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Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:46 AM  
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Subject: amazon building

I would like to voice my support for the proposed Amazon site to replace the Swiss Colony building. I understand the concerns of the Starkweather. Creek advocates. However, the Swiss Colony site is becoming more of an eye sore every time I go past. I also feel that having these jobs will add a tax paying business to Madison. If Amazon does not build in Madison, the site will be built in one of the surrounding suburbs, which seems to be happening more often.(note Sun Prairie) As a consequence, many of those working at this facility will move to that area instead of staying in Madison. Their children will go to schools other than Madison, school enrollment is dropping in Madison already. Their purchasing power will also go to the given community instead of staying in Madison. My hope is that these employees will also buy homes or move into the many apartments being built in that area.

Thanks for your time,  
Beverly J. Schultz

**From:** Mary Garrett <[marygarrett998@gmail.com](mailto:marygarrett998@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2020 17:24

**To:** Foster, Grant

**Subject:** Amazon on Milwaukee St.?

Dear Grant Forster,

I write to you as one of your constituents. I just read about the proposal to allow Amazon to put in a distribution center on Milwaukee St.

The Planning Division said that this is NOT consistent with the Comprehensive Plan or the Milwaukee Street Special Area Plan, but such use is not prohibited.

Many people worked for a long time on these two plans. I assume they had good reasons for the choices they made and that they made these choices with the best interests of the community in mind.

Now we are going to set them aside for the best interests of Amazon?

In addition, Amazon is notorious for being an exploitative employer.. Why would we want to encourage such a business?

I understand that the property is zoned so that Amazon *could* be allow there. But that does not mean they *should*.

So, such are my sentiments.

Sincerely,  
Mary Garrett

**From:** Ryan Taber <[ryan.n.taber@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.n.taber@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2020 14:26

**To:** Foster, Grant

**Subject:** Amazon delivery center

Hi Grant,

I'm a disappointed about the Amazon delivery center on Milwaukee St. I wish I had time to write a more thoughtful note, but the crux of my concern is the sea of parking that will apparently surround the building on two sides--including adjacent to the transfer point. This seems to me like the worst possible land uses in one of the more transit-dense corridors in our city. This would be prime real estate for housing, but instead will be parking spaces.

This is also wildly inconsistent with the Milwaukee Street Special Plan, and sits right in the heart of the Plan area. Thus, I fear will hamper implementation of the plan for several years.

Sounds like there's not a lot to be done about it at this point, but I appreciate you bringing it to everyone's attention and attending the planning commission meeting.

Thanks for all your work!

Ryan

**From:** [judith.louer@gmail.com](mailto:judith.louer@gmail.com) <[judith.louer@gmail.com](mailto:judith.louer@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2020 23:06

**To:** Foster, Grant

**Subject:** Amazon distribution center on Milwaukee St

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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I have a number of questions and concerns about the possible siting of an Amazon distribution center on the former Swiss Colony site on Milwaukee Street. These are:

1. Many bus riders are using the parking lot near the bus East Transfer point will this parking area be lost to these commuters? Is there any chance that the city would be able to obtain a portion of the lot for a park and ride lot? If not, I fear that the local residential streets will be heavily parked on by commuters.
2. Having an Amazon distribution center will significantly increase traffic, noise and air pollution in an area very close to residential housing. Is there sufficient road infrastructure to handle the extra truck traffic in the area which already has heavy use by the buses? How will this impact housing in the area?
3. What time commitment will Amazon be making to stay there? Will the city benefit through increased taxes or employment opportunities for city residents?
4. Is this usage of the site consistent with city plans that have already been formulated for this area? Are there any other developments in the area imminent?
5. Why were these plans not made public sooner so that the neighborhood groups could respond with their concerns and feedback? From what I understand the first phase, i.e. parking and stormwater plans are up for approval tomorrow evening.

**From:** Judy Underwood <[jmunde.01@gmail.com](mailto:jmunde.01@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2020 22:16

**To:** Foster, Grant

**Subject:** Swiss Colony more

Grant I did come across a map for where the storm water area would be for the Amazon building. <https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8007826&GUID=AB1E43F7-8884-4A5C-8E91-FDDFD5EDEE97>

So now I have different questions. Is this going to be a pond style? As I said in the previous email, the buildings we have in the just east the creek would be about equal to the location of this area and as I said, we had flooding there this past couple of years. What type of area would this be, a pond, so it will soak up into the land which is already marsh - I am afraid of more flooding on our property as the tributary back there is not very deep and is filled with trees both in and near the the water. Will the city engineers dig out more of this area of the tributary so it will hold the potential water?

