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Dear members of the City of Madison Parks Commission,

I am a professor of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at UW-Madison seeking approval for a small school-based research project in Glenway Park on Madison's west side. As part of the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) Middle School Science Symposium, I am mentoring a group of 7th grade girls at Hamilton Middle School interested in studying local wildlife. We have acquired a four motion activated "trailcams" from the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Citizens Lending Library and UW Dept of Forest and Wildlife Ecology that can be attached to trees to monitor comings and goings of small mammals.

We are seeking permission for the students to install up to four Bushnell camoflauge trailcams in the woods (near the firepit) of Glenway Children's Park or Glenway Woods for 3-4 weeks in Feb-Mar 2017. Both students live walking distance to the park and would monitor the cameras each day. We will secure each camera with a lock and provide a sign describing the project with contact information. I would assume all responsibility for equipment safety and MMSD Science Symposium guidelines covers student participation.

We have reached out to the local neighborhood association (Dudgeon-Monroe) and received positive response to the project. They also suggest to also consider monitoring across the street near the SW Bike Path in Glenway Woods where local siting have been made of coyotes and foxes. I will have the student get in touch with the recommended contacts to discuss optimal camera locations.

Sincerely,

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