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**Subject:** Lack of proper planning for parks for Excessive apartment developments in Commercial, Packers, Sherman, Aaberg blocks!

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I need to express my disappointment in Madison's massive development in the area above with gross lack of proper planning for the vast number of children that will be living there. Every bit of available land it looks thus far is being given to development with not enough regard for the kids in the area. Your priority should first be for the families not the developers. The massive Hartmeier complex was supposed to have its own play area - oh it does - but in no way is it going to satisfy the needs of the kids! The current one is grossly insufficient. This was supposed to be part of their agreement but they really skimmed on this. How was that allowed to happen?! They should be required to fulfill their agreement to have a play area for kids.

The Hartmeier Wetland cannot be used for this purpose. This has been well delineated in the Hartmeier Wetland plans input. We were told we would be involved with the city for any planning and thus far we have grossly not been acknowledged in any planning. It is vital that the upland portion not be abused for the sake of amphibians in the area. The sanctity of burial mounds must be honored. This all will be used as teaching tools and a place of solace, but will be marred if abused. This site is important to our future generations.

Maybe each new apartment complex, if for families, should be required to have a play area. I am sure parents would love to have something right there for their kids,

Demetrol is largely not utilized but could be a nice family gathering/play area. Problems needing to be addressed - traffic on Packers is far too fast. With the magnitude of the new population in the area the speed limit needs to be addressed anyway. Plus a new bus stop is planned on opposite side. There is the refusal for consideration of a pedestrian overpass - why?!! Especially now with a new bus stop this is an obvious need.

I realize there is talk of even more development in the area, but Madison you need to have the mindset for what matters and be able to change your course of action now! For God's sake - you certainly have enough development thus far. You should instead save an area not for development, but instead for an area for recreation I have asked Madison to slow down and think carefully, This area is just the opposite with not enough care in the planning and choices made.

Madison - you need to wake up! Quit being a disappointment. Your reputation is much better than this.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

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**Subject:** plans for Hartmeyer-Roth Park

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I am writing to say that I whole-heartedly support the planning goals for this new Hartmeyer-Roth Park that are outlined by the dedicated and hard-working group, Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area. I especially favor:

1. Make this a Conservation Park. The small wetland area is rich in wildlife, and is ecologically sensitive, being surrounded by dense residential neighborhoods. That aspect should be protected.
2. Preserve, respect, and document native peoples' use of the land, especially the burial mound site.
3. Preserve the upland prairies and wooded areas, which are vital habitat for the wildlife that also use the wetland.
4. Avoid paved paths except along the very borders. Provide mowed and mulched walking paths that don't intrude into the wetland.
5. Engage the public, especially kids, in nature-based educational and fun activities, as well as involvement in helping maintain the health of the park, such as removing invasives.
6. Avoid developed sports activities, playgrounds, etc. Maintain as much of the area as possible as natural habitat for wildlife, bumblebees, Monarch butterflies.

This Park area is small, and it is a gem of a natural area. Let's keep it that way!

Sincerely, Carol Buelow

Madison resident