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Dear AAPS City Planning Commission,

We are requesting that you deny AAPS' permit to begin impervious paving on city land (currently a natural prairie area and one of the entrances to the Thurston Nature Center) adjacent to Thurston Elementary School. The AAPS did not consult with residents over the plans for a new Thurston (which is truly needed), instead giving free rein to Gilbane Construction, which is choosing expediency over prudence, community input, staff input, and conservation.

After any heavy rain, such as last night, the area chosen for new construction sits in pools of water -- truly a wetland abutting a pond. This new construction will also carve away swaths of the Thurston Nature Center, which is beloved by our neighborhood. We urge you to show that you care about the residents of Ward 2 and our natural environment, even as the AAPS has disregarded those who voted in favor of the bond measure.

With thanks,

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