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I send you this e-mail to voice my opposition to 140867, Believers in Christ zoning change. As a district 2 home owner there are numerous reasons why this area should not be developed.

1. The protection of the wetland area. Where is this church's water runoff going to go? Our neighborhood is already in a flooding risk zone living so close to a wetland. In the past 10 years we've had 2 "major" flooding problems with the loss of thousands of dollars. Developing this area will put added burden to an already tenuous natural resource.
2. There are so few natural (undeveloped) areas in this city. Not only does this area work as a natural cleaning for our air quality it also is home to numerous wild animals. Who will protect the wild animals that call this area "home"?
3. Why can't this church upgrade a pre-existing "empty" structure? For example: the Bonanza shopping center at Fond du Lac Avenue and Flag Street. This strip mall has been a blight on our area for well over 30 years. Also the Goodwill business area on 91st Street is or will be empty soon. The Greater New Birth religious community on Fond du Lac Avenue and Silver Spring is a stellar example of neighborhood renewal.

To finish, why does an undeveloped area of Milwaukee need to be rezoned? This area has no vandalism and is a beautiful refuge for wild animals. Once this area is developed it can never return to its original state.

Please tell the Believers in Christ "no" to their request to develop this area.

Show me a healthy community with a healthy economy and I will show you a community that has its green infrastructure in order and understands the relationship between the built and the unbuilt environment.

~Will Rogers, Trust for Public Land

Thank you,
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