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**Subject:** Re: Comment on keeping trees  
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Most recently, I'm concerned with the Brennan's property at the corner of Capital and University Avenues that now has signs for development.

Other projects may already be done, such as near S. Park and Fish Hatchery, or the buildings and apartments west of Hilldale, or buildings on E. Washington. In all these places, I think it's a huge mistake not to design for trees. There is too much heat and glare, and too much 'urban'. People direly need a sense of nature. Having trees on E. Washington would be the biggest improvement that could be made, versus new buildings.

It would be great if my comments could be heard somewhere and/or if you'd let me know of other particular cases.

Thank you,  
Nancy Wiegand

On 3/20/2020 6:45 AM, Parks, Timothy wrote:

> Nancy,  
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> Thank you for your comments. Could you remind us which project this regards, or is this a general comment? If it regards a specific project, we will forward it to the Plan Commission and Urban Design Commission for their consideration of that project.

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> Many thanks,  
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> The 2020 Census is coming in March! To learn more about the census and why a complete count is important to the City, visit [www.cityofmadison.com/2020Census](http://www.cityofmadison.com/2020Census). #MadisonCounts #2020Census

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Nancy Wiegand <[wiegand@cs.wisc.edu](mailto:wiegand@cs.wisc.edu)>  
> Sent: March 19, 2020 8:24 PM  
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> Subject: Comment on keeping trees

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> To the Plan Commission,  
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> I've been distressed that new buildings are being built right up to the sidewalk, which is then next to the street, without room for trees. Not only are trees needed for beauty/aesthetics, they are needed for people's health and well-

being. It's been documented that a view of trees relaxes people. Trees can actually reduce crime overall. Also, in a hot urban city, trees provide coolness and help with pollution. They provide shade. A tree-lined street is much more aesthetic and welcoming than a plain street.

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> Please do not let any more buildings go up without trees being planted by the street.

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> I assume there is some monetary reason, but if you look bigger and longer term, having the trees will be more financially worthwhile in the long term.

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> Thank you,

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> Nancy Wiegand

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