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To: [All Alders](#); [Rummel, Marsha](#); [Figueroa Cole, Yannette](#)
Subject: VOTE NO on native grasses registration - file 83601
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Dear alders

Please vote NO on setting up registration system for native grasses. This ordinance needs work - the comment from Wild Ones youve received says it all.

My comments - does it involve a fee? Registrations of any type generally do.

Even if not, I question why we would want to create obstacles to people establishing pollinator habitat at a time when this is most urgently needed.

Why are we adding staff time/expense at a time when city facing impending financial crisis?

What is the "problem" this is supposed to fix? Is it about esthetics? If so I question the premise that the frequently mowed, watered and chemically treated English style lawn is considered some kind of "norm" and the wild, natural North American is deviant and needs to be regulated.

I could see banning known invasive species and enforcing removal - just give us a list - but please do not micro-manage how we want to do our yards. By simply stating banned species you are a) addressing a problem that actually affects other people, i.e. these invasives could spread into adjoining properties and b) you are not in the position of having to legislate or enforce esthetics, which is totally subjective.

Thank you for considering my input.
Cathy Debevec / 1885 E Main St.

From: [Tracy Doreen](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
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Dear City of Madison Alders,

I oppose the changes on this ordinance and whole heartedly agree with the points in the letter from The Wild Ones organization. I agree that it is much more important to control invasive plant species than to limit and control plants native to this area. Our pollinators need all the help they can get. Madison citizens should thoughtfully be encouraged to help our non human residents. These changes do not do that.

Back to the drawing board please.

Sincerely,
Tracy Dietzel
515 S. Paterson
Madison, WI

From: [Pat Malcolm](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Native Grasses
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Please vote NO on the proposed native grasses ordinance. I support the statement from Wild Ones Madison. Please vote NO and begin to develop a thoughtful policy on grasses, plantings and trees in the city and city plantings and services.

Thank you,
Pat Malcolm (she/her)
Madison

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Alders

I do not support the ordinance in it's current form. As a long time professional landscaper who has worked in very urban areas, I strongly support the thoughtful comments and criteria that Wild Ones has provided. Please incorporate Wild Ones suggestions to this very important ordinance.

Respectfully, Anne Walker
Isthmus resident and owner of
Home Land Garden, LLC

From: wolf.kathlean
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Subject: Native / natural lawns ordinance
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Hello, Alders.

I've just learned of the proposed ordinance about native tall grass plantings in homeowner yards. As a Wisconsin Master Naturalist who's worked for a decade on various restoration projects in both city and county parks, I would like to second the opinions that were so clearly laid out in the letter sent to you by Wild Ones.

Native plantings in urban areas have such great benefits for both wildlife and humans, while the turf grass of the "Perfect American Lawn" has only costs; time, money, carbon-dioxide emissions, poisons sprayed onto grass which make their way into our water, and most of all, a near-total absence of purpose. I encourage you to scrap the existing laws that restrict native plantings, and spend some serious time discussing these issues with ecologists, native plant experts, permaculture gardeners, and food-forest planters, and food-gardeners. Hammer out the details that must be restricted--such as issues of vermin, nuisance negligence, and trash--and let the experts weigh in on the many planting possibilities that do not need to be so harshly restricted.

Take the time to come up with a new ethic for yards in Madison. We could have an incredible, city-wide landscape of food-growing, tree-growing, and native-growing spaces, with not one cent spent on harvesting a useless crop of non-native grass clippings.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Kathlean Wolf

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