

September 8, 2014

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for the time and effort you put in for the betterment of Dane County.

When I served as the Mayor of Fitchburg, we appointed a committee to study the North East Neighborhood Proposal. The city decided to go ahead with the plan. Many topics were discussed at length regarding this project. One was to protect the wetlands and a second topic was to have an interchange at Highway 14.

The city council members and myself were aware of the concerns of the Waubesa Wetlands. The city did consider and the neighborhood plan reflects the wildlife and groundwater issues in this area. It was also determined the Highway 14 interchange would not only help the North East Neighborhood, but would be an asset to the whole city for our transportation needs.

Fitchburg held many meetings about the North East Neighborhood and much of the focus was about protecting the wetlands in this area. This North East Neighborhood should be in the Urban Service Area. I would hope that the CARPC members know that Fitchburg is an environmentally friendly community and this plan will be good for the city. I fully support the North East Neighborhood and hope that you would also.

Sincerely,

Tom Clauder
Former Mayor of Fitchburg