

May 9, 2022

Dear County Executive Parisi and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

We write to you today to request a temporary pause in the planning, implementation, and land sale related to the new proposed landfill site on the Yahara Hills Golf Course property.

We appreciate the long-term need for our county to locate and acquire a new site for a landfill as the current landfill reaches its capacity in the coming decade. However, many community members and local government officials are out-of-the loop and have not yet had a chance to be fully informed and have their questions fully answered.

This project remains in the early stages and any potential negative impacts on the environment, nearby schools, water quality, and the larger community near the proposed Yahara location are not yet fully known or fully communicated. Given that what IS known is that this location is likely to impact 600+ homes, multiple local government jurisdictions, and a soon-to-be built McFarland school, we respectfully request that Dane County and the City of Madison pause their plans around the sale of the property and further implementation of the Yahara landfill location until more questions are answered about the potential impact of this project. We further seek to establish better lines of communication between our local governments and impacted community members.

For example, while it appears the land sale portion of this project will be brought before the Madison Common Council on May 10th, on the same day the McFarland School District Board Members will be officially learning about this proposed Landfill expansion at a Joint Village School Board Meeting. The project is within 2,200 ft of district owned land that is on Siggelkow Road, which is planned for a future school building. It would be helpful if Dane County and City of Madison leaders would involve the McFarland School District in discussions prior to taking action on key parts of this plan, such as land purchases, planned use and other impacts that may impact the McFarland School District, which includes all territory of the Current and Proposed Dane County Landfills.

Given the potential for dramatic impact on hundreds of homes and our larger community, it is merely prudent to ensure the community better understands the issues involved. Thus, we request a temporary pause. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,



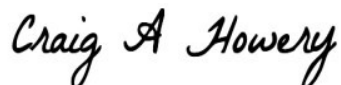
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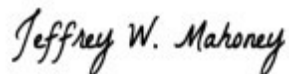


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