

From: [Mindy Marty](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Oppose Landfill Yahara Golf Course
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 11:58:39 AM

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Dear Alders of the City of Madison,

My family lives at 5303 Black Walnut Dr in McFarland.

I oppose the Landfill at the Yahara Hills Golf Course.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mindy Marty

From: mpfohl@gmail.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Tuesday's agenda- Golf Course / Landfill
Date: Friday, May 6, 2022 6:01:26 PM

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Mike Pfohl
Address: 15 Matson Ct, McFarland, WI 53558
Phone: 608-469-6047
Email: mpfohl@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Hello,

I represent the community group Neighbors for a Better Landfill.

We will be submitting a formal letter from McFarland Village Trustees, School Board Members, nearby municipalities, neighbors, the teacher union, and others impacted by the proposed landfill REQUESTING TUESDAY'S GOLFCOURSE/LANDFILL VOTE BE POSTPONED Item 70957.

Much of the communication legwork and research has yet to be done. For example, despite the impact to the McFarland school just 2,200 feet away, the McFarland school district has yet to be consulted on this topic.

From the McFarland School District:

The McFarland School District Board Members will be learning about this proposed Landfill expansion at a Joint Village School Board Meeting that will be held on May 10, 2022. The School District Board members will be learning about the project. The project is within 2,200 ft of district owned land that is on Siggelkow Road, which is planned for a future school building. It would be helpful if Dane County and City of Madison leaders would involve the McFarland School District in discussions prior to taking action on key parts of this plan, such as land purchases, planned use and other impacts that may impact the McFarland School District, which includes all territory of the Current and Proposed Dane County Landfills.

Jeff Mahoney
Director of Business
McFarland School District
jeff_mahoney@mcfarland.k12.wi.us

We are requesting that Tuesday's vote on the golf course / landfill land sale be postponed.

Thank you

From: [Ali Eng](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Sunday, May 8, 2022 5:34:36 PM

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Dear County Board Members,

Please vote "NO" to Authorizing the Purchase of Yahara Hills Land for County Landfill. There are so many reasons why this project needs to be re-evaluated. This is isolating a whole corner of Madison, we would like to see positive growth and development on the Eastside of Madison. Any positive development and growth will be halted if this project goes through. Calling the project a "sustainability campus" does not hide the fact that is a dump.

This design has yet to be tested anywhere else so close to a densely populated area so there are too many unknowns regarding the full impact to our quality of life, health and safety, and property value. We have already unexpectedly had to tolerate the ill-effects of the Rodefild landfill for the past 5 years; we have 8 more to go. We have been given zero reasons to believe this new landfill will be a better neighbor. Please do not add on another 40 years of suffering for these communities; please vote "No."

Thank you for considering all Madison area residents in your vote.

Alison

From: [Melissa Thomason](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Sunday, May 8, 2022 6:40:59 PM

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Alderspersons,

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Melissa Thomason

From: [Jack](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Thank you,
Jack Thomason

From: [Darcy Gilbertson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Sunday, May 8, 2022 11:17:59 PM

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Alderspersons,

I attended the Dane County landfill expansion meeting last week held in the Village of McFarland. I, along with my neighbors, wanted to voice our concern over the proposed location of the landfill. When you spend \$400,000 on a home, in a community surrounded by farmland, a quaint town, and a golf course, you can understand the concern of the folks living in the Secret Places neighborhood that will now be looking at a landfill. We are very concerned over our property values dropping dramatically because of the proximity to the landfill, the noise and traffic, the health effects, and of course the smell.

I have asked the planning committee several times about what other locations were scouted out as possible landfill locations, and have never received a clear answer. They respond with specifications on how much land is needed for the proposed sustainability campus and that the land has to be near a major roadway. When asked about the impact to the neighboring community, little research has been done. And even though we will be able to see the proposed expansion from our neighborhood (Secret Places neighborhood), they have stated that there will not be compensation for the folks that live here when/if our property values decrease. It seems like this is a move of convenience (Madison has made it very public that they would like to sell the Yahara Golf Course, and the landfill would be an easy sell) and they have not taken into consideration the growing family community that they would be impacting. We have heard a lot about the price associated with the landfill, but have they considered the price to our community?

The planning committee stated last week that this expansion is still in the proposal phase, but they are not looking at any other locations. We all love the idea of a sustainability campus, but it is difficult to be on board with the plan when 90% of the proposal is a growing landfill that will slowly push towards our home, a populated Secret Places neighborhood. Secret Places is not technically part of the McFarland community that we support and where our kids attend school, and it is such a small part of Madison, it is easy to feel forgotten and without a voice. Please help us and be our voice!

Please vote "NO" to Authorizing the Purchase of Yahara Hills Land for County Landfill. This design has yet to be tested anywhere else so close to a densely populated area so there are too many unknowns regarding the full impact to our quality of life, health and safety, and property value. We have already unexpectedly had to tolerate the ill-effects of the Rodefeld landfill for the past 5 years; we have 8 more to go. We have been given zero reasons to believe this new landfill will be a better neighbor. Please do not add on another 40 years of suffering for these communities; please vote "No".

