

**From:** [Lori Getter](#)  
**To:** [Plan Commission Comments; All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Raemisch development  
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Hello,

I live on Delaware Blvd and have been a northside resident since 2008. I am once again requesting the planning commission and the alders vote no on number 19 and 20 on the agenda. It has been frustrating. There is no reason to not wait and actually hear and see the impacts of the F-35's. They will be here soon enough.

In addition, I worry about flooding in that area. I question the plan the company has given for runoff. I worked in emergency management for 23 years. I understand the impacts of flooding and poor planning. That water will need to go somewhere.

Has anyone seen what happens when we have heavy rains or rapid snowmelt. That area becomes a lake. It takes a long time for that water to drain. When that soil is saturated - water will be in basements. I know - because most homes on the northside - north Sherman Ave. deal with water issues - including my own home.

Finally, before building another huge development- this city needs to focus on crime. Every few days there is a shooting or gunshots. When I moved here, the northside was basically a nice residential neighborhood. That is not the case now. I have talked with officers and they say they need more help. Same with fire and EMS.

There are many other issues that are never discussed during the Zoom meeting due to time including traffic, schools, and environmental impacts. It always seems this is a rush job to push this through rather than giving careful planning and consideration.

Please do the right thing and vote no.

Lori Getter  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Becky Leidner](#)  
**To:** [Plan Commission Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Raemisch Farm development  
**Date:** Monday, August 29, 2022 10:04:39 AM

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Dear Parks Commissioners,

In February, the City Council voted 14-6 to place the zoning changes needed to greenlight the Raemisch Farm development project on file without prejudice, and voted 15-5 to also place a proposal for a land plat on file without prejudice. These zoning approvals are now on your Monday 8/29 meeting agenda. I urge you to reject them.

The Council's vote was taken due to concerns about the noise created by the F-35 jets due to arrive in early 2023, and about issues of public health and safety and environmental justice. None of these concerns are adequately addressed in the revised plan. The actual noise impact of the new jets won't be known until they arrive and start flying, but we already know that this area, including Lakeview Elementary School, will be in or close to the worst part of the projected sound map as measured by the Air Force. We should not allow ourselves to be seduced with promises of "sound mitigation," which even at best will do nothing to address the adverse health effects of excessive noise on people who are working or playing outside, trying to carry on a conversation with their neighbors over the back fence, or opening their windows on a warm summer day.

Pushing environmental preservation to the bottom of the priority list, as is typical with plans for development in Madison, the revised plan provides for 5.1 acres of park land or open space, a whopping 7.8% of the roughly 64-acre site. Long-standing natural habitats, already vanishingly rare within city limits, will be destroyed or fragmented to the point where they will no longer be part of viable ecosystems. Eighty-five percent of the current farmland acreage will also be lost, along with any possibilities for future urban agriculture. Most importantly, it's time for Madison to stop, deliberately and with your stamp of approval, locating low-cost housing in undesirable neighborhoods, in effect using economic coercion to force people to compromise their health and safety in order to be able to afford a place to live. We all know that wealthy white Madisonians will not be buying these homes. Please re-examine your priorities in light of your responsibility to make our city a safe, healthy, pleasant place for all its residents. This may involve belatedly realizing the economic harm, in the form of lost development opportunities, as well as the promised benefits, of bringing the F-35's to Truax.

Thank you,

Rebecca Leidner

**From:** [C.D](#)  
**To:** [All Alders; Plan Commission Comments](#)  
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Dear Planning Commission members

Please vote no on items 19&20 - hit pause on this until noise levels// true conditions can be ascertained!!!

This has already been decided by city council so Im not quite understanding why are we coming back to this same question yet again. The new plan does not address the concerns in any fashion. Im appalled that the interests of low- moderate income people (the targeted residents for this development) continue to be so blatantly disregarded in this city. The developer has been told already - wait til the impact becomes known. Risk is part of the game these folks have chosen - there are no guarantees re: return on investment.

Thank you  
Cathy Debevec  
East Main Street / Madison, WI

August 26, 2022

Dear Mr. Myadze,

As we help more and more teachers see the benefits that come from allowing students to experience learning through movement and nature.

I have been helping lead Lake View Elementary's initiative to take learning outdoors for about eight years now, and in that time we have made great strides toward meeting the diverse needs of our students. As a Physical Education teacher, and now leader of the Green Team, a school organization that plans and develop features of our outdoor classroom as well as assists staff in incorporating the learning tools we have developed into their instruction, I have spent many hours advocating for additional spaces to continue expanding the rich outdoor experiences we are able to offer our students at Lake View.

We know that historically in the U.S., lower income neighborhoods typically have less green space and parks available to their communities than higher income areas, and we happen to have an amazing opportunity right in our own backyard: the woodlands directly next to Lake View could be a wonderful resource for our students, staff and community if the space were conserved and maintained as a city park. As I have developed and built learning structures on school property over the past few years, and we help more and more teachers see the benefits that come from allowing students to experience learning through movement and nature, conserving this area for school and community use has become a dream of mine. I have been in contact with MMSD and the parks department over the course of the past two years, and if and when this space does become a Madison City Park the parks department has agreed to continue their conversations with MMSD to sign a shared use agreement to allow MMSD to use and develop the land. I have communicated with district officials my desire and plans to convert this area into a mountain biking park.

Being able to use this space would give me the ability to teach a greater variety of skill sets to my students at Lake View, and hopefully one day all the students on the north side of Madison will have learned how to ride a bike. We do not currently have an abundance of safe after school activities for elementary students in our neighborhood, and having this space developed as a park would provide my students with a safe, easily accessible space to freely ride a bike and enjoy the woods all at the same time. It would give students a fun activity in a healthy environment to engage in after school, instead of heading directly home after school as most of our students currently do. As a physical education teacher my goal is to instill in students an understanding and hopefully love of physical activity, as well as the importance of moving their bodies. Having this park next to Lake View would give students access to all of these things.

Converting this space would not only provide mountain biking trails, but also walking trails, and in the winter, cross country ski trails. There are so many learning opportunities that could be opened to our school and the whole North side community. Lake View has already demonstrated that we are capable of creating a robust and well functioning outdoor classroom, and I look forward to helping the North side show what we can achieve if we truly put our minds to it with the development of this park. I have already been in contact with a major bike manufacturer and multiple other organizations in the Madison area to gauge support for this idea, and have been pleased to find that each and every person I have talked with is fully on board to help in whatever is needed.

I am in full support of having a Madison City Park put in next to Lake View.

James Kersten

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- James