worked just fine. So why, after 40 years, is the city suddenly spending thousands of taxpayer dollars to cut down nearly 100s trees—only to build a road that, in turn, will be used to remove more trees? It makes no sense. It will drastically change our beautiful small woods into a vast empty landscape.

And let's talk about the trees. These aren't just numbers on a map. These are living, mature trees that provide shade, wildlife habitat, and protect against erosion. Cutting them down for a road we don't need will cause irreversible damage—not just from direct removal, but also from root disruption when they dig at least 10 inches down to lay plastic, gravel, and sand.

Let's be real—this isn't just about tree maintenance. The placement of these roads conveniently aligns with the previously defeated North-South Bike Trail plan. We've been told this isn't for a bike path, yet the evidence suggests otherwise. Why push this through now, in the final stages, without a clear explanation of its necessity?

In my backyard I have a maintenance path that has been covered by grass years ago with no issues for equipment. It's a win win...access and nature.

I urge you to not just look at this project on paper but please come out and visit our small yet mighty beautiful slice of nature to understand where the residents are coming from.

The facts don't add up. This project is expensive, destructive, and unnecessary. I urge the city to reconsider, to listen to the community, and to preserve the Sauk Creek Greenway before it's too late.

Thanks!

Becky and Joshua Bittner

301 Sauk Creek Drive

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The proposed access roads and additional tree removal are unnecessary, a strike against the natural area, and contrary to residents' wishes. Please scale back this proposal.

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I am writing, once again, to oppose the approval of the Sauk Creek Greenway Corridor plan as proposed. My opposition is based on the construction parameters of the access road for the safe passage of the Vactor trucks and the proposed use of gravel.

In the many years the Vactor trucks have been used, during a walk through recently with city employees stated there has never been a problem with poor accessibility due to the grassy surface. I think the city is ill advised in the construction of the access road with gravel unless rutting and impassibility truly becomes a problem. In that event, there should be some more neutral appearing surface that meets all the parameters of durability and permeability, without the starkness of gravel.

Please consider this small change to the Plan, and keep this pristine beltway of grass and trees more natural looking.

Thank you,

From: [Faith Fitzpatrick](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#); [Guequierre, John](#); [Conklin, Nikki](#); [OBrien, Joanna](#); [Mayor](#); [Wolfe, James](#); [Schmidt, Janet](#)
Cc: [Fries, Gregory](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: BODW, Item 87045 Adopting Sauk Creek Greenway Corridor
Date: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:05:41 PM

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BOPW Comments on Final Plan

Faith Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., Professional Hydrologist, Professional Geologist

These comments follow from a series of emails to the City starting in 2022 regarding the approach to stormwater improvements in the Sauk Creek Greenway between Tree Lane and the North High Point Pond. I have professional expertise in the areas of channel erosion, erosion hazards, and hydrologic restoration. These comments are based on field indicators and topographic analyses of geomorphic processes.

This reach of Sauk Creek has a high potential to meet stormwater goals if the causes for erosion and sedimentation problems along the creek were addressed. **However, “fixing” 6,000 linear feet of streambanks along 5,900 ft of channel with boulder riprap is expensive and won’t fix the problem.** The proposed costly boulder stabilization has a large possibility of failing because the root causes for bank erosion have not been addressed. If the boulder riprap falls into the channel, it becomes an obstruction, causing more bank erosion, lateral migration, and possibly threatening more trees and infrastructure. This happened recently downstream on the South Branch of Pheasant Branch and the creek was threatening to cause structural damage on a nearby building—it doesn’t matter how big the boulders are if the channel drops out from beneath or decides to go elsewhere. I’m not sure why the consultant’s channel assessment didn’t include this. The longitudinal profiles help here to see these things. I’ve included a more technical description of some of the problem hotspots below.

Two hotspots include reaches of the creek affected by engineering works associated with North High Point Pond and St. Lawrence Pond. During the construction of North High Point Pond, the channel bed was raised and the floodplain constricted. Besides problems with the pond not functioning as planned, this caused upstream sedimentation, standing water, raised water table, and ultimately more upstream channel lateral migration, channel instability, and tree loss. Over the last decade or so, the effects of this continued and channel migration and bank instability continue to progress upstream. Failed engineered in-creek structures associated with redirecting and raising the channel grade near the St. Lawrence Pond are also causing continued channel erosion, lateral migration, and channel instability. Furthermore, the concrete fords/paths proposed in the vicinity of both of these ponds are at critical points

where the creek is still adjusting. This means that they have a high potential for failure by being cut around during the next flood, causing more tree loss and erosion, and need for repair. Solution — restore the creek channel to the correct elevation, remove levees, reduce erosive power of the flows, and design an inline wetland that catches sediment in place of the failed pond.