Sincerely,
Darcy Gilbertson

concerned resident of Secret Places Neighborhood

From: [Jane Wyngaard](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 6:49:41 AM

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I am especially concerned with its close location to schools. Kids are outside 3-4 times a day. This could affect asthma and children's ability to play outside. It's hard to have Covid, try to open the windows and the class can't enjoy fresh, circulating air due to the ill-effects from the landfill.

Respectfully,
Jane Wyngaard

Jane Wyngaard

From: [Eith, Coleen L.](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 7:02:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

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Coleen Eith
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From: [Laura Nagler](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Proposed Madison landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 7:28:10 AM

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Hello Alders,

I am a constituent of Alder Currie and I am extremely concerned about the handling to the proposed landfill site. I request you to delay the vote on the sale of the Yahara Hills golf course until the local communities have time to assess the impact of this to them.

This location presents many concerns to the surrounding communities, and not just smell. Why was there no 'plan B' or other more rural locations investigated? This land is no longer outside of the city, but directly adjacent to hundreds of houses and could be better used for additional housing, which would bring in massive tax dollars.

Thank you,
Laura Nagler

From: [Jessika Kasten](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills a landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 7:52:26 AM

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As mcfarland continues to expand, we are moving east towards this area. It will absolutely impact how these spaces are used and our community.

Please vote “No”.

Jessika Kasten

From: [Riley Denk](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 2021 RES-440 – Please vote NO to Authorizing the Purchase of Yahara Hills Land for County Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 8:13:02 AM

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Riley & Kristy Denk

From: [Joey Ganske](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 8:21:18 AM

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Alderspersons,

I am a current resident and property owner in the Prairie Place subdivision in McFarland and have recently been informed about the planned expansion of the Dane County Landfill closer to our neighborhoods. I have read the plans and while I completely understand the need to expand the campus beyond its current capacity, along with the many benefits of this proposed location I am strongly against it being closer to current residences. Not only will this negatively impact current property values, it will greatly impact the future growth of McFarland eastward as developers will be much more reluctant to build property near a landfill. The current plan will further hurt the Yahara Hills golf course as I can't imagine anyone wanting to golf that close to a landfill. Furthermore, the Village of McFarland recently completed design plans for our large new community park located at AB and Siggelkow road - a location that is right next to the proposed landfill location. This park will become underutilized and a waste of taxpayer dollars if a landfill is built across the street.

With the current landfill, there are times when we are unable to go outdoors as the odor is unbearable. Moving the landfill closer will only exacerbate this issue. Even with the reporting tools available now, we still will have days in which we can smell the odor which does not give me confidence that this issue will be resolved with the new campus.

After reviewing the site plans, I am proposing an alternative design. Would it be possible to place the landfill section of the campus along 12/18 versus the current design plan along Cty Hwy AB? This would more closely align to the landfill that is already in place on the northern side of 12/18, thus minimizing the risk for new issues in the future. It would keep the landfill section further away from existing and future property owners. The recycling and sustainable business park could then be located closer to AB and Siggelkow Road.

Ideally, the county would be able to find a more suitable property that is further outside of the population center while still keeping transportation costs in mind. I find it hard to believe that there isn't a happy medium for this.

Thank you for your time in reading this email and please consider the points I have discussed.

Best,

Joseph Ganske

6031 Shooting Star Ct.
McFarland, WI 53558
815-543-4783

From: [John Nagler](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Vote No on agenda item 70597
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 8:38:18 AM

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Good Morning,

I would like to ask you all vote no on the sale of the golf course tomorrow evening. If not no, delay the vote for a few months so we can all have better insight into this process and get our questions answered.

Why are we doing this? No other city in America is doing this type of thing. The sustainability campus is a great idea, a transfer station in the city next to this spot, also a great idea. The dump in the city on prime land, a horrible idea. Green Bay just opened a new dump, and they are doing what I proposed, a large dump away from the population, and transfer stations in the cities

<https://www.wearegreenbay.com/news/local-news/brown-county-south-landfill-project-underway/>

This proposal will impact well over 10,000 dane county residents, roughly 2000 of which are City of Madison residents. The Brown county dumps will not impact close to that many people even though the greater Green Bay area is similar in size to Madison.

I understand that the county is stating that this is the most cost effective spot for the dump, but without other locations to compare it to, we cannot know that it is the best option. Let's see all of the work on this before we agree to it.

What will the cost to the city be in lost property taxes and growth opportunities for the land in that area? My back of the envelope math says it is over a million dollars in lost property taxes every year at current home values. This is likely over a hundred million dollars in lost property taxes for the life span of the proposed dump.

This proposal will kill that area of Madison. The rest of Yahara Hill's will be unused and no one's going to want to come build a hotel next to a landfill or open a new restaurant nearby. Look at what happened to the number of golfers at Yahara in 2017, when the smells were the worst and the dump said it was not them, the numbers tanked. It was them and now everyone knows it. Why would you want to reward that type of behavior and dishonesty by partnering with them for another 50+ years. Why not partner with Top Golf, Big Top, have a bidding process, whatever you want, but let's turn that area into a new destination in Madison. Look at what happened with Breese Stevens field, let's do that same thing with yahara hills.

