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In today's Wisconsin State Journal: (I can't make this stuff up.)

Fitchburg built a new playground 34 feet from a retention pond. "mistakes have been made in **not soliciting feedback from residents about the location of the playground equipment...We should have not have installed the playground structure where it is at...**We are going to make this right to the neighborhood." In the meantime ugly snow fencing separates the playground from the retention pond. NOTE: They did install protective fencing along the Sauk Creek bike path from the Beltline to Tree Lane, Phase 1 of the restoration was completed in 2018. Since no one uses that unneeded path, we never noticed until today when we checked.

https://madison.com/news/local/government-politics/fitchburg-retention-pond-playground/article_157f34b4-990d-11ee-8a6c-3b420cc231f1.html

The city committee members we asked have never seen or walked the greenway. Looking at a flat map, they have no idea how steep, narrow and close to the creek the "All ages and stages ADA path" would have to be, to fit through the narrow greenway. The grade is too steep, and within feet of Sauk Creek, for All Abilities and the ADA rules.

According to DOT guidelines, fencing between the path and the creek would need to be installed. What about the animals?? Much less the aesthetics in the woods..

And don't forget how bad Phase 1 & 2 upstream look now. There is a protective fence between the bike trail and the creek in phase 1. A fence would be horrible for the wildlife and environment in the Greenway.

Neighbors concerned after 200 trees cut down on Far West Side; city says goal is restoration

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More than 200 trees were removed from a Far West Side green space at the beginning of October. The cuts were made as part of a restoration project.