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KATHY EHLEY
Mayor

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County Executive Chris Abele
Milwaukee County
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 N 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Dear Executive Abele:

At the Wauwatosa Common Council meeting on December 18, 2018, we adopted the Wauwatosa Life Sciences District Master Plan. (The plan can be found at: www.wauwatosa.net/lifesciences.) Our community and the Common Council are resolved around one shared vision needed to implement this plan – the preservation in perpetuity of the open space commonly called Sanctuary Woods.

The Wauwatosa Life Sciences District Master Plan calls for the City to zone this land as Special Purpose District - Conservancy. In order for this to occur, the County, as the property owner, must first apply for a Certified Survey Map (CSM) that meets the requirements of our municipal code to subdivide the area. Second, the County should apply for a zoning map amendment and put in place protections such as conservation easements.

It is a critical initiative of our Common Council and our community to protect this land in perpetuity. We need a code compliant CSM from Milwaukee County to complete this critical step. As Mayor, I am asking you to make this a high priority and to work with your staff to complete the steps mentioned above in the coming year. I look forward to continuing to work with you to preserve this important cultural amenity that benefits residents of the City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County and southeastern Wisconsin.

If you need any additional information, I am available to facilitate a meeting between our staffs.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kathleen Ehley
City of Wauwatosa

Cc: Wauwatosa Common Council Members
James Archambo, City Administrator
Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Milwaukee County Board Chair
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