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Please Protect the South Prairie at Thurston Nature Center

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Dear City Leaders,

I'm writing to urge your immediate action to protect the South Prairie at the Thurston Nature Center.

Recent findings confirm that the South Prairie parcel is **owned by the City of Ann Arbor**, not Ann Arbor Public Schools, yet AAPS is moving ahead with plans to pave it for a service road. This prairie is a vital ecological area, restored in 1988 and maintained by the community for decades.

Paving over it would cause lasting damage to native species and community-led conservation efforts. With construction set to begin June 12, I respectfully request that the city deny permits or approvals for this road.

Please help preserve this sensitive habitat for future generations.

Sincerely,

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