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Idea for a Parkway Began in 1903

The Yahara River, originally called the Catfish River, connects the Yahara Lakes. The Catfish existed in an undisturbed, indigenous ecosystem, flowing through marsh, swamp, and forested bottomland in a natural meandering route from Lake Mendota to Lake Monona. Madison's earliest European-American settlers frequently used dumped garbage on the banks and straightened the Yahara River by 1905.

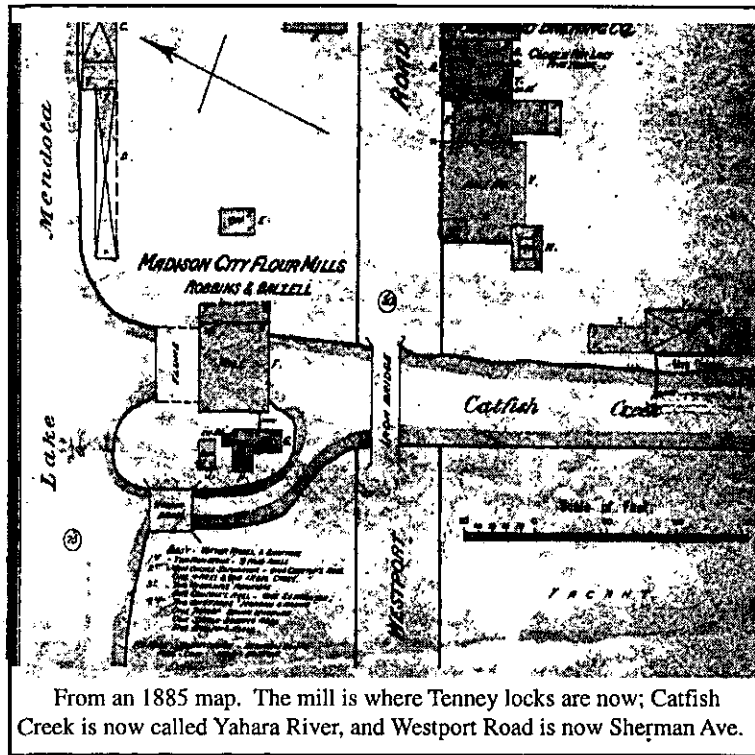
When the river was straightened, it was renamed the Yahara River. Since the turn of the century, Madison's citizens and civic organizations have recognized the Yahara River Parkway as a

unique City asset - a natural cross-isthmus link between Lakes Mendota and Monona - and as an opportunity to establish a continuous open space corri-

ridor accessible to all. The words of a 1903 report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association remain compelling today: "One of the unique features of Madison and one possessing great possibili-

ties for the beautifying of the City is the Yahara River. This river and its banks should be reclaimed for the people of this City [in order to] secure to the public, for all time, free and uninterrupted use and enjoyment of this river and its banks.


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From an 1885 map. The mill is where Tenney locks are now; Catfish Creek is now called Yahara River, and Westport Road is now Sherman Ave.

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True to these words, the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association introduced the Yahara River Parkway as a concept in 1903. The initial planning and development for Madison's first great public park, Tenney Park, was completed in 1911 using the plans of Ossian Cole Simonds also. The estab-



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Simonds' plan envisioned continuous, uninterrupted, and accessible public paths on each side of the river. These landscaping plans for both Tenney Park and the Parkway highlighted native, Midwestern plant species, a novel concept at the time.

The creation of the Parkway was built almost entirely with private subscriptions, of the 482 subscribers, half gave \$10 or less. Along with land being donated by prominent citizens, 56 teamsters agreed to donate two loads of crushed stones for fill. In the spirit of civic pride, the railroad companies raised/built new bridges and in 1904, Norwegian Consul Halle Steensland offered \$10,000 to build a stone bridge over the Yahara River at East Washington Avenue.

The Parkway plan of 1903 was developed by Ossian Cole Simonds, one of the leading practitioners of the Prairie "Spirit" in landscape design. He relied primarily on native plants and local landscape features, and arranged them in a recreated naturalistic manner.