Thank you,

John Nagler

From: [Andrea Reinholtz](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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I grew up in Mcfarland and was happy to move back here to raise my young family. I have three children ages 1 to 6, and we hope to stay here forever. A few summers back we had real issues with smells from the landfill, and I am concerned that moving the landfill closer will cause more smells and affect the health of my young children. We already see constant increases in our taxes, and I am confident that the majority of residents in Mcfarland would be happy to pay more in taxes if it meant moving the landfill further from our homes.

Thanks,

Andrea

From: [Cassandra Shumway](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Cassie Shumway - McFarland Resident; Parent; Nurse

From: [Betsey Rewey](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Elizabeth Rewey, McFarland, WI

From: [Jeff McManamy](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Thank you,

Jeff McManamy

From: [Amanda Dwyer](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Thank you for your consideration,
Amanda Dwyer
Concerned neighbor and resident of McFarland/Blooming Grove

From: [Melissa Tuttle Carr](#)
To: [Currie, Jael](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Proposed sale of the Yahara Hills golf course for landfill expansion
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:27:37 AM

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Dear Alder Currie,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed sale of the Yahara Hills Golf Course to expand the Dane County landfill in that area and ask that the vote on this sale be delayed. As a resident of the Secret Places neighborhood (City of Madison with a McFarland address), I am a constituent and I am most concerned about the health impacts on our neighborhood, as well as at the health impacts at the proposed McFarland elementary school and sports fields that are to be built at Siggelkow Road and Hwy AB.

My husband and I attended much of the April 21st informational meeting via Zoom and we did have a number of takeaways from that meeting that I wanted to address. The presenters said they have been looking for alternate landfill sites for years and that this is the only site that would support the sustainability campus. We understand the importance of the sustainability piece and know that recycling of food waste, mattresses, and other items is extremely important and will keep those items out of the landfill. However, that unfortunately doesn't help those of us who will have a towering landfill in our backyard, since the new landfill is slated to be even taller than the current one. We already deal with the smell of the landfill quite often. While we appreciate everything that they have done to improve that, it still occurs and not only does it impact our ability to spend time outside, we also do not know the health impacts of those gases being brought into our neighborhood. There are also protected wetlands at the north end of our neighborhood; have impacts to that land been explored?

It is important for me to note that our household takes our waste output very seriously. We have taken great steps toward sustainability including eliminating nearly all disposable plastic bag, paper towel, and paper napkin use; using reusable containers for all food storage and lunch boxes; using soap/shampoo/shaving/dish soap bars instead of purchasing liquids in plastic containers; using reusable sponges and cloths instead of disposable; tending our own garden; attending the Madison master recycling course; and recycling everything we can including items that need to be taken to the waste sites (styrofoam, batteries, etc.). While we certainly can do even better, we are doing our best to be a part of the solution. It is also important for me to note that we do want the site to be moved to another residential area, such as a typically marginalized or underserved neighborhood, just because we have raised our voices. There must be land somewhere or other creative options that will keep the enormous landfill away from living areas.

I request that this vote is delayed until we have more time to learn about the impacts and preferably find a site that is not directly adjacent to neighborhoods and wetlands as well as a future school and ball fields.

Thank you for your time,

Melissa Carr
4614 Bellingrath Street

Madison/McFarland

From: [Mike Pfohl](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [Bottari, Mary](#); [Crawley, Katie](#); miles@countyofdane.com
Subject: Delaying Tuesday's landfill vote in Common Council
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:57:47 AM
Attachments: [Community request to pause this weeks landfill vote and immediate action Final.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Attached is the letter from Local Elected Officials, AFT Local President, and Community Leaders requesting the Common Council's vote on Tuesday regarding the landfill land sale be delayed and current activity be temporarily paused so local electeds and the community can have their concerns more fully addressed (Item # 70957).

Thank you all for your attention to this matter,

Mike Pfohl
Neighbors for a Better Landfill

May 9, 2022

Dear County Executive Parisi and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

We write to you today to request a temporary pause in the planning, implementation, and land sale related to the new proposed landfill site on the Yahara Hills Golf Course property.

We appreciate the long-term need for our county to locate and acquire a new site for a landfill as the current landfill reaches its capacity in the coming decade. However, many community members and local government officials are out-of-the loop and have not yet had a chance to be fully informed and have their questions fully answered.

This project remains in the early stages and any potential negative impacts on the environment, nearby schools, water quality, and the larger community near the proposed Yahara location are not yet fully known or fully communicated. Given that what IS known is that this location is likely to impact 600+ homes, multiple local government jurisdictions, and a soon-to-be built McFarland school, we respectfully request that Dane County and the City of Madison pause their plans around the sale of the property and further implementation of the Yahara landfill location until more questions are answered about the potential impact of this project. We further seek to establish better lines of communication between our local governments and impacted community members.