Another channel adjustment hotspot looks to be a progressive knickpoint in the vicinity of the stormwater outfall at Geneva Circle. This is a point to be very careful with bank stabilization especially concerning the rubble and debris left from previous construction activity. The worst thing would be to allow the knickpoint to keep moving upstream, further dropping the bed of the channel. It also appears that bed erosion has locked the channel in its current location along a steep bank near Walnut Grove. It looks like the channel used to be in the center of the greenway before incision worked its way upstream. Solution: remove failing riprap causing channel instability, design natural grade control, replace failed pond with inline floodplain wetland.

Channel conditions change upstream of Gray Fox Trail because the geomorphic setting is more ravine-like with steeper slopes and there is a greater chance for the creek bed to erode through upstream knickpoint progression. Bank stabilization may fail here due to a likely drop in bed elevation after each major flood. The planned culvert crossing for the sanitary path has a high potential to wash out again if bed erosion continues. If the culvert is set at the wrong elevation, it has the potential to cause upstream progression of lateral migration. Solution: carefully placed grade control, energy dissipating bedforms.

Maintenance paths -- the new proposed paths in the north, middle, and south further affect 4,300 ft or over 70% of the length of the creek. This unnecessary addition will result in more damage to the floodplain canopy forest, soils, and floodplain connectivity. I can't understand why the plan is adding more disturbance and possibility for more erosion, flood damage, and maintenance/repair costs. Instead of building more constrictions and disturbing soils and vegetation, the focus should be on improving the conditions of the forest canopy and floor and its filtering ability, and promoting channel/floodplain connectivity.

There seems to be confusion in the final plan about bank erosion, sources of sediment, and the role of large wood (tree fall) in slowing and filtering flood flows, reducing erosion and suspended sediment loads, and improving habitat. As stated in previous emails, this is contrary to sound science backing nature-based solutions and flood management under a changing climate in urban systems. Solution: no more disturbance of the forest floor or canopy, no more constrictions in the floodway, no more constricted crossings.

Please take this design back to the consultants that did the channel assessment. Please include my comments. Make sure that you have someone giving you sound advice that

understands geomorphic feedbacks, channel/floodplain interactions, and hydrologic restoration.

From: [Si Widstrand](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Cc: [Conklin, Nikki](#); [Guequierre, John](#); [Wolfe, James](#)
Subject: Adopt the Sauk Creek Plan
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 9:12:07 AM

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Hello, Board Members. I strongly support the proposed Sauk Creek Corridor Plan to control erosion and restore native vegetation. I live within a mile of the greenway and have attended all of the public meetings for this Plan. I have field experience on this site beginning when it was undeveloped farmland in the 1970s.

The Engineering Staff did excellent work on the public process to develop this Plan. Their preliminary concept from March 2018 was idealistic, but not ideal for this site. Then there was an unfortunate 5 year delay due to the August 2018 flood, the emergency planning responses that it required, and the Covid pandemic. Since the staff resumed work on the Sauk Creek Plan in 2023, they have conducted a thorough analysis and public process. They have listened to concerns and changed the Plan for the better.

The channel construction and tree impacts have been reduced within this 35 acre greenway. 3 acres will be in the channel access and construction zone. These 3, plus 6 adjacent acres, will have selective removal of invasives and restoration to native woodland.

I have done invasive species control here as a volunteer in the past. I look forward to continuing this work on the 26 acres of woods that will be untouched by this project.

I urge you to approve this plan now, and then develop detailed construction plans for further public review.

Simon Widstrand, 7226 Branford Lane East

From: [Jenny Iskandar](mailto:jennyiskandar@gmail.com)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Subject: BOPW Item 87045 Sauk Creek Greenway Corridor
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 12:19:41 PM

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I am **opposed to the final Sauk Creek Greenway Corridor plan** you are considering tomorrow, Wednesday, February 12. I submit the following correspondence I had with Jojo O'Brien in December. It outlines many of my concerns with the plan BUT more importantly it illustrates the frustration I have had communicating with city officials regarding this project. Important note: I never received a reply to the December 3 message below.

I am available to answer questions.