The Tenney Park and Yahara River Parkway were designated Madison Landmarks in 1995. Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway triggered an era

of incredible park philanthropy in Madison. In the 19th century, Orton Park was the only developed parkland in the City. In 1894, a private group was founded

to address the need for increased parklands: the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association (MPPDA). In the first years of its existence, the group focused its activities on the development of "pleasure drives," landscaped roads through the countryside that were used mostly by the one-fourth of the population with sufficient means to own horses or the occasional horse-less carriage. Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway were the first parks developed by the Association that were intended to provide a place of recreation and beauty for the other majority of the population. The success of these efforts encouraged the MPPDA to develop additional parks, including Brittingham, Vilas, Olin, Hoyt, Glenway Golf Course, Law Park, and Nakoma park. In 1938, the MPPDA dissolved and

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James Doty's map of the area, 1836  
 Note the original meandering of the river

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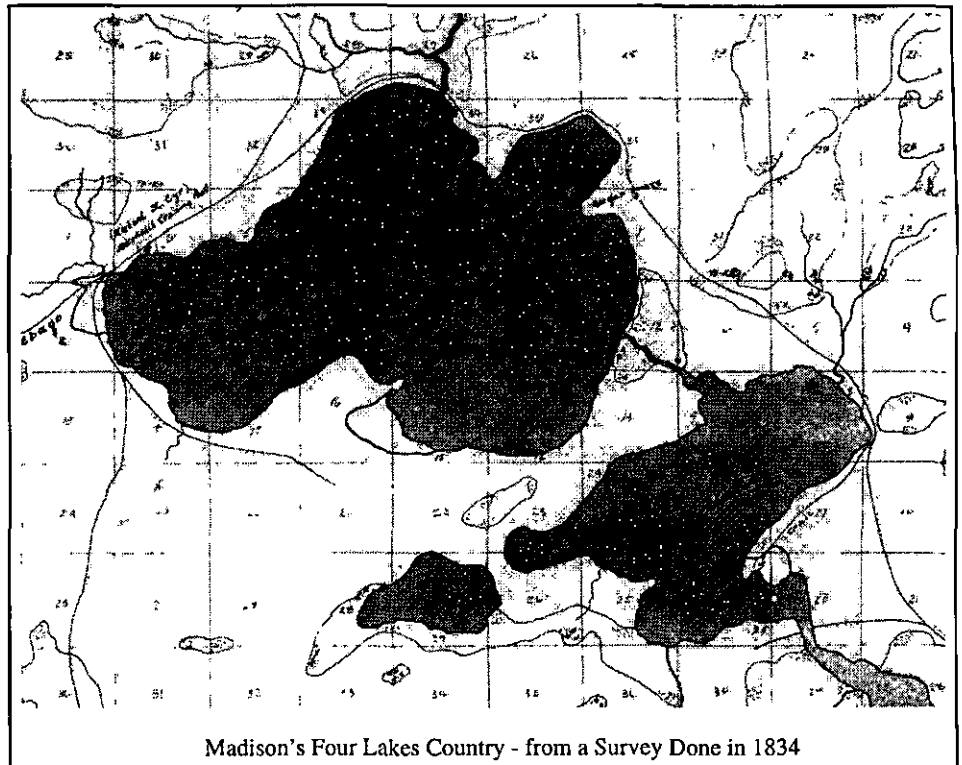
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handed over all of its lands to the City and also handed over a legacy of commitment to parks and open space that continues to this day.

The YRP Committee's concept plan retains Simonds' vision for the Yahara River Parkway while adding modifications required by increases in automobile and bicycle use since Simonds' day. While Simonds envisioned two pedestrian paths - one on each side of the river - the YRP Committee recommends a low-impact pedestrian path on one side of the river and a bike/pedestrian path on the other side. In addition, the YRP Committee recommends a Parkway feature that was probably not necessary ninety years ago but is crucial today: pedestrian underpasses where the Parkway intersects East Johnson Street and East Washington Avenue, arterial streets that carry tens of thousands of vehicles per day across the Yahara River.

In the introduction of *Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway* by Lance M. Neckar ASLA, the report states that it will create a framework for planning, future maintenance, and planting and construction in the park and along the parkway in a manner that will preserve and enhance their historic integrity. The report details the historical significance and general principles of the preservation and adaptive reuse of the parkway and Tenney Park. Lance states that "Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway are distinguished by the com-



