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Subject: OMSAP

Heather -- The careful development of the Oscar Mayer area is important, especially to those of us who live here on the Northside. I'm especially concerned about two issues: the preservation of the entire 30 acre area known as the Hartmeyer Natural Area and the proposed Coolidge Street extension.

The Hartmeyer property is a rich asset to the entire area because it encompasses one of the city's few original wetland areas and is home to a vast array of wildlife and plant species. This unique environment is largely surrounded by industrial and commercial properties which are important to the Madison community but in many cases are quite unsightly. I do support much of the OMSAP and appreciate the city planners' attempts to grow Madison up rather than out to accommodate the likely population growth in coming years. To promote a high quality of life for all of us in the area, we need a natural refuge in the center of this development, especially since the planned residential housing will be quite dense.

Though I live some distance from the Eken Park neighborhood, I share the concern of so many residents who are vigorously opposed to extending Coolidge Street across Packers Avenue or any other plan that would increase automobile traffic on the street and near the neighborhood park by North Street. As I have listened to many comments of the Eken Park residents in recent months, I have come to believe that changing Coolidge Street would have an extremely damaging impact on the neighborhood and should be avoided at all cost.

I appreciate the ample opportunity the city has given to us to express our opinions on future planning.

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City officials: Thank you so much for including Northside residents so extensively in the planning process for the Oscar Mayer area. Although I am in favor of many aspects of the current plan, I urge you to re-examine two areas that, if changed, would greatly improve the future of our side of town.

The so called Hartmeyer Natural Area west of the Oscar Mayer buildings is home to a vast amount of flora and fauna. These natural beauties are usually overlooked by most people who pass by unaware of this natural habitat largely surrounded by many often unsightly industrial

properties or commercial spaces which provide a fine facade to their customers but block a view of this island of nature in our urban environment.

Hartmeyer Natural Area includes one of the few remaining wetlands in a city which was once covered with such a habitat. Preservation of the full 30 acre area, which has been largely untouched for a hundred years, is vital to the Northside, especially since it is proposed that many multiple story housing units will come to our neighborhood. As has been suggested, the wetland portion of the tract is an already existing rain garden, a feature that is often included nowadays in new residential development. Many current and future Northside residents, especially children, would be thrilled to catch a glimpse of the Hartmeyer area's Sandhill Cranes, fox, deer, migrating ducks and more common species such as bluebirds, hawks and the assertively audible tiny spring frogs on the pond areas of the tract.

Coolidge Street is another concern. In many meetings I have attended, the vast majority of residents express alarm at the negative impact extension of the street would have on the neighborhood as an increase in automobile traffic would upset the tranquility and safety of residents, especially families with children. Coolidge should not be routed across Packers Avenue unless there was a way to safely limit traffic to pedestrians and bicycles seeking to be connected to planned community opportunities west of Packers Ave.

Thankfully, the OMSAP will continue in the planning stage for now. I urge you all to consider these two issues and maintain the Hartmeyer property as a natural area and curtail the plans to extend Coolidge to automobile traffic across Packers.

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My name is Greg Padden and live in [District 12](#)
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I support the extension of Coolidge Street. It is important to create more, not less connectivity to this new area.

I do not support the Hartmeyer nature area. We have a great area just 1 and 2 miles north with Warner Park and Cherokee Marsh.

There seems to be a very very vocal minority that wants NO redevelopment. And I do not think that just because they are shouting louder than others that their voice should carry more weight.