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To: David Helbach – DSF Administrator

The Committee on Community Gardens for the City of Madison would like to express its on-going support for the survival of the Sheboygan Community Garden which have faced an uncertain future since 2006 when the Department of Transportation began discussing redevelopment of the Hill Farms site where the gardens are located. Sheboygan gardeners have been working tirelessly ever since to help find a resolution to this problem, and we applaud their efforts.

After a lengthy process of identifying the most important criteria that would need to be satisfied if the gardens must be relocated, they have researched potential sites, attended numerous meetings and discussions with the developers and planners of the DOT project, and came to the conclusion **“that the inclusion of the Sheboygan Community Garden in the Hill Farms Redevelopment Plan as part of the new DOT facility is a feasible and desirable resolution for the future of the garden.”**

The Sheboygan gardeners are making the following requests:

1. That the State of Wisconsin and the Department of Transportation formally adopt the Sheboygan Community Garden and its planning criteria as part of its redevelopment plans for the Hill Farms site;
2. That the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and its planning staff include a community garden as part of the program requirements for the future DOT project; and
3. That the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, City of Madison Planning Staff and the Sheboygan Community Garden’s Preservation Committee continue to work together toward a development of a community garden site within the Hill Farms Development that can serve as a model for public open space and urban agriculture.

The City of Madison Committee on Community Gardens fully supports the efforts made by this dedicated gardening community thus far, and believes in its commitment to work cooperatively with the stakeholders in this complex development process. We hope you will formally adopt and incorporate items #1 and #2 in the Hill Farms Development process as it goes forward.

Sincerely,

Nan Fey, Co-Chair  
Community Gardens Committee

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