Madison's Four Lakes Country - from a Survey Done in 1834

bined significance of their design in the 'prairie spirit' and their importance in the progressive period as nationally-recognized works of civic improvement. This dual significance also represents the nexus between civic improvement and landscape architecture in the late nineteenth century and the progressive period prior to the First World War." Lance articulates three general principles to guide the renewal of the park-owned lands: Curvilinear Connective Paths, Native Plant Masses, and Replanting Guides. The specific principles relating to the Yahara River Parkway are: 1) Modal (vehicle and bike-pedestrian) and

grade separation for paths, 2) prairie spirit plantings defining water edge and continuity, and 3) plantings for personal safety. His ground rule for park land improvements replicates the Committee recommendations for the development of a path system, restoration of pathways under bridges, adaptive redesign of spaces for recreational uses, creating an ecological corridor, the aesthetic idea of the "long view" as a space framed by shrub masses and, most importantly, restoring the original quality of Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway design by O.C. Simonds (See report by

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## Street Underpasses Are a Key to Parkway Plan

On April 4 at 10:00 a.m. the Ad Hoc Yahara River Parkway (YRP) Committee invited residents of the Tenney-Lapham and Marquette Neighborhoods to gather in the O'Keefe Middle School cafeteria for a presentation and discussion of their ideas for the Yahara River Parkway. The committee had on display numerous plans and graphics with accompanying narratives that illustrated and described their ideas for the improvement of the parkway. Approximately 150 people were in attendance to share their feelings on the proposals and how they felt the Parkway could or should be improved.

The Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Ed Jepsen, presented an executive summary of their recommendations that addressed nine points:

1. East Johnson and East Washington Bike/Pedestrian Underpasses. To accomplish safe bike/pedestrian use of the Parkway, the YRP Committee recommends underpasses at both East Washington and East Johnson Streets. The committee also recommends improving at-grade crossings to provide safe crossings at low traffic volume times.

2. West Riverside Bike/Pedestrian

Path. The YRP Committee recommends a continuous bike/pedestrian path on the west side of the Yahara River from Lake Mendota to Lake Monona. This path would provide numerous access points to the Yahara River Parkway and its scenic and recreational assets. The bike/pedestrian path should provide safe and well-marked connections to existing bike routes.

3. East Riverside Footpath. The YRP Committee recommends a low-impact, unpaved footpath from Lake Monona to Tenney Park along the east side of the river. This footpath would offer pedestrians using the eastside of the river an opportunity to enjoy the river without conflicts with faster-paced riverside users using the westside bike/pedestrian path.

4. Burr Jones Area Redevelopment. The YRP Committee recommends a comprehensive redevelopment of the Burr Jones Field area, the land between East Johnson Street, East Washington Avenue, the Yahara River, the City Garage, and the Fiore Center. The Committee feels that this area is limited aesthetically and recreationally by inadequate and unsafe access, screening from adjacent commercial/industrial

properties and its present use. Recommendations for the upgrading of this area include acquiring adjacent properties along East Johnson Street, improving access, and developing a water-based, multi-purpose facility along the river to integrate Burr Jones Field with the Riverway.

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5. Educational Signage. The YRP Committee recommends working with the schools to create an educational outdoor laboratory in the vicinity of Marquette/O'Keefe Middle School that would explain the ecosystem of the river. Another recommendation is to increase the utilization of the river corridor as a geological, historical and ecological learning experience. The YRP Committee encourages a public-private partnership to synthesize an educational program that promotes the environmental and historical significance of the Yahara River Parkway and targets audiences that include the area school populations.

6. Parkway Focal Points. The YRP Committee identified several sites that present significant opportunities for enhancing the Yahara River Parkway with amenities such as artwork, benches, edu-

cational signage and landscaping. The sites identified are: Williamson Street/Yahara River Parkway Intersection, Tenney Park, Filene Park, Marquette Elementary/O'Keefe Middle School Education Area and Yahara Place Park.

7. Park Stewardship, Landscape and Historic Preservation Planning. The YRP Committee recommends developing plans for the restoration of Ossion Cole Simonds' vision for the landscape of the Yahara River Parkway and Tenney Park. That vision emphasizes plant species native to the Upper Midwest. Responsibility for the enhancement and improvement of the parkway can be shared with the adjacent neighborhoods and the City Parks Division.

8. Thornton Avenue. The recommendation for this area is to convert Thornton Avenue, where possible, to bike path, green space and Parkway amenities. Options for allowing property owner access would be to create turnarounds at appropriate points on Thornton Avenue, changing parts of the Avenue from two-way to one-way and/or eliminating roadway segments.

