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Mr. James Campbell, Town Board
Town of Madison
2120 Fish Hatchery Road
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

At the Plan Commission meeting of July 24, 2006 the Plan Commission reviewed a letter to Alderman Ken Golden from County Board Supervisors Kyle Richmond, Carousel Bayrd, and Chuck Erickson concerning the proposed construction of two houses on Arboretum Lane in the Town.

It is our understanding that the lands are zoned appropriately to accommodate single-family homes and that the construction will occur on existing platted lots. The jurisdiction for the development rests with the Town and Dane County.

The Plan Commission would also like to express its concerns related to the impact on water quality from the construction of additional septic systems close to environmentally sensitive lands within the Arboretum, and the increase in the amount of impervious surface and resulting run-off, which will result from the additional construction.

I urge you to review the development proposals very closely and to utilize the regulatory tools that you have to address these concerns to the extent possible. Our strong preference would be to try to find a way to avoid additional septic system development within this area if at all possible. If we can be of any assistance in trying to achieve this goal, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Olinger, Secretary
Madison Plan Commission

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