



## **Hartmeyer Natural Area Invites You!**

*Enjoy Nature Recreation along with the Sandhill Cranes, Fox, and other Wildlife at this Historic Wetland and Upland Ecosystem in the Heart of Madison's North and East Side!*

# **Save All 30 Acres!**

**This is YOUR chance as Madison Alders to do something significant for Ethics and the Environment!**

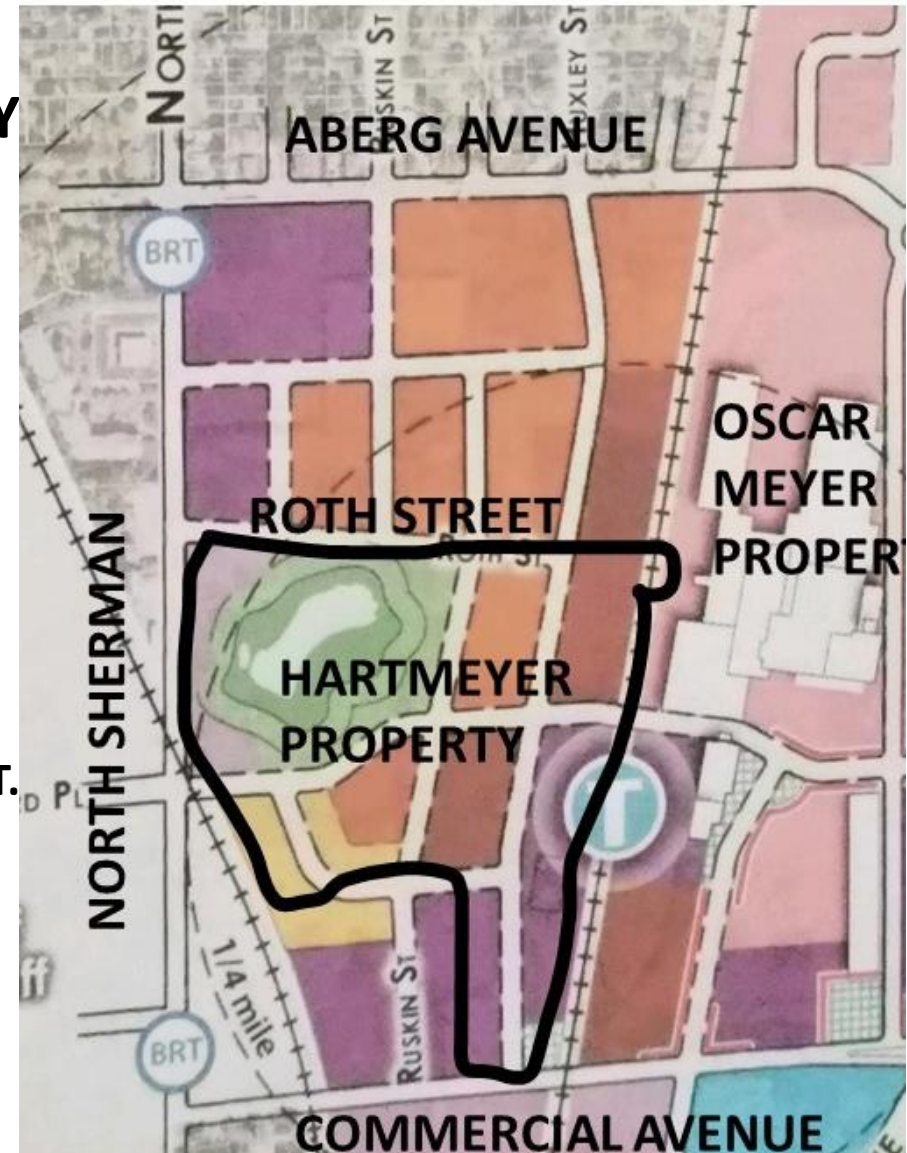
**We should not plan long term open space based only on current and hopefully transient budget constraints or limit it to what can be obtained for free after developing most of it. Mother Nature is not making more natural areas and open space, especially in urban areas. Focus on redevelopment and build up, not out!**

**Covid and Black Lives Matter are showing us how important Access To Nearby Nature is for so many people! We need Equitable Access to Nearby Nature and Shared Community Open Spaces for Health, Well-Being, and a Sense of Place and Ownership.**

**VOTE to Save All 30 Acres of the Hartmeyer Natural Area to Support BOTH Environmental Justice and Social Equity.**

## **2. THE OMSAP PLAN ONLY SAVES THE LEGAL MINIMUM WETLAND AND IS NOT ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE, AND FAILS TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT LACK OF COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE FOR A GROWING AND DIVERSE POPULATION**

