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Dear City Commissioner,

I am a property-owner and dwell on-site at Riverwoods Condos. I reviewed the note your department sent and also studied the website about the proposed project for the Milwaukee River development. I might add that what sort of development was not made clear on the website. However, I am opposed to any sort of development that will alter the eco-system as it is now.

I am a peaceful, law-abiding tax-paying citizen. The only reason I bought this condo is to be near to undeveloped woods, so rare and such a gem to Milwaukee.

I have 2 points of opposition to development:

1.) The area behind my condo is unbroken wilderness with plenty of trees and places to hide for deer, foxes, great-horned owls, raccoon, many song-birds, and other critters. It is important for this nature to be continual and spacious. I am a dedicated environmentalist- I pick up garbage on my strolls, as well as garlic mustard. I am not an alterrain-cycler who causes damage to soil structure. The less human imprint, the better.

2.) Development of bike paths to increase human traffic can lead to increased crime. As I have strolled along the paths on the Shorewood Side, three teen-aged boys harassed me. I have never been harassed on Milwaukee side, despite being located to very close to the ghetto and a housing project off Humboldt. By not having human-attracting public walkways, the woods are only visited by dog-walkers and other locals. As a single woman, I need to feel safe.

Lastly, whatever the study group will present on Monday about preserving nature, I will find it difficult to swallow if there is no mention of proper clean-up of the site at Hampton overpass and Milwaukee River convergence where there are tons of garbage damming up part of the river. If the group really believes in caring for the eco-system, cleanup of that site would have to come first.

I am firmly committed to keeping the environment undeveloped. Please consider mine and many others' request.

Sincerely,



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