

To: Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee; City-County Building, Room 116; 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard; Madison, WI 53703-3342

From: Marjorie Van Handel, owner of 3829 Gala Way

Date: Feb 10, 2024

Re: Zoning Amendment FP-1

Zoning Amendment FP-1 creates two and one Natural Resource Conservation District on Gala Way. I wish to object to the a very small part of the plan. There is a small strip of land between two houses, located at 3830 Gala Way and 3820 Gala Way, that should not be part of the conservation district. Since the creation of the lot at 3830 Gala Way, that strip of land was excluded from ownership due to being part of a "proposed road" which was meant to connect up with the 'proposed road' on the west side of Gala Way. The proposed road land was part of the land we purchased in 1972. My first husband and I voided that designation on our property and had the road rezoned to match our land. The 'proposed road' was left on the zoning map between 3830 Gala Way and 3820 Gala Way, but since it only led to a marshy area in the valley no road was ever proposed there.

The owners of 3830 mowed it, and cared for it, removing dead trees when they fell, removed scrub brush, and repaired the fence constructed across the property; and the owners of 3820 Gala Way constructed a small shed on it. In other words, that portion of proposed NR-C was being used and cared for as a residential lot, and has remained as such ever since Don and Karen Ehlenfelt (original owners of 3830 Gala Way) took possession of their home.

I propose that small strip of land bordered by 3820 Gala Way and part of 3820 Gala Way should remain residential. It would be much more in keeping with the rest of the frontages on Gala Way. I have known Marc and Tammy Smith ever since they moved into 3830 Gala Way, and I am certain they would continue to care for that land.