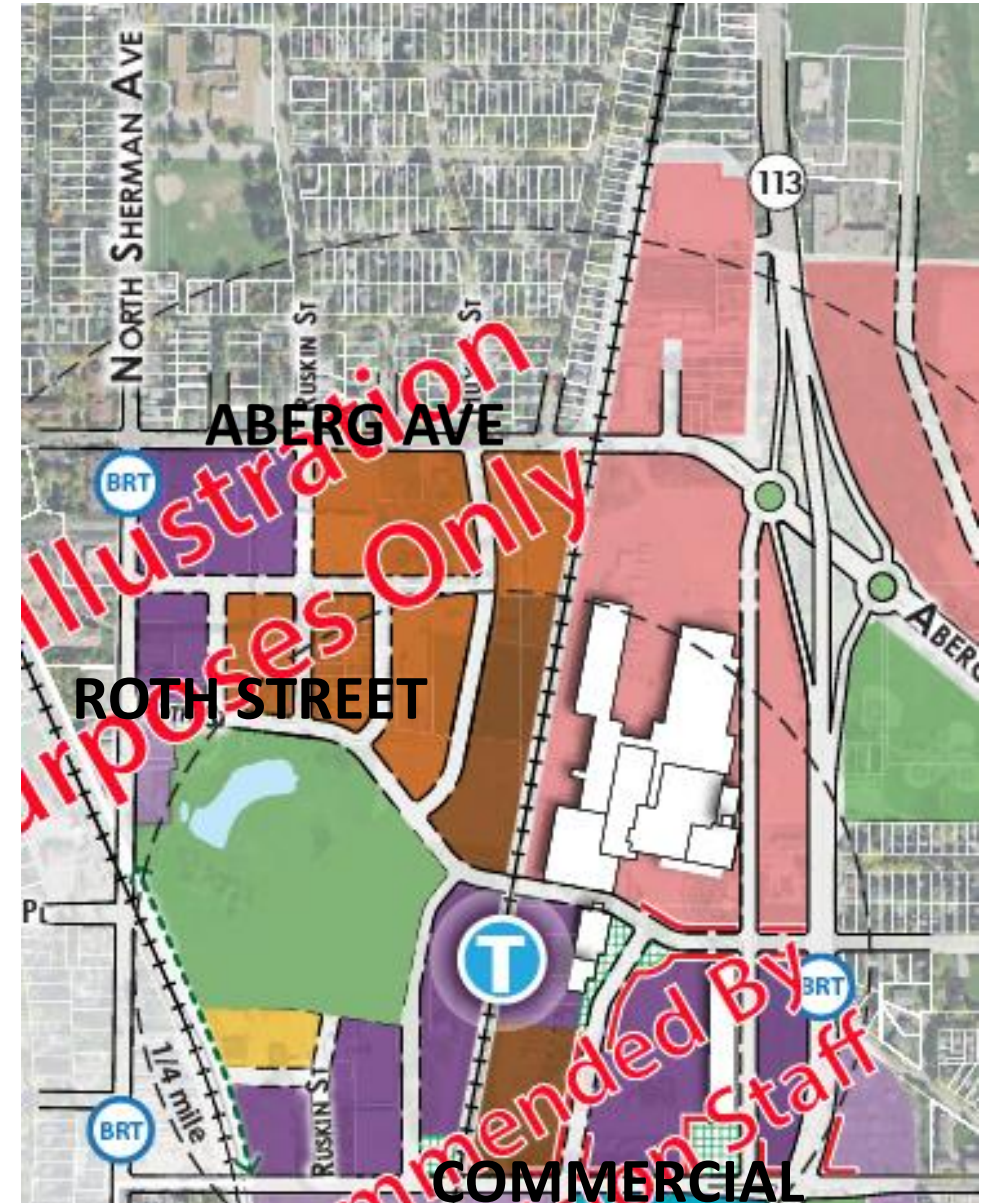
- **IT PUTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON A HISTORIC WETLAND** as confirmed by 1906 maps and the remaining deep hydric soils.
- **THE PROPOSED 7 ACRE WETLAND IS NOT A COMPROMISE!** It was only adjusted to meet the legal minimum and likely to grow with climate change.
- **THE PROPOSED 6 ACRE PARK SPACE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR BOTH PARK FACILITIES AND HABITAT** to sustain the rich ecosystem of Frogs, Cranes, Fox, Deer and 60+ Bird Species documented there in spite of invasive plants.
- **STREETS GO RIGHT NEXT TO THE WETLAND AND 200 YEAR OLD OAKS**
- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREEN BIKE PATHS AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS ARE LOST.**
- **THIS AREA IS NOT ALREADY WELL SERVED WITH PUBLIC PARKS.**  
The Little League Fields and Demetrol are primarily single-purpose sports fields. Neighbors say they have to go elsewhere for Natural Areas and Parks.
- **ACRES OF NATURAL SUSTAINABLE WATER INFILTRATION ARE LOST** to impervious streets and infrastructure that will drain directly to lakes
- **CITY PLANNERS ACKNOWLEDGE DEEP HYDRIC WETLAND SOILS AND POLLUTION RISKS EXIST** that may preclude dense Affordable Housing





