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Thank you,
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Ice Age Trail Alliance

Working since 1958 to conserve, create, maintain, and promote the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

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City of Madison
Board of Park Commissioners,
Transportation Policy and Planning Board,
Plan Commission,
Common Council

RE: Shady Wood Neighborhood Development Plan

Dear City Leaders,

Please accept this letter as the Ice Age Trail Alliance's support for the proposed Shady Wood Neighborhood Development Plan as drafted and dated November 22, 2022.

The Alliance is specifically pleased with the Open Space Conservation Corridor around the proposed location of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. The geologic and natural features in the corridor are worth protecting and interpreting. The area has one of the best examples of terminal glacial moraine in Dane County which affords great vistas. The top of the moraine also has many glacial kettles, left behind by slow-melting ice chunks. The relatively intact forested areas, creeks and ponds will provide interest for Trail users while providing important habitat for plants and animals.

The Alliance looks forward to continuing our outstanding partnership with the City of Madison and – as opportunities arise - executing the recommendations in the Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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