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Brian Munson
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Shaping places, shaping change
120 East Lakeside Street
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Dear Mr. Munson,

This letter is in response to your email request of the Ice Age Trail Alliance (Alliance) to show support for extension of the planning process of the proposed Shady Woods Neighborhood plan.

The Alliance is one of several partners that work together to protect the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (Ice Age Trail) in Dane County. Other partners such as the Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service, Dane County and City of Madison do most of the land acquisition and planning for the Ice Age Trail.

The Alliance appreciates that the City of Madison has included the Ice Age Trail as a key component of its land preservation and recreation planning, specifically with regard to the proposed Shady Woods Neighborhood plan. We feel that planning is best served at the local level. With that in mind, we will offer our expertise and involvement whenever we are invited to do so. As we emphasized on our hike last November, the Alliance understands and respects landowner rights. Furthermore, land protection for the Trail is only pursued with *willing* landowners.

The Alliance supports the proposed Shady Woods Neighborhood planning process, the individual rights of landowners in the area and a timeline that provides all stakeholders an opportunity to participate.

We look forward to working with your firm and with the landowners.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Wollmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the width of the page.

Michael G. Wollmer
Executive Director