For example, while it appears the land sale portion of this project will be brought before the Madison Common Council on May 10th, on the same day the McFarland School District Board Members will be officially learning about this proposed Landfill expansion at a Joint Village School Board Meeting. The project is within 2,200 ft of district owned land that is on Siggelkow Road, which is planned for a future school building. It would be helpful if Dane County and City of Madison leaders would involve the McFarland School District in discussions prior to taking action on key parts of this plan, such as land purchases, planned use and other impacts that may impact the McFarland School District, which includes all territory of the Current and Proposed Dane County Landfills.

Given the potential for dramatic impact on hundreds of homes and our larger community, it is merely prudent to ensure the community better understands the issues involved. Thus, we request a temporary pause. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,



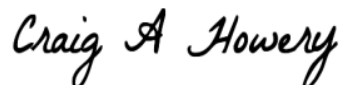
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McFarland Village Trustee members



Meghan Fessler
McFarland School Board Member



Kathleen Green
McFarland School Board Member

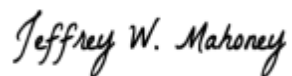


Craig Howery
McFarland School Board Member

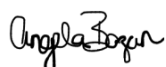
Tom Mooney
Signing as an individual but not yet as a school board member
because McFarland School Board has not yet met on this issue



Bruce Fischer
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Jeff Mahoney
Director of Business
McFarland School District



Angela Bazan
President,
McFarland Federation of Teachers,
AFT Local 3497

John Nagler

John Nagler
President, Secret Places Neighborhood Association

John Heitzman

John Heitzman
President, Juniper Ridge Neighborhood Association

Shannon Morrison

Shannon Morrison
Prairie Ridge Neighborhood Association

From: [SHERYL OTTO](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Opposition to Yahara Sustainability Campus & Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:09:15 PM

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As residents of Madison with a McFarland address, we are opposed to the planned Yahara Sustainability Campus & Landfill project. We are well informed on the matter from watching presentations virtually and in person. We understand the interests of Dane County and the City of Madison, and support the need for innovative solutions to reduce waste and the treatment of it. However, the opportunity for input from residents who will be directly impacted has been limited and at the end of what appears to be a final deal versus being included as an equal partner with voice from the beginning.

What is being asked of us as residents is a significant sacrifice. An expanded landfill near the current location burdens those residents that have already been affected for 40 years. It asks those same residents, along with hundreds of new residents that have been added in close proximity (not to mention future residential/school expansion plans even closer to the proposed site), to take on this burden for an additional 40 years or more. Despite all the best methods, efforts, and improved reporting systems that are created, the reality is our quality of life and financial well-being will be negatively affected by foul odors and declining property values.

We respectfully urge a postponement of a decision on the Yahara Sustainability Campus & Landfill project. Allow affected residents ample time to partner as an equal voice. We believe that with additional time the talented individuals we have heard speak on behalf of the County and City, with the added perspective and resource of residents, can come up with an innovative, financially sound alternative that places the landfill where no residents are unduly burdened.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sheryl and John Otto
Secret Places Neighborhood

From: [Brian Gilbertson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
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I am writing to voice my OPPOSITION and concern over the expansion of the Dane County landfill to the Yahara Hills Golf Course. I have participated in several informational meetings at the McFarland Municipal Center, and I believe there has not been enough research done into the environmental, health, and property/community impacts to the surrounding Secret Places Neighborhood and McFarland community. I was especially surprised when I learned that there is no plan 'B', and that the landfill officials are not searching other locations. How can we know the right decision is being made when there are no comparisons? It seems like this is a decision that is made out of convenience, Madison has deemed the Yahara Golf Course a money pit, and the Landfill can get a good deal on the land without having to search for an ideal place. We have heard a lot about the cost of the landfill to tax payers, but have they thought about the cost to our growing, family community in McFarland?

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Sincerely,

Brian Gilbertson

Resident of Secret Places Neighborhood

From: [Kevin Pampuch](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:35:34 PM

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From: [Hilary Brandt](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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From: [Elizabeth DeVos](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Liz DeVos
4702 Bellingrath St.
Madison, WI 53558

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To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: # 70597 Easier to Read Response - Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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4702 Bellingrath St.
Madison, WI 53558

From: [Mark Mossner](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 1:56:07 PM

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Mark WR Mossner, ACS, ALMI, HIA
mmossner@gmail.com | 317.701.3769

From: [Rob Carr](#)
To: [Currie, Jael](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: roposed sale of the Yahara Hills golf course for landfill expansion
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 2:04:31 PM

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Dear Alder Currie,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed sale of the Yahara Hills Golf Course to expand the Dane County landfill in that area and ask that the vote on this sale be delayed. As a resident of the Secret Places neighborhood (City of Madison with a McFarland address), I am a constituent and I am most concerned about the health impacts on our neighborhood, as well as at the health impacts at the proposed McFarland elementary school and sports fields that are to be built at Siggelkow Road and Hwy AB.

