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Dear Planning Commission,

For months, our community has asked the city for help protecting our nature center. Responses from various officials were regretful, but reiterated again and again that they have no jurisdiction over AAPS owned land.

In our discovery, we found and confirmed that the land parcel containing the Thurston Nature Center (TNC) South Prairie habitat **is owned** by the City of Ann Arbor and **NOT** Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS).

AAPS plans to pave over the prairie to build an impervious surface road for construction equipment and service vehicles.

The city has been informed, and we know the Planning Commission will be reviewing this inquiry. This parcel was once a small road with a right-of-way distinction but has been a documented TNC prairie habitat for decades. The project was led by Mr. [Bob Grese](#) in 1988 and maintained by our collective community ever since. AAPS is aware that this is not their land and has been attempting to quietly rush permits through (see document reference).

We appreciate your attention and urgency to this matter! We want generations of Ann Arborites to come to be able to enjoy the land and nature as much as humanly possible!!

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Kindly,

Karleigh