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Dear Council Members, Planning Commission, Natural Area Preservation and City Planning Commission,

Please deny the AAPS request to build a road over Ann Arbor City land in their attempts to force a horrible ecological disaster upon the Thurston community. Their plan to build a new Thurston right beside the pond will irrevocably harm the country's oldest environmental education center, potentially cost the City millions if it harms the costly work the City has already done on the delicate Miller Creek, and force our children to have to deal with deafening construction noise and health risking exposure to asbestos and lead while trying to learn on an active construction site for minimum four years. What's most galling (and depressing after putting in months of advocacy efforts to educate and persuade) is that an obviously superior option exists - to stage Thurston students at the new Logan building for two years, which would allow time to rebuild Thurston without harm to students and nature. Four AAPS Trustees have shown our community contempt; please do the right thing and assert the City's authority over the land AAPS is trying to usurp in its single minded quest to squash dissent and show families that our voices don't matter.

Thank you,
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