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To: Stouder, Heather

Subject: OASMP, preserving the 30 acres wetland and upland as wildlife preserve

Hi Mrs Stouder,

it's wonderful to see the hard work the city is putting into trying to understand the needs and exploring the possibilities of the new Oskar Mayer development site!

As a concerned neighbor living in Maple Bluff and enjoying the cranes, the spring frog concerts and other beautiful wildlife in the already existing natural wetlands and uplands "next door", I would like to help highlight the possible impact of a 30 acre park in the midst of possibly a housing project based on alternative energy usage and very close and easily accessibly public transport.

Families and their children and people in wheelchairs, the elderly and and other citizens with limited access to transport would find easily accessibly trails through a peaceful but vibrant wildlife!

Air quality, noise pollution, emotional well being, nature education and appreciation would all benefit and lighten people's experience living in such a densely populated area and not to miss it would increase home values in the entire neighborhood!

The sheer size of the wetlands will determine their ability to absorb the predicted increases in precipitations and rising groundwater levels. They will help dramatically homes and businesses throughout the area to withstand the increased water issues.

Last not least longtime research is showing the udder most importance of natural corridors between parks which provide nesting spaces and habitat for wildlife. We would be lucky to already have the railroad tracks being such corridors to connect our 30 acres habitat to others like "Wild Warner Park" .

That's why I support the preservation of the 30 acres wildlife which will accommodate nature's and human's needs at it's best and ask you to help keep our Madison legacy as a "green" healthy city!  
Thank you for your time and thoughts,

Sincerely

Iris Hengst