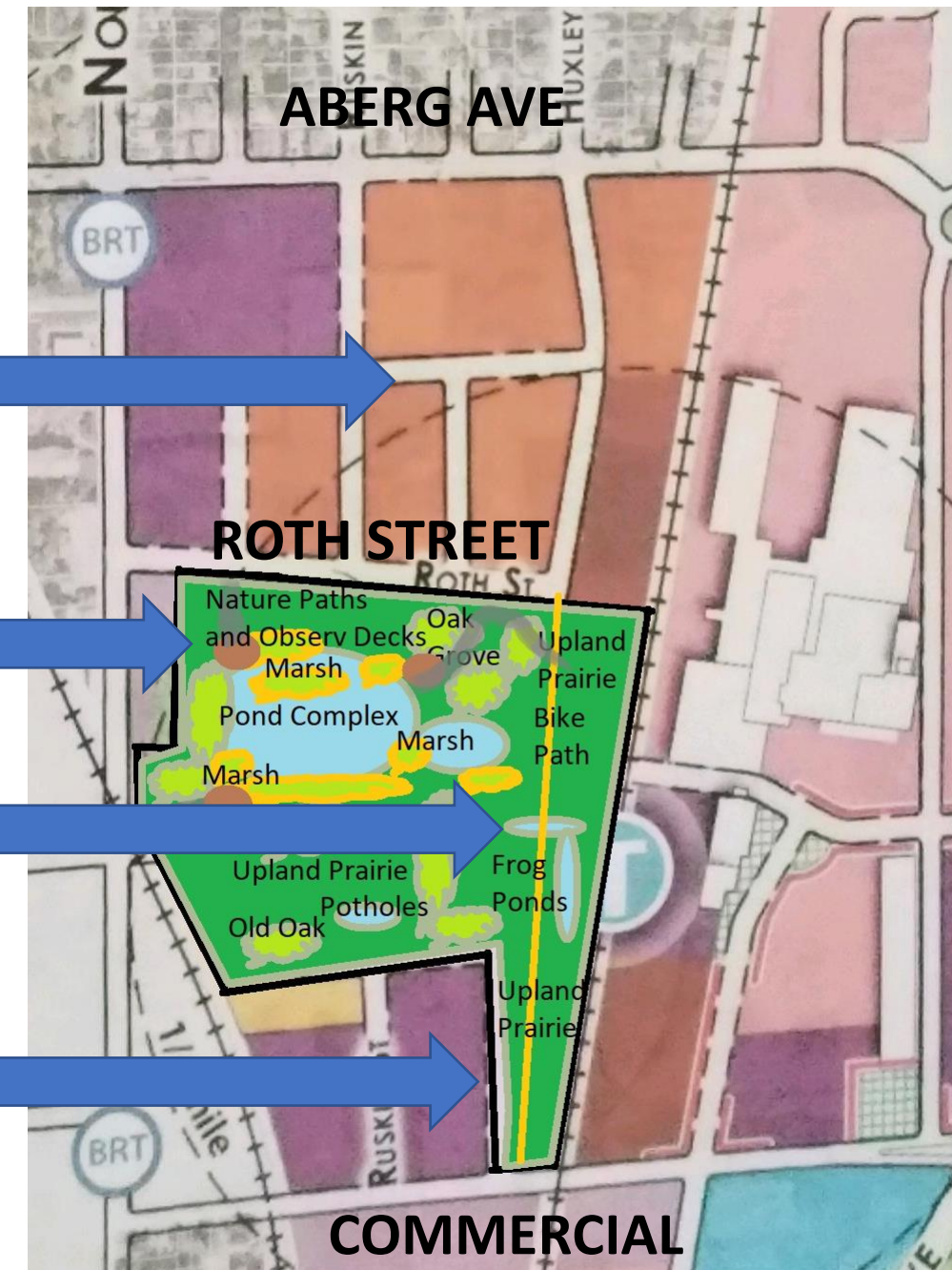
### 3. A COMPROMISE OPTION TO SAVE 20 ACRES IS BETTER BUT REDUCES THE ECOSYSTEM AND LACKS COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE FOR CURRENT NEEDS AND GROWING POPULATIONS. THE CITY CAN DO MUCH BETTER THAN THIS!

