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To the Planning Commission,

I am writing as a community member and Thurston Elementary parent to urge you to deny the AAPS request to pave over the South Prairie portion of the Thurston Nature Center, ecologically sensitive land that is owned by the City of Ann Arbor.

The South Prairie is an essential part of the Nature Center's ecosystem. Destroying it for a road would cause irreversible harm to native biodiversity and decades of community stewardship.

Thank you for your consideration in protecting this unique and beloved corner of our city.

Adina Schoem