Will all the water from the parking lot from the Milwaukee St back go to this area? I am wondering if the storm water area wouldn't do better having it more west of the property to protect our properties more.

I can't read your drawing so I don't know if the current storm water trail would stay there or not.

Thank you so much for your help in looking into this.

Judy

**From:** Judy Underwood <[jmunde.01@gmail.com](mailto:jmunde.01@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2020 13:14

**To:** Foster, Grant

**Subject:** Swiss Colony site

Grant, thank you for sharing the information about the potential Amazon site. I love the idea of something like Amazon moving in there who will clean up the property and even use some of the vacant property that the city has not allowed the Durens to ever develop.

I own one of the houses that the city is planning on purchasing down farther on Milwaukee Street and that land has been in the family for 150 years. My relation built 3 of the 5 houses that the city would like to purchase - although we only own one of them now. Due to Starkweather Creek flooding and water sitting in the backyard, I had people who were interested in my house but not on that land. And with the issues of PFAs in part of the Creek, I am concerned that it may end up contaminating the entire creek and banks and how it will affect the environmental tests that they will be doing on my property.

My concern about Swiss Colony/Amazon plan is what is the plan for the Storm water. The current plan situation is that the storm water feeds over to the tributary along Corporate Drive and Regas Road. I own the properties along this tributary that are in the Town of Blooming Grove. I have seen times including in the last couple years where the water is so high I have to watch to make sure our properties are not subject to flooding. Just 3 years ago the City did massive work along the tributary from Milwaukee Street to Corporate Drive making it much deeper. These past 2 years, this tributary has been up to it's brim on water even flooding the yard of our Northern properties past Corporate Drive. As seems obvious, with a broken up blacktop (which this property currently has) there less water ends up in the tributary than a solid blacktop surface. Then add another approximately 150 parking spots in current green space will bring a lot more water into this stream which if we have the moisture we have been having, will cause the water to go over the banks and towards my buildings. On paper this sounds like a great idea, but I am concerned they have no idea what that there is no room for additional water during the years like we have had.

Thanks for listening and I try to be at the meeting tomorrow.

Judy Underwood

My family has own this land since 1946, so it isn't like we are walking into this blindly.

From: Beverly Hellenbrand <[bahelle@icloud.com](mailto:bahelle@icloud.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 12:27  
To: Foster, Grant  
Subject: 3630 Milwaukee Street Proposal AMAZON

That is a LOT of cars.

I am wondering how many shifts would be using the three proposed driveways?  
How many jobs will be created?

That is a LOT of traffic added to the Milwaukee St. area.

Would the transit station riders still be able to commute and park where they park now?  
When it is busy now, a Lot of cars park on Schenk St.  
Schenk Street that gets narrower with the snow in the winter and is used by Yellow School Buses.

Will the planned neighboring beautiful new neighborhood and parks still be planned, safe, and desirable?

Thank you for the heads up.  
Beverly Hellenbrand  
Bradford LN.

From: Pat Malcolm <[pmalcpoet@gmail.com](mailto:pmalcpoet@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 11:19  
To: Foster, Grant  
Subject: Amazon Hub distribution center

Grant, I'm very concerned about this use of the old Swiss Colony site. With Woodman's, the bus hub and the main post office already right there on Milwaukee Street, the added traffic from a distribution site would be just too much. It's already very busy. The Highway 30&51 intersection, which would be feeding much of the semi traffic into the site, is already a danger zone, and the truck traffic load from Amazon and increased postal/UPS traffic would be much higher than Swiss Colony ever was. Are the street surfaces even in good enough repair to support this traffic?

Another concern is the added pressure on what many of us hope will become parkland, near Milwaukee St and Fair Oaks Ave, especially since the cement site has already filled in one of the two ponds there. I really consider that an ecologically fragile area.

And finally, what happens to the mayor's master plan for Milwaukee Street if this is implemented? That's all about mixed use and improved traffic flow, the opposite of this move.

If Amazon wants to come into Madison, why not farther down Milwaukee Street by Sprecher? Wouldn't that fit with the new traffic plan in that area? Wouldn't that allow for a dedicated interchange in and out of Amazon, which is what IKEA does with their sites in busy areas?

So many times it seems we have no real planning in Madison, but jump on every piecemeal project that comes along, and I fear this is another one of those. I sadly predict the Planning Commission will approve this project, that the City will grab the money while it can, and we will have no real plan once again.

Best regards,

Pat Malcolm  
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Madison