

On Fri, Aug 2, 2019 at 9:12 AM SANDRA E WARD <[REDACTED]@wisc.edu> wrote:

Dear Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, City Staff Member Heather Stouder, Chair Thomas Wilson Transportation Policy and Planning, Chair Madelyn Leopold Board of Park Commissioners, Alder Patrick Heck District 2, and Ledell Zellers, former D2 Alder

I am writing to urge you to support the recommendations recently put forward by the Urban Forestry Task Force. Madison's tree canopy has been facing extreme challenges in the past several years. The Task Force recommendations, if implemented, will help to revitalize our tree canopy and thereby enhance the livability and beauty of our neighborhoods. We should be planting more trees, and the type of tree we plant must be seriously considered. That is, the city should focus on planting large trees that will contribute to the overstory canopy to provide shade to our homes, parks, schools, and playgrounds. Small ornamental trees should be used only when it is simply not possible to use a large tree.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the very important Forestry Task Force recommendations.

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