

Subject: Thurston nature center protection

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Dear Commissioner, Council and Planners,

I write to urge you to protect Thurston Nature Center's nature and legacy for future Ann Arbor residents. The Ann Arbor Public School District does not have the legal right to build a paved road on city property that has been part of a preserved ecosystem. Please do not cede this land and right to them; not only does it create destruction of a habitat, it furthermore sets a terrible precedent for future construction projects in the city. As a parent of two children in AAPS schools and a long-time (over 20 years) resident of the city, I urge you to protect this habitat. The plans for new school buildings are dictated by the builders in charge. Protection of the natural environment and environmental conditions are secondary to convenience.

Sincerely,

Magda Roddy, MSW

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Any human power can be resisted and changed by human beings. Resistance and change often begin in art, and very often in our art, the art of words.

Ursula Le Guin