My wife and I attended much of the April 21st informational meeting via Zoom and we did have a number of takeaways from that meeting that I wanted to address. The presenters said they have been looking for alternate landfill sites for years and that this is the only site that would support the sustainability campus. We understand the importance of the sustainability piece and know that recycling of food waste, mattresses, and other items is extremely important and will keep those items out of the landfill. However, that unfortunately doesn't help those of us who will have a towering landfill in our backyard, since the new landfill is slated to be even taller than the current one. We already deal with the smell of the landfill quite often. While we appreciate everything that they have done to improve that, it still occurs and not only does it impact our ability to spend time outside, we also do not know the health impacts of those gases being brought into our neighborhood. There are also protected wetlands at the north end of our neighborhood; have impacts to that land been explored?

It is important for me to note that our household takes our waste output very seriously. We have taken great steps toward sustainability including eliminating nearly all disposable plastic bag, paper towel, and paper napkin use; using reusable containers for all food storage and lunch boxes; using soap/shampoo/shaving/dish soap bars instead of purchasing liquids in plastic containers; using reusable sponges and cloths instead of disposable; tending our own garden; attending the Madison master recycling course; and recycling everything we can including items that need to be taken to the waste sites (styrofoam, batteries, etc.). While we certainly can do even better, we are doing our best to be a part of the solution. It is also important for me to note that we do not want the site to be moved to another residential area, such as a typically marginalized or underserved neighborhood, just because we have raised our voices. There must be land somewhere or other creative options that will keep the enormous landfill away from living areas.

I request that this vote is delayed until we have more time to learn about the impacts and preferably find a site that is not directly adjacent to neighborhoods and wetlands as well as a future school and ball fields.

Thank you for your time,

Rob Carr
4614 Bellingrath Street
Madison/McFarland

From: [Ernest Kocs](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File #70597 Please vote NO to approving sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a County Landfill.
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 2:14:45 PM
Attachments: [Landfillalders.pdf](#)

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Please review attached letter. Thank you. EAK

From:

Ernest A. Kocs
6015 Eagle Cave Dr.
McFarland, WI 53558

To:

allalders@cityofmadison.com

Regarding: File #70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a County Landfill.

Alderspersons,

Please vote "NO" to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Golf Course a County Landfill.

I have followed the proposal from its onset and feel obligated to speak up at this time. The residents of Dane County deserve to have alternative landfill sites considered before authorizing the sale of Yahara Hills Land. Unfortunately, more appropriate locations were never really studied or contemplated. This must be done now, before approving the sale of Yahara Hills Land.

The public frustration and disappointment over the handling of the proposed landfill is not limited to just NIMBY residents – "Not in My Back Yard". I understand their outrage considering the ethically questionable manner in which the proposal was named, marketed, and quietly rushed towards realization. The proposed design has yet to be tested anywhere else so close to a densely populated area so there are many unknowns regarding the full impact to the quality of life, health and safety, and property value of nearby residents.

I was born and raised in Wisconsin, hold a B. S. Degree in Landscape Architecture and an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Wisconsin, and currently reside in Dane County. Although I have no emotional attachment to the land to be sold in question, my esteemed former UW Real Estate professor, Dr. James A. Graaskamp, would turn over in his grave should the landfill be built on the proposed site. Because the land is located within the city of Madison and so close to residential neighborhoods and schools, it is a misuse of prime real estate that is currently needed as open space and for recreation. If its best long-term use changes, it will be determined in the distant future.

Professor Graaskamp was fond of stressing that a piece of property should be used for its best purpose. In this instance, a "Sustainability Campus" is a wonderful idea, but the proposed location is not.

Please vote "NO".

Sincerely,

Ernest A. Kocs

From: [Samantha Ilstrup](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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From: [Mike Carpenter](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
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From: [Caitlin Stemper](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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From: [Lynn Gilpin-Parks](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Subject Line:

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Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter,

Lynn Parks

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From: [Jennifer Munz](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Madison Alderpersons,

Please vote "NO" (or at minimum delay the vote) on the sale of the Yahara Hills golf course until the local communities have had sufficient time to assess the impact of this unprecedented landfill design on quality of life, health, and property values for 600+ families.

QUALITY OF LIFE: Our communities are looking forward to Rodefled closing so that our families can get some relief from what started in 2017. While we understand Mr. Welch and his team are doing their best, it is an understatement to say that our communities are dissatisfied with the odor mitigation at Rodefled; it impacts our quality of life three seasons of the year. This new landfill will be managed by the same individuals using the same woefully insufficient odor mitigation systems. To make matters worse, the proposal includes a composting operation and Mr. Welch has publicly admitted that they have no plan for odor control for that. Is the City and County trying to tell 600+ families that our greatly diminished quality of life over the next 40+ years is of no consequence?

HEALTH: McFarland has purchased land within 2,000ft of the new landfill for the purposes of building an elementary school and sport fields. I don't need to tell you that elementary school-aged children are more susceptible than adults to the effects of air pollution from things like landfills. Not only do landfill activities fill the air around it with noxious particulates, the County also uses chemicals to try to mitigate odors. Aren't little kids supposed to be enjoying the physical and mental health benefits of fresh air instead of breathing in potentially substances? What about our young athletes coming from around the area to play sports there?