Jenny Iskandar

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From: Jenny Iskandar <jennyiskandar@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 11:37 PM
Subject: Concerns with Sauk Creek Greenway Restoration Plan
To: OBrien, Joanna <jobrien@cityofmadison.com>, Wolfe, James <jwolfe@cityofmadison.com>, jschmidt@cityofmadison.com <jschmidt@cityofmadison.com>, Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>, Nikki Conklin <district9@cityofmadison.com>
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To: Jojo O'Brien, City Engineering
Jim Wolfe, City Engineering
Janet Schmidt, City Engineering
Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
Alder Nikki Conklin

Re: Concerns with Sauk Creek Greenway Restoration Plan

The current Sauk Creek Greenway Restoration plan is **far from the minimally invasive restoration** we were promised earlier this year. The current draft **six-year restoration plan is over-engineered** and will forever change our cherished greenway. It includes three new access roads, three huge concrete culverts, the removal of thousands of trees; will chase away the wildlife and rob our aquifer of much needed clean water that has been provided by the creek for generations.

Those directly affected by the Sauk Creek Greenway restoration – the residents living in the neighborhoods surrounding the greenway, have not had adequate input into this process (outlined below). This violates the city of Madison values statements. **As a result, the public engagement process should be extended to ensure the resulting plan adequately addresses our environmental concerns and helps to preserve this cherished part of our community.**

Lack of True Public Engagement

I have lived in Madison for almost 40 years and the Sauk Creek Neighborhood for 25 years. In 2011, I participated in the public engagement process for the SCG sewer access road project. I attended neighborhood and city meetings and met with Jojo O'Brien, in her office, to discuss the project. **Throughout the process I felt my opinion was sought, and valued, by city staff.**

Fast forward to October 2023, the second time I actively engaged in a city planning process – for the West Area Plan. I wrote letters to city officials and my alder to request meetings to discuss concerns – but was told to attend public meetings. I attended every public engagement meeting/event I could. I wrote letters and gave public testimony to every board and commission involved in the WAP approval. **This time, it was obvious my concerns held less weight BECAUSE I am a neighboring property owner.** City staff did not listen to those directly affected by the project -- which violates city of Madison values. The opinions/concerns of these stakeholders/experts were written off as NIMBYism.

And here we go again, with the Sauk Creek Greenway restoration project. City staff are hiding behind zoom meetings; asking biased polling questions that lead directly to their desired outcome; refusing invitations to neighborhood association meetings and meeting requests by stakeholders (see correspondence below). Last spring we were led to believe the creek restoration would be “minimally invasive”. **The concepts presented at the October zoom meeting show an over engineered restoration – with no obvious consideration of those who will be directly affected by the project.**

There is a lack of transparency in the SCG process. Here are a few examples:

- Multiple outlines have been presented for the SCG public engagement. An early chart specifically outlined focus group meetings with neighboring property owners, which never happened, and no longer appears on diagrams.
- At the July zoom meeting – slides showed feedback from a focus group held at the Ashman Library – who did this focus group represent? I have yet to hear from

anyone who attended/was invited to THIS meeting.

- It is hard to tell if the December 4th meeting is the **final** public engagement meeting. Earlier communication stated that the final meeting would be held in December – but the postcard announcement did not indicate that it would be the last meeting. Whether it is “supposed” to be the last engagement meeting – **if the city of Madison values the opinions of those directly affected by plans/projects – this SHOULD NOT be the last public engagement meeting.**
- A 10-day notice, given one week before Thanksgiving and held the Wednesday after the holiday is a **slap in the face of those who have been fighting for an environmentally focused restoration for more than 6 years!**

Some of my concerns – in writing!

I have significant concerns with the over-engineered plan presented at the October zoom meeting. After attending close to 20 public engagement meetings over the past year, I have significant doubt my questions/concerns will be addressed at the meeting tomorrow. To ensure they are documented, I submit some of my concerns below.

Why are the ponds/wetlands the final step of the proposed six-year project? According to experts, the key to prevent bank erosion, downstream flooding and the health of the greenway, is to slow the water down. The ponds are an essential/key part of this process. The ponds should be dredged/addressed **FIRST**– not six years and millions of dollars down the line.

Trees! Trees! Trees!

