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Thurston Nature Center

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Dear City Officials,

I have been a homeowner on Prairie Street for 32+ years. One of the unique features of living here has been the access to the Thurston Nature Center. My children spent countless hours exploring the paths throughout their upbringing.

Although I agree with the need to build a new Thurston, I was opposed to the location of the new building due to its negative impact on the fragile ecosystem in and around the Thurston Pond and Nature Center. I am adamantly opposed to the destruction of the South Prairie habitat in order to build a construction road. Since this parcel is owned by the City of Ann Arbor, PLEASE deny the AAPS plan to destroy this valuable ecosystem. We cannot continue to "pave paradise to put up a parking lot." We must be better stewards of the Earth.

Vote NO on the AAPS plan to destroy the South Prairie habitat.

Sincerely,
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