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Please Deny AAPS' Request to Pave Thurston Nature Center

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Dear Ann Arbor Planning Commission, Planning Office, and City Council,

My name is Adela Baker and I am a Thurston/Clague/Huron alum who recently graduated from Harvard Law School and plans to return to my family in Ann Arbor.

I am writing to urge you to **deny the Ann Arbor Public Schools request to build a road over the Thurston Nature Center South Prairie habitat**. Many of my fondest educational memories were made in that Nature Center, running around with my Girl Scout troop or neighborhood pool friends playing explorers, investigating wildlife, and admiring the lush foliage. It is critical for our next generations of parents and children to enjoy those same opportunities for learning and play.

AAPS' short-sighted plan to destroy the Nature Center is alarming and discouraging. You have the chance to alter this destructive course and help Ann Arbor retain the qualities that make it such a desirable place to live in, for children and adults alike.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Yours,  
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