- On March 23, 2023, Alder Nikki Conklin submitted a CT letter to the editor where she outlines the benefits of a healthy tree canopy – including reducing air pollution and giving us a connection to nature – and states that she supports a restoration project that helps preserve mature trees, attracts more diverse wildlife and provides a habitat for pollinators. The current over-engineered proposal does little to support these goals.
- **Removing invasive trees is a HUGE commitment.** Whenever we ask about saving trees in the greenway, we are told that the greenway is full of invasive species BUT no plan to rid the greenway of invasives has been presented. Twenty years ago, I worked diligently to eliminate the buckthorn in the section of the greenway bordering my property. I was successful. Then two years ago I stopped maintaining the area, knowing the restoration was to start soon, and I had been admonished a few times about working in the greenway. This summer the buckthorn was

back! **Getting rid of invasives is a HUGE commitment. I have not seen any evidence the city is committed to this long-term process. Within 5-years, the greenway will be a forest of buckthorn and other invasive species!**

- **9th District has a 16% Tree Canopy.** The city of Madison Urban Forestry Final Report (2019) sets a city-wide goal of 40%. The 9th district was listed as having the lowest canopy at just 16%. The report outlines the benefits of the tree canopy and specific goals on working with neighborhoods to increase the canopy. If the greenway is decimated, as outlined in the proposed plan, the 9th district is unlikely to reach the paltry 16% canopy again.

Replacing grass with gravel is a nuisance. My house is just 22 feet from the channel with no buffer between my lawn and the grass covered sewer access road. At the October zoom meeting, Jojo O'Brien stated that the city is moving away from planting vegetation (grass) on maintenance roads, although they just built a grass covered maintenance road behind High Point Church. So, the plan is to replace any grass damaged during construction with gravel AND all new "access paths" will be gravel. **Gravel paths create a nuisance for neighboring property owners. Paths will become a weedy mess (like the gravel path behind Walgreens on Highpoint Road) and when we cut our grass, gravel from the path will be thrown onto our lawns – creating a hazard and ruining our lawns.** I suspect the actual reason for the gravel path is to create a de-facto bike path (as suggested in a recent Madison Bikes Blog) even though it is universally opposed by area residents. REMEMBER the north-south bike path was removed from the WAP on the recommendation of Alder Conklin AND the WAP included increased bike infrastructure on both Highpoint and Westfield roads.

Nature Everywhere Campaign. Earlier this year the mayor announced the new nature everywhere initiative designed to increase equitable access to nature everywhere children live, learn and play. There are many manicured parks within a walking distance of the greenway – but this is the last unmanicured natural area in the 9th district. Instead of decimating the greenway – it should be designated as a nature everywhere site. It is a perfect place for neighborhood scout groups to practice wayfinding; science classes to look for the changes of the seasons; and summer day camps to get out of the heat and explore. This area should be celebrated not decimated.

Please use the environmental experts here in Madison, at the University and at the State Agencies, to ensure an environmentally focused restoration. If this project is not handled correctly – there will be no going back! It will be a tragedy to see this cherished part of our neighborhood decimated!

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Jenny Iskandar
17 St Lawrence Circle, Madison
608-335-6666

cc: Alison Tenbruggencate, 14 St Lawrence Circle

Kris Koval, 18 St. Lawrence Circle

Tom Dosch, 13 St Lawrence Circle

Paul Herr, 14 Geneva Circle

Don and Cindy Shot, 18 Geneva Circle

On Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 11:40 AM OBrien, Joanna <jobrien@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi Jenny –

I have all the notes that Janet took during the Section C breakout room, and plan to address some of the concerns during the meeting on 12/4. Additionally, I will be sharing more zoomed in maps of the conceptual proposed improvements. However, as has been noted, there isn't design level detail to share (specific tree impacts, bank grading extents etc), so concepts and designs are really being discussed at a high level, with detailed design to take place when projects are budgeted and designed. For the phase near your house, this will not be for at least 3 years.

As I explained in my last email, there will be another opportunity for questions and input during the next public meeting, and additionally, an opportunity to share your comments via a survey if you are unable to attend the meeting. All of these comments will be taken into account when creating the Final Corridor Plan.

Due to staff schedules, and to allow all voices equal access, we are going to proceed with our plan to schedule a site visit that covers more of the greenway after the public meeting. We will share those dates once we are able to schedule them.

Thanks,

Jojo

Jojo O'Brien, PE

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Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 9:25 AM

To: OBrien, Joanna <jobrien@cityofmadison.com>

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<district9@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Re: Sauk Creek Greenway -- On-site Meeting Request

Good Morning Jojo,

We would still like to meet with you on Friday. As I mentioned in our meeting request, many of us attended all 3 prior greenway meetings and have reviewed your meeting slides. We still have many questions and concerns about what is being planned for our section of the greenway (Geneva to St Lawrence Circles). Our goal was to meet BEFORE the next public meeting to better understand the current proposal and share our concerns to hopefully encourage some changes in the final draft.

