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My home backs up to Sauk Creek Woods. I am very alarmed that information being provided to the neighborhood through the Friends of Sauk Creek organization reveals that there are numerous separate organizations are working on shocking environmentally oblivious proposals and plans affecting our properties without any communication or notice or requests for input from the neighborhoods ... namely a "West Area Plan" group and now we hear also the a group ironically mis-named "Green Streets Group".

Both, we hear, are making proposals to tear down many hundreds of trees – perhaps as many as a thousand --to put a 9 to 12-foot wide lighted concrete or asphalt bike path that runs behind our properties and that will destroy the character of the woods and the habitat of thriving wildlife only to cater to some special interest sport enthusiasts that already have adequate biking lanes on the West sides wide and safe roadways!

WHY is there this multi-pronged push to destroy the Sauk Creek Woods? What gives THESE special interest organizations the authority to destroy trees and fundamentally transform the environmental profile and character of one the City's cherished greenbelts? The Friends of Sauk Creek organization representing the people who live here tries in every way possible to communicate the local opposition to these plans and yet, from many new directions similar repetitive plans keep appearing. Why isn't the council and the mayor vocally standing up for the dwindling green space in this city and the habitat of wildlife? What has happened to Madison? What monied interests are driving this and why are they being allowed to?

Please take a stand and make it know that the Sauk Creek Woods will be protected and not sacrificed for environmentally harmful special interests and hobbyists that already have designated bike paths and routes through the area.

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