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Ms. Peggy Veregin, National Register Coordinator Wisconsin Historical Society 816 State Street Madison, WI 53706

Re: University of Wisconsin Arboretum National Register of Historic Places nomination

Ms. Veregin,

The City of Madison Landmarks Commission is pleased to review, and enthusiastically supports, the nomination to list the University of Wisconsin Arboretum on the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination shows that the University of Wisconsin Arboretum is eligible for listing on the Wisconsin State Register and the National Register by being significant for three criteria. The Commission noted that the stone walls contribute to the character and integrity of the site and suggests that the stone walls be specifically referenced in the document. In addition, the Commission noted that the influence of Aldo Leopold, John Nolen and Increase Lapham were not discussed in the document and requested that the influence of these important naturalists also be included.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Stuart Levitan

Landmarks Commission Chairperson

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Amy Loewenstein Scanlon, Registered Architect

Preservation Planner

Landmarks Commission Secretary

cc: City preservation file

Mayor Paul Soglin