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To Whom it May concern on the Ann Arbor planning commission,

My name is Theresa Hull and my children attend Thurston school. I'm asking that you halt the AAPS plans to pave over part of the Thurston Nature area and build a school on that side of the property. When the bond for the AAPS schools was voted on, I had the understanding that there would be more community involvement in the planning process, as well as two staging schools for Ann Arbor while all the schools are rebuilt. The way the entire situation has been handled has made AAPS seem like poor neighbors. One of the reasons why we chose Thurston for our children, was the amount of green space and the nature area around it. Please do not allow them to rush through permitting for this area and ruin one of the spaces that makes our neighborhood special. We have tried over and over with the school board to get them to come back into the community and to the drawing board and to work through the school plans together. Some of the school plans make no sense to me, someone who unfortunately grew up in the school shooting generations, such as glass walled classrooms and open space libraries. These are just some of many reasons why this school should not be rushed through. In addition, our children have been very disappointed by the idea of being in school on a construction site and losing 2/3 of their playgrounds and green space for the next several school years.

Kindly, I ask that you deny the permitting requests for the roads for this school to be built on city land that has been a natural prairie habit for decades. The Thurston nature area has become a space where we have fostered a love for the environment and stewardship in our community. I'm asking that you would help support that.

Thank you for your time,

Theresa Hull