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Thurston Nature Center / South Prairie Habitat

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To Ann Arbor City Officials-

As a long time ward 2 resident and retired AAPS teacher from Thurston School I would like to implore you to deny AAPS/ Gilbane the permitting rights to the land that the Thurston Nature Center's South Prairie Habitat occupies and that has been maintained for decades by our community.

The prairie is not only an important nature preserve for wild flora and fauna, but also serves as a critical neighborhood asset for flood control within the Huron River / Millers Creek watershed. The prairie is located alongside Thurston pond and wetlands at the headwaters of the Miller Creek creekshed. Building an impermeable surface on this land would have many negative ramifications reaching far beyond the area in question.

As you know, Ward 2 residents have had many doubts about this project from the beginning, especially as we were not involved in the planning process and our many questions and concerns have not been taken into account. This is why our community is asking city planners NOT to allow this alarming and destructive project to move forward. Please deny access to this city owned property.

Thank you-

Jane L. Taylor

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***“Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air.”***

***Ralph Waldo Emerson***