PROPERTY VALUES AND COMMUNITY GROWTH: Currently, the County's plan is to compensate property owners within 1,500 ft of the landfill's edge. I can tell you from personal experience that I am far outside that zone for Rodefled and my family is negatively impacted to the point where often I cannot ventilate my house by opening our windows or enjoy our screen porch or deck. My 5-year old kids walk outside and say with a wrinkled nose, "Ew, Mama, what is that smell?!" Since the landfill will be managed by the same people, we expect to experience more of the same and, if we can smell it so can potential home buyers and developers. How will our communities continue to grow if developers are worried that business owners, home builders, etc. won't choose this area due to quality of life, health, and customer satisfaction concerns. Who will be responsible for compensating us when our property values are depressed or we can't sell? If the County does expand the compensation 'radius' to encompass the impacted homes, what will the true cost of all that be to the communities that the landfill serves?

With so many disturbing unknowns to suss out, Dane County and City of Madison cannot possibly fully understand the impact on quality of life, health, property values, and community growth. Please give us all time to figure this all out. The sustainability concept is exciting, but it does not have to be so close to a thriving area.

Jen Munz
Secret Places Neighborhood

From: [Irina Shpigelman](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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From: [Brian Burger](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill Email Body:
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 4:49:11 PM

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Respectfully,

Brian Burger

From: [Mike Pfohl](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#); [Bottari, Mary](#); [Crawley, Katie](#); miles@countyofdane.com
Subject: Re: Delaying Tuesday's landfill vote in Common Council
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 4:51:59 PM
Attachments: [Signing the letter requesting delay in the landfill project 1.2. Final.pdf](#)

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Here is an updated letter,
Town of Cottage Grove Supervisor Steve Anders and Village of McFarland Trustee Ed Wreh
asked to be added as well.

Thank you

On Mon, May 9, 2022 at 11:57 AM Mike Pfohl <mpfohl@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

Attached is the letter from Local Elected Officials, AFT Local President, and Community Leaders requesting the Common Council's vote on Tuesday regarding the landfill land sale be delayed and current activity be temporarily paused so local electeds and the community can have their concerns more fully addressed (Item # 70957).

Thank you all for your attention to this matter,

Mike Pfohl
Neighbors for a Better Landfill

May 9, 2022

Dear County Executive Parisi and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

We write to you today to request a temporary pause in the planning, implementation, and land sale related to the new proposed landfill site on the Yahara Hills Golf Course property.

We appreciate the long-term need for our county to locate and acquire a new site for a landfill as the current landfill reaches its capacity in the coming decade. However, many community members and local government officials are out-of-the loop and have not yet had a chance to be fully informed and have their questions fully answered.

This project remains in the early stages and any potential negative impacts on the environment, nearby schools, water quality, and the larger community near the proposed Yahara location are not yet fully known or fully communicated. Given that what IS known is that this location is likely to impact 600+ homes, multiple local government jurisdictions, and a soon-to-be built McFarland school, we respectfully request that Dane County and the City of Madison pause their plans around the sale of the property and further implementation of the Yahara landfill location until more questions are answered about the potential impact of this project. We further seek to establish better lines of communication between our local governments and impacted community members.

For example, while it appears the land sale portion of this project will be brought before the Madison Common Council on May 10th, on the same day the McFarland School District Board Members will be officially learning about this proposed Landfill expansion at a Joint Village School Board Meeting. The project is within 2,200 ft of district owned land that is on Siggelkow Road, which is planned for a future school building. It would be helpful if Dane County and City of Madison leaders would involve the McFarland School District in discussions prior to taking action on key parts of this plan, such as land purchases, planned use and other impacts that may impact the McFarland School District, which includes all territory of the Current and Proposed Dane County Landfills.

Given the potential for dramatic impact on hundreds of homes and our larger community, it is merely prudent to ensure the community better understands the issues involved. Thus, we request a temporary pause. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,



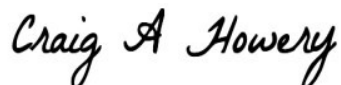
Chris St.Clair
McFarland Village Trustee member



Meghan Fessler
McFarland School Board Member



Kathleen Green
McFarland School Board Member

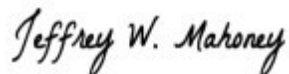


Craig Howery
McFarland School Board Member

Tom Mooney
Signing as an individual but not yet as a school board member
because McFarland School Board has not yet met on this issue



Bruce Fischer
Signing as an individual but not yet as a school board member
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Jeff Mahoney
Director of Business
McFarland School District



Angela Bazan
President,
McFarland Federation of Teachers,
AFT Local 3497



John Nagler
President, Secret Places Neighborhood Association



John Heitzman
President, Juniper Ridge Neighborhood Association



Shannon Morrison
Prairie Ridge Neighborhood Association

Steve Anders
Town of Cottage Grove Supervisor



Ed Wreh
Village of McFarland Trustee Member

From: [Alyssa Buss](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 5:14:08 PM

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Thank you,

Alyssa Buss

From: [David Buss](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:36:50 PM

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Thank you,

David Buss

From: [Mike Stolyarov](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:40:00 PM

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Our communities deserve more answers.

