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Dear Commissioners,

I strongly support the Environmental Commission Resolution recommending the inclusion of Natural Features Sustainability into the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

After all, the CLUP is not only a plan for development but a plan for sustainability of all our natural systems. Protection of natural features should be integral to the CLUP and always taken into consideration in the development of the built environment.

Protection of natural features on private as well as public lands is vital.

The reduction in setbacks, open space requirements, and increase in building footprints have already resulted in loss of mature trees and shrubbery on private property. A prime example is 904 Lincoln where all vegetation on the lot was removed for development due to reduced setbacks and greater allowable density.

I also would like to see Ann Arbor adopt a strong tree ordinance for the preservation and enlargement of our tree canopy. A good example is the city of Decatur, GA.

<https://www.decaturga.com/media/26436> There are examples in other MI cities but the Decatur ordinance beautifully captures the reasons for strong protection of tree canopies.

Thank you for your hard work and good stewardship of the natural world in our community.

Sincerely,

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