If the purpose of the December 4 meeting is to present the FINAL DRAFT, it should be held in-person and not between Thanksgiving and Christmas, when everyone is over extended. The zoom format of the last two meetings made it impossible to have substantive conversations/discussions; the small-scale maps that were shared make it impossible to understand what is being proposed; and we were not given enough information or opportunity to ask clarifying questions for the survey questions – the results of which have driven the plan.

We represent all the residents who live along your “Section C” of the greenway. We would like to meet now, when we are all available and before winter sets in, so we can fully understand what is being planned.

We hope to see you on Friday. I have copied Alder Nikki Conklin on this request, hoping she can join our on-site meeting.

We hope to see you on Friday.

Jenny Iskandar

17 St Lawrence Circle

608-335-6666

cc: Alder Nikki Conklin

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On Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 2:01 PM OBrien, Joanna <jobrien@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi Jenny –

We heard from a variety of folks over the weekend requesting site walk throughs, and additional opportunities to provide input.

In order to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide input and hear about the project, we have developed the following plan:

- The City will host a fourth virtual public meeting on 12/4 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm to share the draft final corridor plan. Information will be available on the project webpage to register for the meeting in the coming days: www.cityofmadison.com/SaukCreekGwy
- The City will set up a survey for people to be able to provide comments on the specific conceptual elements of the plan so that those that cannot attend the 12/4 meeting can share their input on the draft final corridor plan via the survey for ~10 days following the meeting.
- The City will schedule on-site walk thoughts for sections of the greenway and post those times on the project webpage to ensure all are able to attend, and that staff time is used effectively. Because these site visits take quite a bit of time, and with the holidays coming up several staff are on vacation so we need to combine multiple requests efficiently to get them in before the end of the season.
 - It should be noted that because the corridor plan is showing conceptual improvements there are not design details available to share at on-site meetings. Typically on-site meetings occur during the design phase when there are specific design elements and clear impacts to discuss. Right now, the City does not have that level of detail.

Based on the proposed plan above, we are going to reschedule the walk through discussed below. I apologize for any inconvenience. I am working on scheduling public walk throughs, and I'll post it on the project webpage and reply back to this email when that information is available.

Thanks,

Jojo

Jojo O'Brien, PE

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Subject: Re: Sauk Creek Greenway -- On-site Meeting Request

Good Morning Jojo.

Friday, November 22 works best for us. How does 11am work for you? Let's meet near my house, 17 St. Lawrence Circle.

Can you send us larger scale maps of the area prior to the meeting?

Thanks Jenny

On Fri, Nov 15, 2024 at 1:17 PM OBrien, Joanna <jobrien@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi Jenny –

Ryan Schmidt (our Engineering Operations Supervisor, copied) and I would be available to meet on site the following days/times. Please let us know a 30-45 minute window that works for you and your neighbors.

- 11/20, 10am-11am
- 11/22, 9am-2pm
- 11/26, 1pm-3pm

Thanks,

Jojo

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From: Jenny Iskandar <jennyiskandar@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 8:27 AM

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Subject: Sauk Creek Greenway -- On-site Meeting Request

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Dear Jojo,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing on behalf of my immediate neighbors who live along the stretch of the creek between Geneva and St. Lawrence Circles. Several of us attended the meeting on October 22, participated in the breakout session concerning our section of the creek, and have reviewed the slides available on the SCG website.

We have several questions and concerns about the proposed plans. To gain a clearer understanding, we would like to request an on-site meeting to walk this stretch of the creek together and better interpret the maps and current plans.

Please let us know your availability in the coming weeks for such a meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to arrange a convenient time to meet soon.

Best regards,

Jenny Iskandar, 17 St Lawrence Cir

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From: [Friends of Sauk Creek](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Subject: BOPW Item 87045 Sauk Creek Greenway Corridor
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 12:33:48 PM

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Please consider the following letter, signed by 174 Madison residents, when reviewing the Sauk Creek Greenway Corridor plan at your February 12th meeting.