Respectfully,
Mike Stolyarov

From: [Lynn Etnier](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:00:40 AM

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It is a wonderful green space and we love to play golf there. It also will effect the possible building site of a McFarland School..... the smell will keep kids inside!

Lynn L Etnier
McFarland WI

From: [Erin D](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: #70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:17:38 AM

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Alderspersons,

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The stench from the existing landfill is bad enough that we can't be outside or open our windows on days when the wind is in the wrong direction. If the landfill is expanded to our backyard, I'd imagine there will be many more stinky days in our future..

We love our neighbors and neighborhood and had planned on raising our family here, but this development will negatively impact our quality of life. I'm concerned about the smell, the noise, not to mention the negative impact on our property values. I'd also be interested to know what research has been done about groundwater and air quality for residences this close to a landfill.

Thank you,

Erin Decker
4724 Catalina Pkwy
McFarland, WI 53558

From: [Jenna Mossner](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File #70597 Please vote NO to sell Yahara Hills golf course and make it a landfill
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:18:48 AM

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Alder Persons,

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Thank you for your time & consideration of the peoples' voices regarding this issue,
Jenna Mossner, MSW, LCSW
jenna.mossner@.com | 317-645-6959

From: [Kath Kocs](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Sustainability Campus
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:23:22 PM

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I hope you vote NO to converting the Yahara Hills Golf course into a landfill.

I've been to the current landfill and seen asphalt shingles being unloaded, and watched as plumes of dust and debris rose into the air. I've driven down the highway in between the current landfill and golf course as sheafs of paper were flying everywhere! Oh, and not just paper! It's happened more times than I can count on one hand!!! That's likely something the landfill had no control over - an accident of someone bringing something to the landfill itself - papers that "escaped!" Well, those types of things happen more frequently than the current landfill operators would prefer to admit -- but these are things that affect property values, too! And, once again, make me very concerned about particulates. If papers and other trash escape vehicles on their way into the landfill, then how is the landfill supposed to report on those? How do they keep track of those? The written response I received from them regarding particulates was very short, never mentioned particulates from open areas of the landfill, nor mentioned particulate matter that can't be seen - and that's the matter that is most damaging to health. While they state that they meet EPA regulations at the landfill when it comes to particulates - those minute particles that make it into the lungs and cross the tissue/blood barriers and into the body and even the brain, liver and other organs - I'm concerned about those that escape the landfill on the way there or on the way out. I've been told that they wet down the roads within the landfill to keep dust down, but that doesn't lessen particulates caused by the traffic on the way there - traffic that will be increasing - by - I've asked how much but haven't gotten a response to how much -- only that more than 80 trucks an hour seems like an awful lot of vehicles to me! And escaped particulates... The long-term cost to the city in health-related law-suits may be far more costly than anything envisioned by having the campus so close to the city. Particulate matter doesn't stay within a 500 foot area. A 1,000 foot area. A 2,000 foot or one mile or two mile area. If odors from this current site can be detected by residents as near as the East Side Y, particulates -- mere microns large - tiny enough to cross the blood-brain barrier - are travelling to the capitol. Yes, there may not be enough to trigger EPA warnings, but that doesn't mean there's no danger.

I'm also concerned about the "opportunity for contracts" when it comes to communities affected by the landfill. Will that cover health effects as well as property values? And how will that be determined? The contractors will want to limit damages, and living in Secret Places, with a McFarland address, but really a member of the Madison community, who will we really be represented by? Will we be the bastard children, not represented by Madison when the time comes? There are so many unknowns on so many levels.

I love the idea of a sustainability campus - it sounds great - but to put it in the site currently slated is pennywise but pound foolish! It will curtail business growth in this area, lower property values, which will also affect schools, have unknown effects on health and well-being, and further place the onus for monitoring effects on the residents!

While I applaud the current operators of the landfill for moving as quickly as possible to mitigate odors once alerted to them - the fact that they weren't aware to begin with speaks volumes! That their initial "phone in system" for monitoring odors didn't work, that not all calls were registered or recorded, speaks volumes! That their system for monitoring odors must be one of residents filling in forms for them also speaks volumes! If they are hoping to