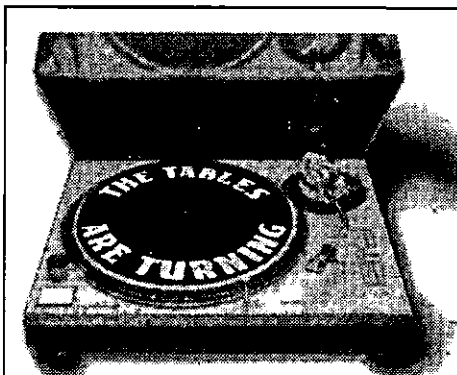
9. Private Development Guidelines. The YRP Committee states that, in addition to studying ways to improve the Yahara River Parkway, its mission includes ways to increase open areas in

a park-deficient area and enhance the Parkway's visual and social integration with the surrounding neighborhoods. The YRP Committee recommends that the City Parks Division and other appropriate agencies investigate the acquisition of adjacent private land parcels as they become available. The YRP Committee also recommends that the City of Madison encourage residential, mixed commercial/residential and open space development. They state that modest, affordable housing is an asset to the Yahara area and any redevelopment be consistent with the area's existing residential character.

Following the Committee's presentation of the preceding points, the meeting was opened to comment from attendees. Comments included support for the continuous pathway, questions regarding the concern for the maintenance and oversight of the pathway, treating the parkway as a 'whole resource', closing Thornton Avenue will increase the residential traffic, provide community garden space and limit the density of residential development.

At the end of the meeting, Ed Jepsen informed the group of the Urban Open Space Foundation's April 18 meeting entitled "Our Yahara: Restoring A Treasured Landscape", to be held at Lapham Elementary School. He also reminded those in attendance that the committee is actively soliciting comment from neighborhood members. Questions can be addressed to: Archie Nicoletti, 266-4635; Ald. Barbara Vedder, 249-8426; Ed Jepsen, 255-2845; and David Wallner, 256-2958

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## New Committee Exploring Isthmus Garden Sites

With the weather finally becoming beautiful, what a better time to address a couple issues which people appreciate a lot in the spring/summer seasons.

The Yahara River Parkway Master Plan has finally been completed after three years of hard work by committee members. I'm sure many of you have already read about it but for those who haven't, it involved a comprehensive study of ways to enhance the Parkway, linking the Isthmus from Lakes Mendota to Monona, as an aesthetic, recreational, and social asset to neighborhood and City residents. The essential focuses were an expansion of parkland, the development of a pedestrian/bicycle path

and footpath, and encouraging redevelopment towards more residential, mixed commercial/residential and open space opportunities.

The interest in this project has been astounding. At the Yahara River Parkway Committee's final public meeting on April 4, over 150 people gathered to receive information, ask questions and provide input in the form of verbal and written comments. As of this writing, the Master Plan is scheduled to be introduced to the Common Council on April 21, and then be referred to several city committees for their review, input, and recommendations. I will have a schedule of which committees, as will

Archie Nicolette of the city's Department of Planning and Development (266-4635).

After the Plan is finally approved by the Council, the committee will continue its life by meeting as necessary to follow the implementation proceedings of our recommendations. Some present members will be leaving the committee at this time, so if you are interested in becoming involved please let me know. I truly enjoyed being one of the members of this team and would like to heartily thank all the committee members for the long number of hours and dedicated work they put into this project. The Tenney Lapham residents involved included Ed Jepsen, co-chair, Alison Mader and David Wallner.

On another subject, the Committee on Community Gardens has finally begun meeting. We will be exploring what the city's role is in the establishment of community gardens city-wide, with special emphasis on the Isthmus which is so difficult an area to find open space. It's a great group of people representing community gardening groups, a member of the UW community with expertise in urban gardening development, representatives of the Parks Commission, Plan Commission, and CDBG Commission, and one alderperson. John Bell, a Tenney Lapham resident is serving as Chair while I am the lone alder and serve as vice chair.

Finally, thanks to everyone who participated in Earth Day activities and "Take a Stake in the Lakes." It's very uplifting to see people of all ages working together to make our urban environment cleaner and more attractive. Extra kudos to those who do this on an ongoing basis, whether in the streets, parks, or wherever else. Bravo!

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## Yahara River

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ways to enhance the Parkway as an aesthetic, recreational, and social asset to neighborhood and City residents. In addition, both plans emphasize the importance of enhancing the Parkway as an environmental and historic asset. Perhaps most importantly, both plans highlight the need to provide safe and convenient bike and pedestrian connections between all of the adjacent east isthmus neighborhoods, the Yahara River Parkway, and a user-friendly network of public parks. As both plans suggest, the key to making these connections is the Yahara River Parkway itself - a natural cross-isthmus connector between neighborhoods.

