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Subject: Proposed Updates to Madison's Stormwater Ordinance

Members of the Madison Plan Commission:

I am reaching out to urge you to support the proposed updates to Madison's stormwater ordinance, which will be on your May 18 agenda.

The proposed changes are well-justified and urgently needed. If these updates were already in place we'd see less risk of flooding on East Washington, for example. As more areas of our city are identified for redevelopment, it's critical we apply current requirements to those sites, not historic ones. (I'm thinking particularly of Westgate Mall in my neighborhood; under the new guidelines the redevelopment would be required to integrate more on-site water retention, which will benefit the broader neighborhood.)

As is the case with any change, there will be some costs up front but these costs will drop over time as folks become accustomed to the new rules. More, the cost of meeting new guidelines is dwarfed by the expenses we see associated with flooding in our community.

Please support the updates to the stormwater ordinance as proposed by City Engineering staff. I'm a member of 350 Madison's [Community Climate Solutions Team](#); we've been following this issue and enthusiastically support the updates. It's important that Madison prepare now for the climate change we're already seeing!

Thanks for your consideration -

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