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Dear City Officials,

I am emailing you to please not issue the permit to Ann Arbor Public Schools to help with their construction project at Thurston Elementary School and Nature Center. This project has huge local community opposition, and in fact two lawsuits have been filed this week to stop the construction plans from going forward.

Specifically, please deny AAPS/Gilbane the permitting/rights to the Ann Arbor City land that the Thurston Nature Center's South Prairie Habitat occupies. This documented prairie has been maintained for decades by our community. It is alarming that AAPS is attempting to annex this land and turn it into an impermeable surface adjacent to Thurston Pond (the headwaters for the Millers Creekshed of the Huron Rivershed).

Thank you for hearing the voices of the community that are opposed to this project.

Sincerely,

Catherine Archibald

Northeast Ann Arbor community member