

Date: June 1, 2016

To: Town of Middleton Town Board

From: Carrol A. Schiller

Re: Blackhawk Water Tower

My attorney and I have been longtime volunteers and members of Friends of Capitol Springs, a group that works to improve the Nine Springs E-Way. The E-Way is a seven mile natural corridor starting at Lake Farm Park, on the shores of Lake Waubesa, west to Dunns Marsh along Seminole Highway. The E stands for educational, ecological, exercise, esthetic and environmental. Since we have had this experience, we applaud the Friends of Pope Conservancy for their accomplishments. We understand their concerns regarding the Blackhawk water tower.

The Blackhawk tower will be sited on City of Madison property at the corner of W. Old Sauk Rd. and Pioneer Rd. Initially, three sites were identified, #1, #2 and #3. As owner of the property directly south of the proposed sites, we wanted the tower sited as close to W. Old Sauk Rd. as possible and selected site #3 as the most acceptable. Sometime later, the folks from Pope Farm Conservancy decided that site # 2 was the only site that was not in their view shed for photographers. We then suggested that site # 2 could possibly be moved north parallel to #3. This suggestion has created a discussion of a site #4 which would seem to address the concerns of both the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy and us. Placement close to W. Old Sauk Rd. could cut project costs.

Prior to the current discussion, I had conversations with Mr. Pope regarding the tower. He thanked me for my involvement. Recently, Mr. Pope expressed an interest in moving the tower to the east. We can work together to achieve a solution that will be acceptable to all stakeholders. Hopefully, the Town of Middleton Town Board will give their approval to the new site #4 under consideration.

Thank you to all the folks for their patience and efforts.

Cc: Madison Water Utility Board

Alderman Paul Skidmore, Madison Common Council

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10333 Blackhawk Road, Middleton, WI 53562

June 10, 2016

To: Pete Holmgren, P.E.

Subject: Location of the proposed Blackhawk Water Tower

Mr. Holmgren:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy concerning the location of the Blackhawk water tower. The FOPFC board will support either location #2 or location #4 (being defined as 45' east of its original proposed location). There are merits to both, but in the end we would like to give you our support for both locations so that it might add flexibility for you as you determine its final siting.

We would like to thank the Madison Water Utility Board for their inclusiveness, and for their sensitivity to our concerns at Pope Farm Conservancy.

Sincerely,

Mel Pope

Mel Pope – Chair

CC:

Madeline Gotkowitz, President Madison Water Utility Board

Mr. Bill Kolar – Town Chairman

Mr. Burr Fraser – Parks Commission

David Shaw – Town Administrator

Sara Ludtke – Public Works Coordinator

Friends of Pope Farm Conservancy -- Board of Directors

Holmgren, Peter

From: tom Ferron [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 8:31 AM
To: Holmgren, Peter
Subject: Blakhawk Madison water tower

Why would the city of Madison build an ugly water tower out near Town of Middleton in the beautiful country setting? You are going to ruin the horizon! Go build it near/closer to the city of Madison like near the "towers" on Mineral Point Road and roundabout. The reason we moved out here was to get away from this junk. Absolutely ridiculous!