



July 22, 2024

Chair Stephanie Bloomingdale
City Plan Commission
City of Milwaukee
809 North Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chair Bloomingdale and members of the City Plan Commission,

Supporting housing growth and choice are critical to the future of our city. I encourage the City Plan Commission to vote to recommend adoption of Growing MKE as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan to establish a collective vision for how housing development can advance Milwaukee's goals for housing choice, equity, affordability, economic development, and climate resilience.

These issues are central to our work at Sierra Club Great Waters Group (GWG). GWG is committed to increasing public transit, creating a healthy environment for all in Milwaukee, and addressing past and current harms that have created inequitable living conditions for communities of color in the city.

The recommendations contained within Growing MKE are aligned with our goals and will provide a strong foundation for this important work. As we face climate change, opportunities to make it easier for people to walk, use transit, and bike are critical to reduce the amount of driving. Milwaukee's Climate & Equity Plan recognizes that land use and transportation planning are directly linked to climate resilience. There is increasing consensus that compact urban neighborhoods with a mix of uses and housing choices are the most effective at reducing carbon emissions.

Adopting Growing MKE will create a strong framework for the City to utilize its land use, zoning, and housing policy tools to meet the changing housing needs of our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny Abel".

Jenny Abel, Chair
Great Waters Group Executive Committee

Sierra Club, Great Waters Group