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## **City of Madison draft Northside Neighborhood Plan (Warner Park portion)**

Madison Audubon Society supports a plan for Warner Park (part of the Northside Neighborhood Plan) that will sustain and benefit healthy bird and wildlife populations throughout the park, but especially in the currently existing natural areas. More than 85 species of birds and many species of mammals, frogs, and toads have been recorded at Warner Park. Maintaining portions of this large park for birding, wildlife watching, walking, and other quiet recreation would provide a good balance with the more active recreation portions of Warner Park. In an increasingly frantic world, these wilder areas would serve as a welcome respite. Some handicapped-accessible nature trails and educational signage could enhance park visitors' recreation opportunities and enjoyment of the beautiful natural areas of Warner Park.

Madison Audubon supports and urges review of the Warner Park portion of the Northside Neighborhood Plan by Madison's Commission on the Environment. Warner Park is an important component of the Madison lakes watershed and an ecosystem corridor between the lakes and other natural areas. This important public resource deserves an environmentally sound plan that will benefit birds and wildlife as well as people. We encourage the City of Madison to keep the wilder parts of Warner Park wild.

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Madison Audubon Board of Directors  
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