In July 1995, the City of Madison Common Council acted on the recommendations of these neighborhood plans by authorizing the creation of the Yahara River Parkway Ad Hoc Steering Committee (YRP Committee) to prepare a concept plan for the Yahara River Parkway in partnership with the Department of Planning and Development. The Mayor appointed ten members to the Committee.

The planning philosophy and approach to the Yahara River environs fall into three basic concepts. These concepts were used throughout the plan process.

1) The plan will stay true to the spirit of the original plan developed in the early 1900's for the parkland.

2) A comprehensive approach will be utilized by integrating the open space, pedestrian/bike/vehicular circulation with land uses that will contribute and enhance the character and quality of the existing neighborhoods.

3) Encourage public participation to ensure the plan is representative of the wishes of the citizens and three adjacent neighborhoods.

(This article was excerpted from the *Yahara River Parkway and Environs Draft Master Plan*, March 1998)

## Parkway History

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Lance M. Neckar ASLA-Landscape Research, *Tenney Park and the Yahara River Parkway*, Madison, Wisconsin, published in 1997).

The bridges over the Yahara River and Tenney Park are a prominent design element in creating the sense of history, character and aesthetic of the river parkway. Special attention has been given to the bridge from the beginning of Madison History. In the May 1904 report of the Madison park and Pleasure Drive Association, our civic leaders clearly stated that the consideration to have an *artistic quality instead of an utilitarian bridge structure* "...so that it behooves us to demand not merely strength but dignity and civic splendor in their construction. Every City bridge is an opportunity. It cannot be too often stated that nothing pays so well as beauty, and that this constitutes a large part of the capital of Madison."

The East Main Street Bridge appears identical to the Rutledge Street Bridge. Although it was built in 1926, ten years after the Rutledge Street Bridge, it appears to have been built according to the same plan. The bridge is a classically-detailed concrete arch bridge and an excellent local example of an aesthetically designed bridge. The bridge is scheduled to be reconstructed just as the Rutledge Bridge has been recently completed. The bridges are a major part of the landmark designation and careful attention should be paid to future decisions relating to bridges. In November of 1904, Norwegian Consul Halle Steensland offered to pay for the bridge as a present to the City of Madison in commemoration of his 50 years residency in the City.

(This article was excerpted from the *Yahara River Parkway and Environs Draft Master Plan*, March 1998)

## Bits 'n Pieces

The fundraising drive for the Reynolds Park Vine Garden was a success. Just over \$250 was raised and that amount will be matched by the city's People for Parks Matching Fund Program. Thank you to all the contributors. Enjoy the new garden.

The new bicycle racks have arrived and are in place in front of East Johnson Street businesses. Along with the new banners and the old fashioned street lights that have been recently installed, the business section of our neighborhood is looking very fine.

In case you can't find TLNA president Richard Linster's column in this issue, it's because he has "gone fishing for a grandkid." Richard has been at the hospital awaiting the birth of his first grandchild. Congratulations Richard and family.

A call was recently received from a woman who was bitten by a pit bull dog in the vicinity of the Lapham School/East Dayton Street area. The caller stated that this was the third time this particular dog has been picked up by the Animal Control Office. She wanted neighbors to be aware of the dog and to call the Animal Control Office at 255-2345 if you see the dog loose.

The TLNA web page has recently been updated. It can be seen at [danenet.wiclip.org/tlna/](http://danenet.wiclip.org/tlna/)

The brush collection schedule runs through October: if your refuse is collected on Thursday, the brush must be at the curb by 7 am on the third Monday of the month; if your refuse is collected on Friday, the brush must be at the curb by 7 am on the fourth Monday of the month.

## Marquette/O'Keefe Addition on Schedule

On March 9 the wheels of progress began to turn as front-end loaders cleared topsoil from the site of the new addition to the Marquette/O'Keefe school. Over the next couple of weeks, foundation work continued as excavation equipment dug trenches and workers from J.H. Findorff, the general contractor, erected concrete forms for the footings and foundation. During this time, plans were finalized by the staff at Marquette for the moves that would