Friends of Sauk Creek

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From: Friends of Sauk Creek <fosc.msn@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Dec 4, 2024 at 3:35 PM

Subject: Letter/Petition Opposed the Sauk Creek renovation Plan

To: OBrien, Joanna <jobrien@cityofmadison.com>, gfries@cityofmadison.com, <gfries@cityofmadison.com>, <allders@cityofmadison.com>, <nconklin@cityofmadison.com>, <mayor@cityofmadison.com>, <jwolfe@cityofmadison.com>, jschmidt@cityofmadison.com <jschmidt@cityofmadison.com>

Dear mayor, alders and city engineers,

Thank you for all your hard work, time and efforts in the planning process for the Sauk Creek Greenway. We have serious concerns and we are not confident you will allow them as feedback at the final Dec. 4 engagement meeting, so we included them below. This petition contains a compiled list of 174 names of Madison residents that neighbors collected for this letter/petition and two others sent to you today.

Many of us were shocked to see at the Oct. 22 meeting the city's plan for new maintenance paths and construction paths near our homes that will cause environmental damage due to significant removal of healthy mature trees. Expert opinions recommend keeping the large mature trees will ensure their roots and nearby vegetation will reduce flooding, naturally absorb stormwater and allow it to filter into the ground and "recharge" the city's nearby aquifer, which hydrologists say needs more clear water.

We who signed this letter oppose new construction and maintenance paths, additional culverts, and removal of swaths of trees behind homes without express permission from nearby neighbors.

We all urge you to continue your work by designing a minimally invasive, environmentally focused project for Sauk Creek. This would include:

- Shoring up sections where bank erosion is compromising structures — for example, the bend near Geneva Circle is getting precariously close to the sewer line.
- Removing failed infrastructure in the creek. There are several large concrete pieces of old infrastructure in the creek obstructing the flow and causing channel erosion that should be removed.

- Including redesign of stormwater ponds first, in the Greenway plans. This should be the city's first step. The city plan has this as the final step. Experts have told us this could be the key to preventing downstream flooding, improving water quality, and is essential to the health of the greenway and aquifer.
- Designing for a shorter time period. A minimally invasive design for creek restoration is more cost effective, environmentally sound and could be completed in a much shorter period than six years.

Thank you,
Friends of Sauk Creek,
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3. Byron Knight
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5. Bob Boyle
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7. Isabella Popic
8. Denison Tucker
9. Peggy Scallon
10. Jesica Young
11. Marc Young
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124. Janet Hirsch

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From: [Bonnie Ackerman](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Subject: Sauk Credk
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 1:07:07 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Public

Please seriously consider all of Dr Fitzgerald cautions and recommendations. I agree with him that all the purposed ideas for the Sauk Creek area are only going to result in more damage, unnecessary expenses and no solution.

“ There seems to be confusion in the final plan about bank erosion, sources of sediment, and the role of large wood (tree fall) in slowing and filtering flood flows, reducing erosion and suspended sediment loads, and improving habitat. As stated in previous emails, this is contrary to sound science backing nature-based solutions and flood management under a changing climate in urban systems. Solution: no more disturbance of the forest floor or canopy, no more constrictions in the floodway, no more constricted crossings.

Please take this design back to the consultants that did the channel assessment. Please include my comments. Make sure that you have someone giving you sound advice that understands geomorphic feedbacks, channel/floodplain interactions, and hydrologic restoration.” Dr Fitzpatrick

Thank you.
Cecilia Ackerman

17 Oak Creek Trail
Madison WI 53717

From: [Ginny White](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [Baumel, Christie](#); [All Alders](#); [Wolfe, James](#); [OBrien, Joanna](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #87045
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:51:01 PM
Attachments: [BPW 2.11.25.pdf](#)

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Please see attached letter.

February 11, 2025

Dear BPW Members: You are being asked to make a high-stakes decision at your February 12, 2025, meeting. It's a decision that could permanently damage one of Madison's last large, natural green spaces.

Alders Conklin and Guequierre are personally familiar with the 26-acre Sauk Creek Greenway. But if *you* are not—if *you* have never visited or walked in the greenway—then I submit that you have not done due diligence. Without knowing the lay of the land, how can you be sure that the current project design is adequate?

Relying primarily on staff briefings, maps, and alder recommendations is a superficial approach. I urge you to not just roll the dice on this consequential decision.

The Sauk Creek Greenway is an urban gem. All agree that it needs restoration, but I and other advocates think that needs to be done in the most environmentally sensitive way possible. Unfortunately, offers of help for the project from national experts in watershed management and climate science have been rebuffed.

City Engineers are intent on solving what they see as an engineering problem using traditional engineering methods. They do not see an opportunity to mitigate stormwater runoff and sedimentation using natural methods, thus preserving a unique ecosystem.

