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Thurston Nature Center

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Good evening:

It has been brought to my attention that the property that AAPS intends to pave and use as an entrance to their construction site near Thurston Pond is, in fact, owned by the City of Ann Arbor and not by AAPS. I am writing to urge you to deny them the use of that property.

The Thurston Nature Center Prairie is located one tenth of a mile from my residence on Prairie Street. We have resided at our residence for some 33 years.

AAPS has been attempting to ram their ill conceived project down our throats from its inception. They kept their plans secret and failed to inform the neighborhood until AAPS had already decided on their final plan. AAPS is willing to destroy the pond and its associated habitats in order to accomplish their project despite resident concerns and opposition. The Board of Education told us specifically that we were NOT their constituency and that they owed nothing to northeast Ann Arbor residents. The behavior of AAPS throughout has been despicable.

Those of us in the Bromley neighborhood are definitely your constituents. You should be looking out for the best interests of your residents. The best interest of your residents includes the protection of the Thurston Nature Center from this unnecessary destruction. Do not allow AAPS to pave, destroy or use the South Prairie.

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