

From: Amanda Ruehl
To: [Laatsch, Kirstie](#); [Greger, Jeffrey](#)
Cc: [Harrington-McKinney, Barbara](#)
Subject: Shady Wood
Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022 8:51:36 PM

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Hello Kirstie, Jeff and Alder McKinney,

I appreciate the dedication each one of you has to keeping the surrounding neighbors informed.

Alder McKinney, you have been so active in my community in the past. You offered endless effort and support to work out a huge safety issue in my last neighborhood, so I am happy to still have you as my Alder in this neighborhood.

Kirstie and Jeff, I appreciate your work in conserving the Ice Age Trail and making some of Madison's land treasures shine.

I also wanted to say how happy I am that you will be reviewing the speed limit on Woods Rd. Woods Rd is very busy, since it is one of the only cross roads through this area. We have traffic coming from south and southwest neighboring cities, along with Epic traffic, and lots of construction workers. The shoulder of the road is very minimal. There are also deer and wildlife through the surrounding land that cross Woods Rd.

Not only do I worry about the kids in our neighborhood getting hit along Woods Rd, but I also worry about the bikers and runners that use that road quite regularly. I am one of those bikers and have had some close encounters with very high speed drivers. I believe that lowering speed limit will help some.

I do worry about your future plan of placing apartment and multi -family units along Woods Rd, which is such a busy road that is not made for the kind of traffic it has right now. This type of housing will just bring even more traffic to a neighborhood and a road that doesn't need more traffic and **cannot handle** more traffic. This type of housing may be better developed much further from Woods Rd, or preferably, not in the surrounding neighborhood at all.

I like the idea of having a trailhead and/or a re-developed access point for the Ice Age trail on Woods Rd (discussed during zoom meeting). Again, adding more traffic to Woods Rd with multi -unit housing and apartments seems like the wrong decision from a safety standpoint for Hikers and trail users. I am an avid hiker and would not want to access or try to cross such a busy road while enjoying a day on the trail.

Lastly, with any type of development, water flow will be an issue. It sounds like both of you understand the importance of water flow. I live on Grey Kestrel, which, in my opinion, as well as the opinion of others, is missing a culvert at the back south/east corner (back end of the corner lot on the south side of the street) to direct the water from Woods Rd. Too much water flows from Woods Rd through the back of the lots on the south side of Grey Kestrel. With any

change in grading and/or loosing the ridge on the back lot line (with future development) would cause tremendous issues. I see that you have some ponds in the development behind a number of lots (looks like behind the western most 5 lots before Raptor Dr on Grey Kestrel) which may help some of that. The water flow here will need continuous consideration with any development.

Thank you for reading this in it's entirety. And thank you for your time and consideration.

I appreciate each of you and your interest in my community.

Thank you,
Amanda Ruehl

Sent from my iPhone

From: carl cassel
To: [Laatsch, Kirstie](#); [Greger, Jeffrey](#)
Subject: Shady Wood Development Plan ideas
Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 10:25:01 PM

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Hello,

My name is Carl Cassel and I'm a resident of the Hawks Valley neighborhood. My wife and I live in a home that would border the shady wood development.

Like any homeowners, we dislike the idea of having more people move in around us (we love the alfalfa field in our backyard and the beautiful, starry nights here). However, I know there are housing problems everywhere, land near Madison is at a premium, and a few people's displeasure is not going to stop a multi-million dollar project.

After looking at the proposal, I have a few suggestions to consider:

1. America has a big problem with its suburbs. We create living spaces that are totally disconnected from basic necessities, and we force everyone to drive to get them. Could you consider some areas for commercial real estate, so we could have things like a corner grocery store, a cafe, and a sports bar? It's so hard to foster a sense of community now-a-days. I'd love to walk down to the local sports bar with my wife and have a meal with our neighbor. Or walk to the corner grocery store if I needed a tomato for dinner. Not being tied to a vehicle all of the time would be an amazing feeling, and we need to start doing a better job of releasing people from that burden in our suburbs. With how dense shady wood appears to be, combined with our neighborhood and Hawks Landing, that's a lot of potential clientele.
2. Could some consideration be made regarding light pollution? Again, we love our starry nights here and would really appreciate it if the buildings, side-walk lighting and any other source of light (hopefully a grocer or sports bar) would be built/designed/zoned in a way to keep the light pollution low.
3. There are a ton of dogs in our neighborhood. With how dense the shady wood development plan looks, you can expect a lot more. A dog park would be greatly appreciated by everyone who lives around here. If not a dog park, then regular trash bins so people can toss their dog waste (maybe even some dog waste composters if you want to be really eco conscious).

Thanks for listening.

Carl

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From: [Tom Mathies](#)
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Subject: Comments on Shady Wood NDP meeting
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Hello Kirstie and Jeff,

Thank you for last week's Zoom meeting about the Shady Wood Neighborhood Development Plan.

I appreciate your plan to talk with the Town of Verona Plan Commission. I'm on our town board and plan commission. I live next to the planning area.

As a heads up, here are a few topics that may come up during our plan commission meeting:

- Map 13 shows storm inundation for a 100-year flood event. Is it worth looking at maps for 200- and 500-year flood events?
- Can the NDP ensure that traffic impacts on town roads will be addressed during development? Roads include Mid Town Road to the west, Shady Oak Lane, and Timber Lane.
- How will road run-off be managed? I think during the presentation that curb and gutter were mentioned for Woods Road. Will the flow go to stormwater ponds?
- Any thoughts on potential for a boundary agreement between the City of Madison and Town of Verona? Several towns have agreements as shown on this proposed map for extraterritorial plat approval:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5840097&GUID=112C427E-A4FF-4A3A-BD80-899FAAFFEEAA>

No need for written responses – you're welcome to wait and discuss these at our meeting. I apologize if I missed these in the draft.

To mention a couple typos:

- When viewing the draft plan in a browser, the tap is labeled "Pumpkin Hollow Neighborhood Development Plan."
- Page 8: Change "Map 8" to "Map 9"

Have a good day,

Tom Mathies
Town of Verona Supervisor