be so technologically advanced that they will find some way (they don't know how yet, and admitted so publically) to address the odors from composting food waste - so can't guarantee that there won't be an odor problem - also speaks volumes! If they will continue to mitigate odors from the new landfill, yet are dependent on residents to do the work of filling in forms for them, and then they will do something about it - even with new staff - they are placing the burden on those who are the most affected by this "thing" we don't even want! Not everyone is able to fill in forms as soon as they smell the odors. Not everyone is computer savvy. My next door neighbors don't even have a computer or cell phones! They are 81 and 83 years old. They aren't represented here, so I'm speaking for them right now. They are without recourse when they smell something, other than seeking me out, and hoping I'm home or available. They didn't know such a system existed. What about people with newborns who are unable to get to the computer at the time? As my daughter-in-law was with twins? Or on the computer for work? Or busy with toddlers or in the midst of other daily tasks? By the end of the day, sometimes one is so exhausted one doesn't get to it, and the task slips away. Does that mean it didn't happen? Does that mean that only two people detected the odor that day? 200 may have detected it and only 2% were able to get to the computer to report it. And yet, because the onus is on the residents, does it mean the landfill is not producing odors or particulates? Thank you for taking our concerns seriously. I do believe there is a place for the sustainability campus out there - it may not be 200 contiguous acres, and it may mean laying utilities in an area that will grow to meet not just those needs but other community needs as well. A sustainability campus may mean that it joins forces with Madison Area Technical College which then offers a land management or waste management degree of some sort, with an off-campus or additional campus arm in another area of the county outside of Madison. Just a thought, that there may be more to the campus than what they have been considering as well. Such a consideration may make bringing utilities to the campus a doable situation. Have they considered areas closer to the EPIC systems campus? EPIC may be interested in looking at research into particulates and ways of turning food waste into compost and ways of building/handling waste that could bring health to communities rather than being a landfill. While I think current landfill staff would like to think they've been creative in how they see this sustainability campus, I would argue that they've still been short-sighted.

I don't think you REALLY want your legacy to be that of THIS sustainability campus.

Thank-you for taking the time for reading this.

I appreciate it, and greatly appreciate your vote of NO.

Katherine Kocs
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Madison / McFarland 53558
kathkocs@gmail.com
608-334-2046

From: [Wendy Gottschalk](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Alderspersons,

Please vote "NO" to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill.

I am writing to you in opposition to the siting of the new, experimental Dane County Landfill so close to homes in the Secret Places and surrounding neighborhoods.

This area has already and continues to feel the burden of the existing landfill.

Putting this new landfill so close to residential homes is irresponsible.

We are being asked to deal with continued odors, traffic and air & unknown particulate pollution. It is time for another part of the county to take on this responsibility, we have done our service.

Have you driven by the current location recently ?

Seeing the landfill with seagulls circling and trash bits floating in the air is ghastly. How welcoming is that sight as you are driving into Madison on Hy 12/18 ? People going to the new McFarland Community Park and the first thing you see is a dump. This will be the location of last resort for any soccer tournaments with the uncertainty of what will be coming out of the landfill on any given day, foul odors, trash, seagull droppings...

Where is plan B ? Every time Mr Welch of the Dane County Landfill is asked this, he skirts the answer. He talks about what is needed for a good site but never talks about what other sites were considered. I do not think they did their due diligence when it came to siting this

new landfill. I find it hard to believe the only option in the whole county is to take over a lovely green golf course (the only one the east side of Madison) and next door to established neighborhoods with hundreds of homes.

PLEASE VOTE NO !

Wendy Ray
Secret Places Neighborhood

From: [Elizabeth DeVos](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: File # 70597 Please vote NO to Approving the land sale and agreements to make Yahara Hills Golf Course a Landfill
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Thank you,
Liz DeVos

MISLEADING BRANDING: The sustainability campus is 10% of the landfill - thus this project is largely a landfill. "Welcome to Madison, just drive through this valley of garbage first!"

COMPOSTING OUTCOMES WILL BE SMELT SOONER THAN YOU THINK: The new sustainability campus will have composting — a greater smell concern overtime. Dane County Landfill’s goal is to begin composting of organics and food in 2025 (15-30 acres) Is that enough time to even design and build a plan for enclosed composting technologies that can do a good job of containing and treating the inherent odors from composting on any scale? Composting on a large scale produces greater smell concerns than the current landfill initiatives.

WHAT LOCAL AND NATIONAL PRECEDENT SPEAKS TO THIS INTENDED DESIGN? What is the existing precedent in the state or nation where landfill/sustainability campus has been built this close to existing residences of this magnitude. Their examples lack direct application to our situation in terms of public impact. The County’s example of the Kent, MI Sustainable Business Park is located 12 miles south of Grand Rapids surrounded by farm fields.

INCLUDED PARTIES TO THE CURRENT LANDFILL AGREEMENTS DO NOT SUFFICIENTLY INCLUDE IMPACTED PARTIES: Landfill communities within 1,500 feet of the proposed landfill are invited to participate in local negotiated agreement and potential compensation plans, but McFarland is likely NOT included unless less Madison and Cottage Grove municipalities explicitly invite the village to join the negotiations. Allegedly McFarland School District had plans to build a future school within 2,000 ft of the proposed landfill and were NOT notified of this plan and NOT given the chance to respond to it before the land sale was tentatively approved.

BUSINESS DECISION VERSUS A POLITICAL DECISION: This proposal has far-reaching impacts beyond the City of Madison and Dane County Landfill. This was a few unelected people in a room deciding one location for this dump- and never looking at any other sites. There should have been several options explored and presented to the public for input. The backroom decision-making needs to stop. Let's shine some light on this process

WHO WANTS TO GO HANG OUT AT PARK NEAR A LANDFILL?: Is this realistic?

From: [DRL](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
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Danita Lehnherr