- THIS COMPROMISE WOULD KEEP SOME HOUSING onsite City Planning wants, but still build on historic wetlands!
- THIS COMPROMISE WOULD KEEP THE COOLIDGE-ROTH STREET CONNECTION that City Planning wants, but a better alternative using existing Right Of Way exists!
- IT ELIMINATES TWO STREETS right next to the wetland and 200-year-old Oaks but still adds more Impervious Streets.
- IT ALLOWS FOR SOME WETLAND INCREASE with climate change but that would then reduce available park space
- IT FAILS TO PROVIDE SHARED COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE for education, social, and cultural bonding activities
- IT FAILS TO PRESERVE CONNECTIONS for greenway bike paths and wildlife corridors that critical to sustaining the ecosystem



#### 4. SAVE ALL 30 ACRES AS A NATURE PARK AND SHARED COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE! THIS WILL MEET BOTH ECOLOGICAL NEEDS AND SOCIAL EQUITY GOALS!

- INTEGRATES AFFORDABLE HOUSING in Surrounding Neighborhoods and Redevelopments on Existing Streets and Infrastructure
- PRESERVES a Beautiful Natural Area and Open Space for All to Enjoy
- ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY with Sufficient Habitat for Pollinators, Birds and Wildlife while Helping With Infiltration and Carbon Offset
- HEALTHY NATURE RECREATION AND NATURE EDUCATION for Surrounding Neighborhoods, Schools, Families and Kids
- ROOM FOR NATURE OBSERVATION PATHS AND LOOKOUTS as well as parking and park and playground facilities
- ROOM FOR SHARED EQUITABLE ACCESS COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE for a Splash Pad, Yoga in the Park, an Urban Ecology Center to Engage Neighborhood Kids, Ecological, Native American and Black History Displays, Kids Art, a Sculpture Garden, Community Gardens, a Food Forest, and other Social Bonding Activities
- GREEN TRANSIT CONNECTIONS with City-Wide Bike Paths and Wildlife Corridors critical to Sustaining Urban Ecosystem Refugia



## **5. AMENDING THE PLAN WILL ENABLE PARTNERSHIP OPTIONS**

***YOUR VOTE TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE OMSAP PLAN TO INCLUDE THE OPTION TO SAVE ALL 30 ACRES WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR CITY STAFF TO:***

- A. Contract for a proposed \$12,000 study of Ecological Opportunities for Sustainable Development with Applied Ecological Services or another Sustainability Professional.**
- B. Contact Dane County, Groundswell, and other Willing Partners to Pursue Funding, Trust, and Donor Opportunities for Purchase and for Long Term Restoration.**
- C. With COVID and Black Lives Matter, Land Trusts in Wisconsin are eager to help preserve Urban Nature and Equitable Access to Nature. The Urban Ecology Center is eager to help.**

**SAVE ALL 30 ACRES AS A NATURE PARK AND SHARED COMMUNITY OPEN GREEN SPACE FOR A GROWING DIVERSE URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE CITY TO ENJOY FOR POSTERITY!**



# **6 - AMEND OMSAP TO SAVE ALL 30 ACRES OF HARTMEYER NATURAL AREA!**

- ***Honor the Desires and Stated Needs of the Community***
- ***Provide Equitable Access to Nature and Shared Community Open Space for a Growing and Diverse Urban Population***
- ***Preserve a Healthy and Biodiverse Natural Ecosystem***
- ***Add Affordable Housing in Surrounding Neighborhoods and Redevelopment on Existing Streets Not a Historic Wetland***
- ***Partner with Dane Co, Groundswell and other Funding, Grant and Donor Sources for Purchase and Restoration***
- ***Make Greenway Bike Path and Wildlife Corridor Connections***
- ***Provide Shared Community Open Space for Community Gardens, a Food Forest, Urban Ecology Center to Engage Kids, Outdoor School Programs, a Gazebo for Gatherings, Music and Dance, Native American and Black History Displays, Kids Nature Art, a Sculpture Garden and other Social Bonding Activities that Create a Sense of Place and Ownership!***