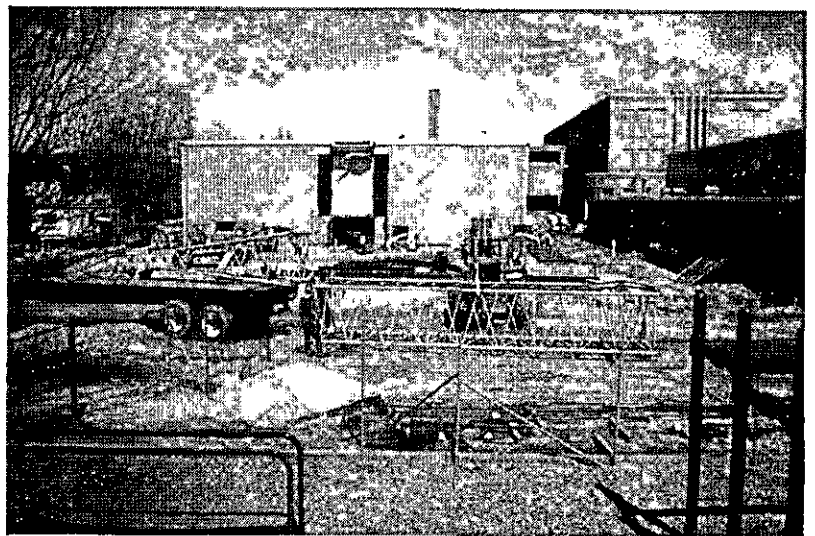
be made necessary by the upcoming demolition and construction.

During Spring break, Ms. Feuling's fifth grade and Ms. Henze's fourth grade classrooms and the staff offices and workroom along the south side of the first floor were vacated so that work could be undertaken on those areas. In an interview with Marty Powers, Marquette's principal, he reported that relocated teachers were accommodated by storing excess equipment and adjusting existing space. Ms. Feuling's and Ms. Henze's classes were moved to Bethany Evangelical Free Church two blocks away. Mr. Powers stated that through minor revisions in the schedule plus beginning and ending each day at school, the two affected

classes had a smooth transition to their new spaces. He also said that there should be no more moves necessary to facilitate construction.

In a talk with Fred Brechlin, Project Manager with Madison Metropolitan School District, it was confirmed that the project is on schedule with completion before the first day of school in August. He went on to say that work will progress with the focus being on the courtyard area, location of the new multipurpose room and the relocated IMC and cafeteria. During this time and over the next two months, the steel framework, the floors and the roof will be completed. The exterior walls and the entrance will follow, with the building being closed in by June. Interior work on these areas will progress as completion of the work allows.

- David Mandehr



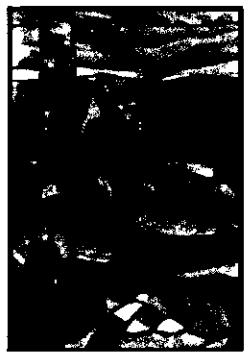
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## Residential Zoning Advisory Committee Considers Alternatives

As of this writing, April 15, the residential zoning advisory committee is entering into its sixth month of activity. Up to this point we have been concentrating at learning about what, to no one's surprise, has turned out to be a very complex issue. With the aid of support staff from the city, we have learned how many other cities have wrestled with this problem and found a very wide range of options.

In February we took a very interesting and informative bus and walking tour of eleven different residential neighborhoods throughout the city. Fortunately it was on one of those unusually warm days we had that month. The tour really brought home what a wide variety of neighborhoods and diverse range of needs there are in our community and it heightened our awareness of the challenge faced in trying to support and preserve the unique character of each neighborhood with one overall code.

We have also looked carefully at what flexibility the city would have in changing its ordinances and still be within the limits defined by the state law which authorizes cities to establish zoning codes. While I hardly have the legal expertise that several of the committee members have, I think I am safe in saying that state law allows for a lot more flexibility than we first thought.

We have now entered into the process of proposing specific changes that will hopefully turn what most agree is an out-of-date code and accompanying appeals procedures into a system that will work well as we enter into a new century. I emphasize that the following suggestions are at best musings and brainstorming that have been presented only as food for thought and in no way should be seen as indicating any definite direction the committee may be headed in.

In order to more efficiently handle a large (and possibly growing) task, the committee has divided into two subcom-

mittees, a process subcommittee which considers changes dealing with procedures, and a neighborhood character subcommittee which is looking at some of the physical and architectural implications of possible changes. This is a rather rough delineation and in truth there is much overlap in what each subcommittee does but the creation of the subcommittees has greatly increased our capacity to consider alternatives.

I sit on the process subcommittee and the suggestions I present here come mainly from its activities.

