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**Subject:** trees - Agenda item 1!

Hi,

I'd like to share some comments about the climate resilience discussion you'll be having. I'm concerned about some of the trees listed in the list of those recommended for residential landscapes. I'm not sure who prepared the list, but it is not sensitive to local climate and local invasive species issues.

- *Pyrus calleryana* is invasive. There are a dozen seedlings in the park behind my house. It should not be planted anywhere and is banned in many states. It will soon be banned in Wisconsin.
- *Syringa reticulata* is also invasive and must not be recommended.
- *Acer freemanii* is overplanted and is generally not a well structured tree. It does not deserve the hype growers give it. We do not want another elm or ash pest issue to remove our canopy.
- *Quercus robur* is exotic and is not well adapted to our hot and humid summers. Some of the hybrids are okay, but *Q. robur* gets mildew unlike our native oaks and may not resist climate change.
- *Betula nigra* is not pH adaptable. It looks chlorotic in most plantings in Madison. It should not be planted where the soil pH is high.

Later there is discussion about required evergreen planting, but there are no evergreens recommended. Please make sure that *Picea pungens*, *P. englemanni* and *Pinus nigra* are not on the recommended list. They are exceptionally disease susceptible. Junipers are problematic and never look good in the midwest. *Abies concolor* is wonderful as is any arborvitae.

thanks for your attention to my comments,

Sincerely, Bob Klebba

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I strongly support the City of Madison's Planning Department for its work in proposing the changes described in the "Distributed Green Infrastructure - Zoning Changes" and the "BRT and Transit-oriented Development Zoning Framework" documents, to be presented to the Plan Commission on 9/30/2021. I strongly urge the members of the Plan Commission to support and if possible, further strengthen, these proposed changes.

The faster and more comprehensively the Planning Department and the Plan Commission act to help our city reduce climate warming emissions, and implement climate change mitigation strategies, the better. That said, I strongly urge you to act as effectively and quickly as possible on **prevention** strategies, that is, strategies for reducing climate-warming emissions: the more effectively our city joins in Earth-wide prevention, the fewer resources will need to be allocated to mitigation.

Thank you,  
Susan Millar

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I was born when CO2 PPM was 310.5.  
When my youngest grandchild was born, PPM was 400.0 (2015)  
At current rates, when he is 20, PPM will be 430. (See the [data provided by climate.gov.](#))