I and others wonder, "What is the rush all of a sudden?" The greenway has been neglected for decades, and this might be our only chance to get the restoration right. Once the trees and animals are gone and over-engineered infrastructure has been built, it will be too late.

As a taxpayer, I'd like to know why the city is declining to try lower cost, less invasive, natural methods first. If a natural approach proves ineffective, the engineers can still implement their plan. In the meantime, the city will save a lot of money and protect the natural environment.

I appeal to you to take a stand for the environment and not pass the buck to the Common Council. Your decision will have long-term consequences for the whole City of Madison.

Respectfully,

Ginny White
71 Oak Creek Trail
Madison 53717

From: [SaukCreek Neighborhood](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#); [OBrien, Joanna](#); [Conklin, Nikki](#); [Mayor](#); [Wolfe, James](#); [Schmidt, Janet](#); [Fries, Gregory](#); [All Alders](#); [Gwen Long](#)
Subject: BODW, Item 15 #87045 Adopting Sauk Creek Greenway Corridor
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 1:20:19 AM

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Hello,

We wish to register the opposition of the Sauk Creek Neighborhood Association to the current plans for the Sauk Creek Greenway "restoration". The "meetings" that have been held to gather community feedback have been half hearted at best. Community members have repeatedly expressed that their feedback has been minimized, and as a participant, I agree.

We feel the recently added roads through the length of the greenway are unnecessary and follow the same routes as the previously proposed (and voted down) bike paths that were in the West Area Plan last year. We do not understand why the city needs to cut down valuable trees to make a costly tree access road, when they have only received calls to remove 40 trees in the entire greenway in the past 8-10 years.

The 15 year-old Sewer access road is grassed and has had no problems with City trucks getting stuck. It requires minimal if any maintenance and is aesthetically pleasing. Gravel is not recommended in watershed areas. It will wash out, causing more sediment in the creek, and weeds grow up through it. If mowed, the gravel will be thrown around. Any gravel road installed will be costly to maintain.

The major problem during the flood event of 2018 was NOT the greenway - it was the undersized culvert under the Old Sauk/High Point intersection. The greenway has handled many years of rainfall and was something that drew many families, including mine, to the area. We only ask that you look at the *real* problems (increased runoff from target and menards shopping centers, plus undersized culverts under Old Sauk Road) and pledge to fix the actual problems, instead of destroying what is a true gem in the heart of Madison.

Again, the Sauk Creek Neighborhood Association vehemently opposes the current city plans for the Sauk Creek Greenway and we look forward to a time when the city will listen to its citizens.

Sincerely,

Damon Rygiewicz

President, Sauk Creek Neighborhood Association

Jennifer Rygiewicz

Treasurer & Social Chair, Sauk Creek Neighborhood Association

From: [Todd Chojnowski](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#); [Guequierre, John](#); [Conklin, Nikki](#); [Wolfe, James](#)
Subject: Support of the Sauk Creek Corridor Plan
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 10:51:05 AM

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Dear Board Members and City staff,

I am writing to support the corridor plan proposed for the Sauk Creek Greenway. I live at 7314 Farmington Way, Madison, WI 53717 less than a mile from the corridor. I have only been to a couple of public engagement meetings because of scheduling conflicts, however, I see two issues with the few that I have. It seems that many in my immediate community have no idea how to support native wildlife, promote a healthy system both ecologically and the human interaction with such, and many of my neighbors are bent on spreading misinformation to "protect" their private "forest".

Currently, I'm reluctant to use this space because anytime I've tried to go for a run on the current paths, they're confusing, come to a dead end, and most of the year I will come out covered in the little burrs which take forever to remove. It will be very nice to be able to move through this area to break up my runs with some natural beauty after the project completion.

However, I definitely understand this is only a byproduct of the main reason this area needs an overhaul. It would be an environmental disaster if one of the huge sanitary pipes had an issue. Just like how MMSD had the large release mid last year. Being able to regularly maintain these conveyance pipes is a great step to protect the natural beauty we have in the area.

I also see how none of my neighbors have rain gardens or any natural/native plants AT ALL. I highly question whether any of my neighbors actually care about these issues because I see many signs in the neighborhood that spread misinformation about what protecting a natural habitat is about. I do have a few neighbors that I've spoken to that support the project, normally these neighbors are the few that too have native plantings. Ironically, our HOA has recently changed the rules to push back on our native plantings. My experience with my 100 year sized rain garden in my front lawn is that my neighbors LOVE IT. I see people bring their kids and dogs across the street just to stop in to see what it's doing that day. The best part is, many people stop by to ask about what/why I'm doing and normally end the conversation so that they can't wait to see what's next for it. It's clear there is very little public knowledge of what being a steward of nature really entails.

