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I am writing again today to encourage and ask that you make and support a motion to amend OMSAP to include Option C Conservation Alternative to save all 30 acres in the Hartmeyer property as a nature park and community open greenspace. Having a natural area in an urban area is an investment in the future of Madison as a progressive and environmental city. I'm sure you have heard all of the excellent ecological reasons (that I agree with) but also consider that this area is a few blocks from Demetrel Park, which would encourage use of both areas for many species.

Demetrel, on the east side of the park, has 20 years of active ecological restorations for prairie. In the future, there will be expansion into a wet meadow north of the large hill and expansion behind the gas station, into additional native habitat. The Park is already actively used by residents and students from Emerson East and East High schools for ecological studies. I am Emerson East Neighborhood Association (EENA) Greenspace Coordinator and represent such for EENA and I am in close contact with Parks Management and Planning.

I also want to mention that you consider that living next to natural areas is highly desirable by many, and increases the value of homes and apartments. The neighborhoods of Cherokee and Owen Parks are excellent examples for higher residential values due to proximity to natural areas.

If you must compromise, I will support Ader Syed Abbas' Option B. Please make and support this Option B which has fewer streets and more natural area/park space if Option C is off the table.

Thank you for your consideration,
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cc. EENA co-chairs