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RE: Please Distribute to members of the Plan Commission ahead of Monday's meeting.

Dear Member of the Plan Commission,

As Founder of the Monarch Trail, I urge you to add an amendment to the Tosa Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

The draft Comprehensive Plan includes a section regarding **Protecting Wildlife Areas**. (pg 105 in the draft) The text here incorporates the largest unobstructed natural area that includes The Forest Exploration Center and County Grounds park as well as the Menomonee River and Underwood Creek. The map shows the environmental corridor as a whole and includes the Monarch Conservancy as part of this green space. After years of commitment from the County, City, UWM, *and* Irgens, I strongly urge you to incorporate the **Monarch Conservancy** into the text of this section of the Comprehensive Plan. While it is under the purview of Irgens Developers, it is preserved as a wildlife area "in Perpetuity" so it will always be part of the natural areas that we are all proud of here in Wauwatosa.

Thank you for considering this important addition.

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Proposed text change:

Protect Wildlife Areas

When feasible, prioritize the protection of wildlife areas from future development and preserve their natural benefits.

Wauwatosa's riparian zones, wetlands, meadows, and forests support many species of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and plant species. **Wauwatosa is also home to the Monarch Conservancy-a rare annual roosting site for the now-threatened Monarch Butterflies.** Due to the community's highly urbanized setting, the location of truly natural habitats for wildlife is limited. The Forest Exploration Center, ~~and~~ County Grounds Park, **and Monarch Conservancy** offer the largest unobstructed habitats in the City, while the courses of Underwood Creek and the Menomonee River ~~provide~~ **complete this natural corridor and include** sensitive riparian habitats. The presence of wildlife in these ecosystems is integral to their successful function.

As such, these sites can provide spaces of natural beauty and education. The City should **work with these stakeholders to** consider ways to identify and protect sensitive natural areas-**thus** ensuring the natural cycles within their ecosystems can continue unobstructed.