This also feels like a reflection of our current Federal Government election. The people yelling the loudest about the "changes" they need to see happen are the same states, counties, and income groups that are going to be the most impacted by cuts to Federal aid programs. I can tell you by living next to these people, they're more concerned about their property values and keeping the "riff raff out" than they are about any environmental issue. I attend all our HOA meetings and see how this is the wording they use to defend their racist and property value driven decisions. Finally, I'd like to add that none of the people who are expressing concern about the environmental issues of restoring the corridor show up to our HOA greenway volunteer days where we pull invasives and plant natives in our privately owned greenways.

Thank you,

Todd Chojnowski

From: [Akshaya](#)
To: [Board of Public Works](#)
Subject: Sauk creek project
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 12:30:38 PM

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Dear board members,

I'm writing in support of the Sauk Creek project. I think restoring native species, removing invasives and improving accessibility for maintenance and use, will benefit the local environment and neighborhood.

I'm looking forward to seeing the changes that are to come.

Thank you,
Akshaya
7314 Farmington way

Sent from my iPhone

To: Members of the Board of Public Works Committee

This is a handout that accompanies the testimony of Louis Cornelius under Item 15 #87045 at the 2/12/25 hearing.

The cultural assets of the Area significantly contribute to neighborhoods – these assets can come in the form of religious institutions, neighborhood institutions, schools, businesses, and other gathering places, both public and private. Preschool of the Arts, Madison Ballet, and the Camera Company are just some examples of the cultural assets in the planning area. Parks often-times host cultural events as well. For example, the Capitol City Band holds an annual summer concert series in the Rennebohm Park shelter that brings together residents of different cultures and ages, and Garner Park hosts the annual Opera in the Park event. More community events could be undertaken by establishing Neighborhood Improvement Districts to fund physical and placemaking activities within the area.



The vacant former Copps grocery store is in Urban Design District 3.



Madison Yards is within Urban Design District 6.

Urban Design Districts

Urban design is also an important contributor to culture and character. The city's Urban Design Districts contribute to the aesthetics of the built environment in addition some aspects of urban design regulated in the zoning code. The city's Urban Design Districts generally ensure development contributes to creating a high quality, well-designed built environment within certain areas of the city. There are eight Urban Design Districts that are primarily located along the city's major transportation corridors. Each Urban Design District (UDD) is unique

and establishes requirements and guidelines for new development, buildings, remodeling, or additions to existing buildings. Some districts are more prescriptive than others. While the requirements and guidelines are different in each district, generally they address building design (height, setbacks, and stepbacks), design and quality of exterior materials and architectural detailing, lighting, signage, the design of private open space, landscaping, and screening.

There are two UDDs in the West Area: UDD 3 and UDD 6. UDD 3 is southwest of the Tokay Boulevard and Whitney Way intersection and is characterized by commercial and employment development. UDD 6 is located along University Avenue from Middleton to University Bay Drive and is characterized by a wide variety of older strip commercial and newer mixed-use development, with some single-family residential included in the boundary in the western half of the district. This plan outlines actions related to the review/re-evaluation of UDD 3 and UDD 6 boundaries and the guidelines and requirements enumerated in the districts. While outlined in this plan, UDD-related actions are intended to be part of a separate, citywide UDD review process.

Historic Resources

The West Area encompasses many sites and resources rich in history and culture. Residents expressed appreciation of these sites, the history of the West Area, scenic views from local vantage points, and the desire for more public art and art opportunities. There are several designated City of Madison landmarks or properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places as shown on the Historic Resources Map. Additionally, this Plan lists properties of potential architectural or historic significance and outlines the process if a property owner wishes to pursue designation (see the Historic Resources Review in the Appendix for further details). There are also archaeological sites in the West

Area, several of which are human burial sites. These sites may require additional review and consultation with the Ho-Chunk Nation and Office of the State Archaeologist. The archaeological sites could also be eligible for local or Federal historic designation. Properties listed in the National Register are potentially eligible for preservation tax credits for work on buildings, and burial sites are eligible for a property tax exemption. As part of this planning process, staff conducted a viewshed analysis of vantage points of the Capitol from publicly accessible locations within the Area. However, views from the Area were limited by existing development, street alignments, tree canopy, and topography.

