

Milwaukee Riverkeeper

Act Now and Information about the County Grounds:



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Dear Cheryl,

Don't let the last remaining piece of high quality natural area in the County Grounds be destroyed! Tell your Wauwatosa Common Council Representatives, "No new roads, no new development on our County Grounds!"

ACT NOW

Write your Wauwatosa Common Council Representatives, today!

As written, Wauwatosa's proposed Life Sciences District Master Plan contains two major points of concern.

1) The conceptual plan includes a new thoroughfare connecting UWM's Innovation Park with the Village of Wauwatosa, just north of and parallel to Watertown Plank Road,

called "Scenic Parkway." The roadway is unnecessary and would bisect what is currently the last remaining high-quality natural areas on the County Grounds known as "Sanctuary Woods."

2) The area to the south of the new "Scenic Parkway" between the new road and Watertown Plank Road would also be slated for development, as well as several parcels north of the new road that would be slated for high-rise development. New development will likely mean an increase in impervious surfaces and, consequently, an increase in stormwater runoff, which could increase the amount of pollution that enters an already impaired section of the Menomonee River that runs just north of this area.

While the plan is still in its conceptual stage of development, if it is approved, it will be incorporated into the City's comprehensive plan and will move on to design, engineering, and eventual construction.

Milwaukee Riverkeeper has been working to protect the County Grounds for more than 20 years and we know how important this piece of land is to our Milwaukee River Basin residents. The residents of Wauwatosa and Milwaukee County have used this area for decades and value this area for the recreational opportunities it provides. There is no need or desire for high-density development in this part of Wauwatosa.

The Wauwatosa Common Council should oppose the proposed new Scenic Parkway, other proposed roads, and plans for high-density development in the northeast quadrant of the County Grounds. The undeveloped natural areas north of Watertown Plank Road should be rezoned to ensure wildlife habitat, water quality, and recreational opportunities are protected for future generations.

We also encourage our supporters to mark your calendars and attend the Public Open House meeting on April 6th.

**Thursday April 6th 5:30- 8:00pm Muellner Building, 7300 Chestnut St
Wauwatosa, WI 53213**

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