1. Increased public education. It is speculated that if homeowners were better informed about the process they would have more realistic expectations of it and be less frustrated if they become involved in it.

2. Increased information required to be given to prospective buyers by sellers and agents. This is in response to many stories heard from people who say that they bought their home planning to make major improvements only to discover after the fact that the current zoning system wouldn't allow it.

3. Increased staff discretion. The zoning board is supposed to be a board of appeals but it has evolved into a body that seems to be making many of what some think are really just day to day decisions.

4. Expansion of the conditional use process

5. Loosening of the variance standards. This refers to the standards which now are quite limiting as to the unique situation a homeowner must be in order to be granted a variance.

6. Increased say on the part of individual neighborhoods as to the granting of variances. Again to my surprise, some neighborhood associations have been quite hesitant about this idea, saying that they try to avoid being involved in any possible disputes between individual neighbors.

7. A variety of specific changes to

the code itself. This is more the area for the neighborhood character subcommittee and I hope to present some of their ideas in the next newsletter.

The committee meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building and the first part of the meeting continues to be set aside to receive public input. One or two people have done so at each of our recent meetings. They always are well received and often have sparked the most interesting discussions of the evening.

Though when the committee was first created there was some hope that we would have recommendations ready for the common council by May, reality has set in and our current plans are to have something ready by September. We will be meeting through the summer but may change our schedule somewhat so if you would like to be there anytime June through August it may be wise to check on times with any of your Tenney-Lapham neighborhood members of the committee: GiGi Holland 251-8586; Diane Milligan 256-1474; or Bob Kinderman 251-1358. As usual we are always eager to hear your comments.

- Bob Kinderman

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## The Case of the Obnoxious Personhold Cover

This column will be devoted to public griping and praising. I want to give people a chance to vent (without libeling or defaming, of course) about neighborhood problems and triumphs. Perhaps, in this public way, we can find redress from our many expert neighbors. I think we should put it all out there and let others have a chance to answer or argue or correct or praise us. I am no expert on anything but language (and even there Rob Latousek will be able to trump me in any matter dealing with Greek or Latin and several others could probably take me in a fair game of sentence diagramming.) But even if you only have problems with dangling participles or your infinitive has split and can't be located, write in. We'll run it up the flagpole and see if we can mix you a metaphor that salutes. I will start the sourdough bubbling with the following:

Exaggerating our existing and perennial problem of traffic noise on Gorham Street (and, I understand, on the corner of N. Baldwin and N. Brearly too) are the loose "manhole" or utility covers which make the sound of cymbals when cars cross them at high speeds. I notice this most at 2-3:00 am or so when cars are really speeding and so infrequent that we can nearly get back to sleep before the next rockets go off. What can we do about this unnecessary noise pollution? Knit comforters for them? Install rubber "O"-rings or gaskets? Anybody else bothered? Sound off in Ledditiorials.

- Gay Davidson-Zielske

(Ledditiorials should be sent to WIPOET@aol.com, which is I, Gay Davidson-Zielske, or to Ledditiorial, c/o TLNA, PO Box 703, Madison, WI 53701. Ledditiorials are subject to judicious editing to serve the needs of brevity.)




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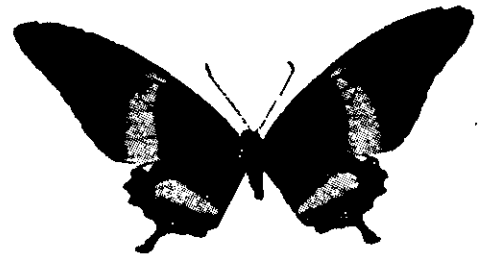
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## Land Use is Key Issue for New County Board

First of all I want to thank all of those who voted in the April 7, 1998 election, especially those of you who voted to keep me as the Second District representative on the County Board. It looks as though it will be another exciting two years. Although the margin between conservatives and progressives has been reduced, we have maintained the majority on the board. I believe this will be critical during the next couple of years. Land use will be the primary issue facing the Board and the County Executive and it is imperative that we have a strong voice in directing where development will occur.

In May, County Executive Kathleen Falk will be presenting her recommendations on future land use in Dane County. These recommendations have been formulated through an extensive process of eliciting input from any and all interested parties. The Land Use Workshops that drew over a thousand persons from all parts of the Dane County community; the Vision 2020 process, a policy framework that was developed through an extensive planning process and is supported by the County Board; the County Planning Department; and the Regional Planning Commission have all played an important role in the development of the recommendations.

