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**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>  
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Hello,

It has come to my attention that the Ann Arbor Public Schools are trying to pave the South Prairie at Thurston Nature Center! Please do not approve this action. Please stand up for protecting nature here, in keeping with the city's Natural Features Resolution.

Be assured that AAPS does indeed have an appropriate alternative plan that would NOT require paving this sensitive area. Thousands of us Ward 2 residents signed a petition in support of a thorough alternative plan put together by "Let Thurston Play." This plan can be found online by searching "Let Thurston Play." But the AAPS Board of Trustees rejected this plan, which is much better than the plan they approved. Please do whatever is in your power to protect Thurston Nature Center's South Prairie and deny the AAPS proposal to pave it. Residents have put in many volunteer hours to establish and nurture the entire Nature Center, which now is a rich habitat for wildlife and a serene place where overwhelmed students and adults can relieve their daily stress!

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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