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Dane County Zoning & Land Regulation Committee  
City County Building, Room 116  
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Dear Members of the Dane County Zoning & Land Regulation Committee,

We are writing to formally express our concerns regarding a zoning change that has been proposed for the area across the road from our property on County Road JJ. We recently received a Dane County Notice of Public Hearing, informing us that the zoning issue has already been voted on by the Town of Vermont Planning Committee and forwarded to the Dane County ZLR Committee for further review. Unfortunately, this notification came to us after the Vermont vote had occurred, which has left us with limited time to voice our concerns.

Our specific concern is that this zoning change, which would allow new properties to be built closer to Vermont Creek, could have a significant negative impact, potentially causing environmental harm and overburdening Vermont Creek's ecosystem. As people who value the health of our natural resources, we believe that these considerations should be taken into account before proceeding with any zoning changes that could contribute to long-term damage.

In addition, we purchased our property in 2001 with the understanding that the Town of Vermont had a long time policy of keeping any future subdivisions of property restricted to a 40 acre minimum. This policy is intended to protect the rural feel of our town and keep harmful impacts to our environment to a bare minimum. Allowing this change could set a precedent that potentially leads to further frequent zoning changes in our town, changing the heart and character of the land which has brought so many of us to reside here.

I respectfully request that the Planning Commission carefully review the environmental implications of this zoning change and consider alternatives that prioritize the preservation of the creek and its surrounding areas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and hope that you will take our concerns seriously in your final decision.

Sincerely,

