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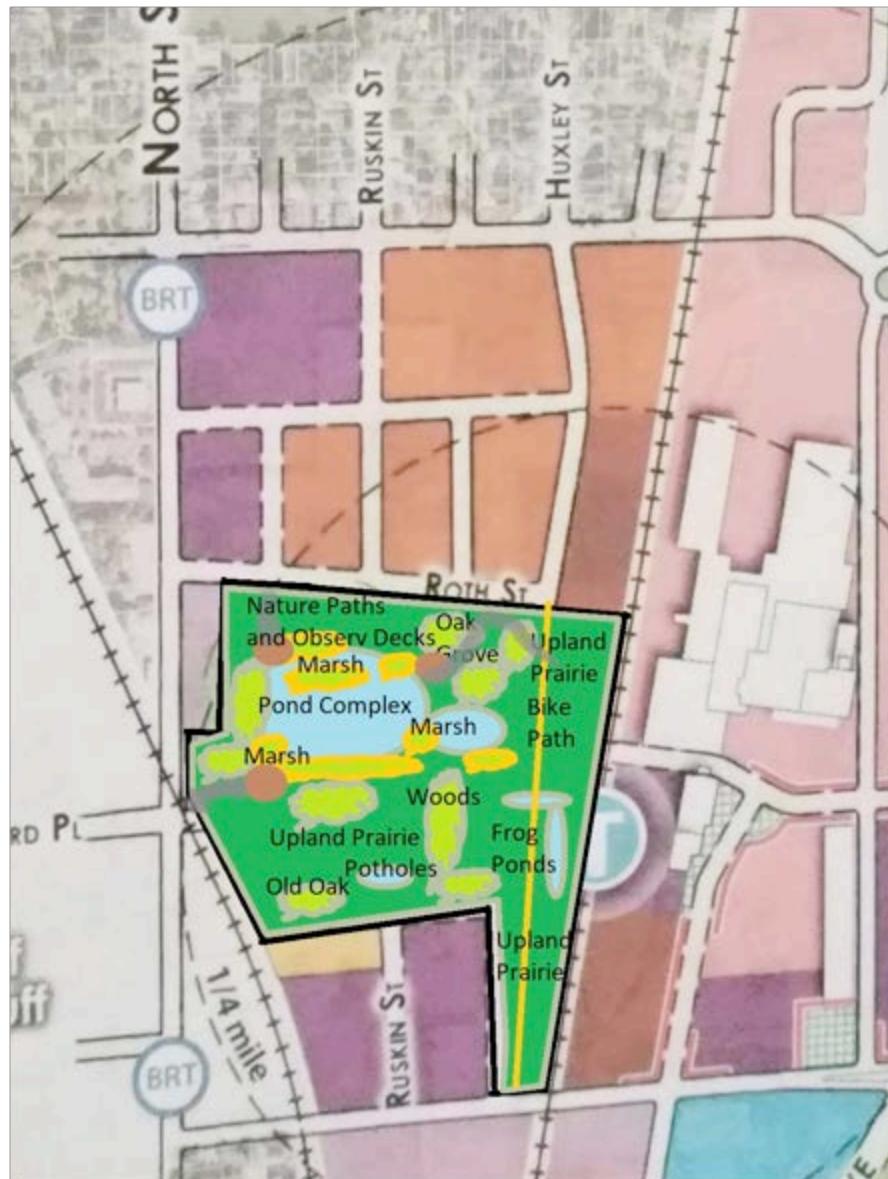
Dear Board of Parks Commissioners,

I am a member of the Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area, a group of citizens primarily from Madison's north side that are working to create a conservation area on a 30 acre parcel of privately owned land. The street address is 2007 Roth Street.

We have been working on conserving this historic wetland remnant over the course of the OMSAP review process and creation of the Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan, to try to preserve ALL 30 acres of this wetland / upland ecosystem.

In the beginning:

Three acre wetland, no upland to speak of..... surrounded by intense development and new roads



Then, Paul Noeldner of the Friends of Hartmeyer Natural Area presented a creative Concept C(onservation). ALL 30 acres.



City planners have considered about 13-17 acres, a bit more upland but still intense roadways and high density housing and mixed-use buildings. A real wetland destroyer. Just adjacent to this parcel is 72 acres slated for redevelopment of high rise apartments, mixed use buildings. Some as tall as 10 stories. No real plan for green space among those 72 acres.

We will continue our efforts towards preserving ALL 30 for the good of the entire ecosystem and the betterment of the citizens of Madison, including our wildlife. This habitat preservation is supported by Madison Audubon Society (see attached letter), the Sherman and Eken Park Neighborhood associations and a large group of area residents and local businesses. (see letters of support on the Plan Commission page on the city's legistar site for file number 58107, meeting on 11/11/2019)

We look forward to attending the upcoming BPC meeting and we will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Thanks

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