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South Prairie Habitat at Thurston Nature Center

From: BARBRA WELLS**Sent:** Friday, June 6, 2025 6:11 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>**Subject:** South Prairie Habitat at Thurston Nature Center

Dear Ann Arbor Planning Commission,

As someone who cares deeply about animal habitat and a frequent visitor at the Thurston Nature Center, I'm devastated at the prospect of paving the South Prairie habitat.

Please help find an alternative to the AAPS plan to demolish this vibrant ecosystem. As humans, we need wild places in our city to remind us that we are part of nature. We share this land with ducks, blue herons, egrets, butterflies and countless frogs. I often see schoolchildren walking respectfully around the pond on their way to and from school. What kind of message are we sending if we pave it over and kill the creatures who depend on it? I don't know how I would ever be able to explain the disappearance of this place to my preschool grandchildren who already know its magic.

It's my understanding that the land is owned by the City, and I hope you can help protect it.

Please let me know what you can do to preserve this habitat.

With sincere hope,

Barbra Wells

Resident of Northeast Ann Arbor