Date: January 5, 2026

To: Plan Commission, City of Madison

From: John Sheean, 3106 Bluff St Apt 4 Madison WI 53705

Re: Preserve Trees at Woodland Reserve

My wife and I have lived here for 7 years. We appreciate the beauty of the trees among the apartment buildings that extend the parks on either side. Please see Civil Plan 10/22/25, p. 15, demolition) and (Updated Project Plans 12/8/25, p. 32, plantings). This is a request to preserve trees in the Central Area of the complex, in the McKinley Cul-d-sac and Pedestrian Path.

Reasons to preserve trees in the central area of the complex. ---Along the back of existing building E, the central area, mature trees grow: a row of evergreens, a Maple, and a Honey Locust (**Photo 1**). --- There is no proposed construction around these central area trees, so why do they need to be cut down? ---These trees provide shade from the scorching summer sun and protection from the bitter winter wind and provide shelter for wildlife, including owls. Fireflies love the shade on summer evenings. ---These trees provide buffers from parking lot lights and car lights, and buffer noise from trash collection and cars. ---They provide visual relief from bare buildings and rooftops from tree-removal.

Negative impact of tree removal in the central area: --- (**Photo 2**) ---Nearly all of the trees have been cut down for new apartment construction, and more are scheduled to be cut down. ---It will take at least 20 years for newly planted trees to come to fruition. ---Parking lot lights will stream into apartments preventing darkness at night.

Preserve trees/bushes around the McKinley cul-de-sac and existing pedestrian path ---All the trees/bushes around the McKinley cul-de-sac and the trees/bushes along the existing pedestrian path are proposed to be demolished (if necessary). This leaves nearly the whole apartment complex without trees. ---There appears to be room between cul-de-sac trees for construction activities without having to cut down the trees **(Photo 3)** ---These un-manicured areas are what make this area beautiful as an extension of the two adjacent parks (**Photos 4, 5 and 6**). ---Neighborhood turkeys feed on brush under trees. ---Tree removal is not consistent with Hoyt Park and Quarry Hill Park surroundings, nor beneficial for tenants of the apartment complex, the neighborhood or wildlife.

Commissioners, please vote to preserve trees in the central area of the apartment complex, around the McKinley cul-de-sac, and trees and brush along the existing pedestrian path.