Although the past two years have seen substantial growth in the population outside the City of Madison, a concerted effort has been made to contain that growth within the urban service areas identified in city, village and township

land use plans. While it might not seem important to the folks in the Tenney/Lapham neighborhood, it is. Lack of strategic planning can result in more traffic through our neighborhoods and higher taxes for all of us.

I was very pleased to hear of the great turnout on the Yahara River Parkway Planning meeting. I would encourage Tenney/Lapham decision-makers to investigate the possible use of the BUILD program to help fund proposed activities in the Yahara Parkway. The BUILD program is available to local governments to assist in completing projects that include proposals to:

- Redevelop, rehabilitate, and preserve historic structures in a downtown;
- Redevelop part of a business district or commercial corridor to accommodate alternative forms of transportation and enhance nearby residential neighborhoods;
- Infill an area with pedestrian-friendly, mixed use development;
- Restore and provide for limited compatible development within an existing historical hamlet;
- Redevelop an obsolete, underutilized, and/or environmentally contaminated area.

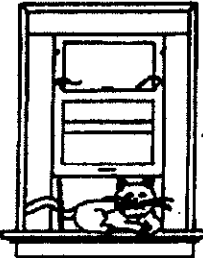
This would require the Tenney/Lapham Neighborhood Association to work together with the city to develop a proposal for the Yahara Parkway.

The timetable for the BUILD program began in February of 1998 with the organization of the BUILD Com-

mittee. Requests for Proposals (RFP) will be developed and distributed to local governments in April with responses due in May. If there is interest in participating in the BUILD program, members of the Yahara River Parkway Committee or of the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association can contact Jeanne Sieling, Director of the Dane County Planning Department at 267-4122 for additional information.

Again thank you for your support and please share your concerns or questions with me. I can be reached at 255-8913.

- Supervisor Judy Wilcox



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## Actions Planned to Make the Parkway a Reality

Saturday April 18 was a great day to be outdoors, but a group of thirty plus Isthmus neighbors decided to sit around and dream about a river....the Yahara River specifically. Some stayed all day while others dropped by (including our County Executive Kathleen Falk) for smaller portions of the day to contribute their thoughts or provide letters about what the Yahara River meant to them. The participants spent most of their time at Lapham School discussing how citizens could come together to support needed river landscaping initiatives. What a wonderful way to develop some personal and neighborhood resolutions for the next millennium!

The day started off with an excellent presentation by Prof. Arnie Alanen from the UW about the historic park planning efforts made at the turn of the century by the Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Association and noted landscape architects O.C. Simonds and others. Small groups were then formed and ex-

partly coached by the facilitators (Bert Stitt and Ann Forbes) through a very ambitious agenda. The groups put together a time line tracing human influence on the river from the time of the glaciers up to the present. Individuals shared their hopes and hesitations about the future of the river. The value of the Yahara to our neighborhoods became quite apparent early in the forum. Neighborhood rituals like the canoe trip to school on the last day of classes and personal recollections of walks along the river to see a sunset on Mendota or a moonrise on Monona were all shared. Each group developed (cobbled up!?) a skit during a working lunch envisioning life along the Yahara in the year 2008. Finally we came together to develop action items so these dreams can become a reality.

These actions include a full range of neighborhood and broader community participation. For example, Dennis Tande and students from O'Keefe

Middle School will take the timeline and put together a more permanent display to be shared with the students, the neighborhoods and others interested in the riverway. Working meetings for the landscaping and organization groups will be held at the Urban Open Space Foundation office at 200 N. Blount Street on the evenings of May 4 and 5, respectively. It is the intent of these action groups to work and coordinate the landscape projects with riverway residents, neighborhood associations and city staff to complement existing efforts to improve the parkway. A town hall meeting to discuss parkway issues and the progress of the smaller sub-committees will be held on May 19 - 6:30 PM at the Atwood Community Center. All are welcome! For more information call the Urban Open space Foundation at 255-9877 or Ed Jepsen 255-2845.

The forum was sponsored by the non-profit Urban Open Space Foundation (great job Geri Weinstein-Breuning and Heather Mann) and was supported by contributions from the Brittingham Foundation, TLNA, the Marquette Neighborhood Association and the Greater Williamson Area Business Association. The generosity and hard work of these sponsors should be appreciated by all of us who enjoy the river now yet see and even better future ahead. It was one of the better forums I have attended and we even finished an hour early!

See you along the Yahara!  
- Ed Jepsen



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