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**Subject:** Alternative Proposal for Eder Farm Parcel: The River Hills Green

Attachments: River Hills Green, PNG

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Hello Steve and Tammy. I hope to join you on the GoToMeeting Information Session this afternoon at 4:00. I would like to request time on behalf of the Committee on the Environment to discuss an alternative proposal for the use of the property. Bob Boucher is the primary architect of the proposal, and he is currently in North Dakota where internet connection is problematic, but he hopes to join us online as well. If for some reason I cannot make the computer connection into the meeting, I would appreciate if you would read the following short letter from our Committee. It would also be great if you could place the preliminary landscape architectural rendering on the computer screen. Thanks, and hope to see you this afternoon.

The River Hills Committee on the Environment would like to propose an alternative vision for the property between Brown Deer and Greenbrook Road, one of the remaining undeveloped jewels of River Hills. We propose investigating funding to create a natural area, the "River Hills Green."

Prior to the housing development plan put forth by the Mandel Group, the former chairman of the Committee on the Environment, Bob Boucher, looked into acquiring this parcel for the Village, with the full support of former Village President Bob Brunner. Bob had proposed acquiring this parcel through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This program was created in 1989 to preserve important natural communities, protect water quality, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. This program will cover half of the cost for land acquisition to preserve natural areas.

Bob has expressed willingness to restart efforts to procur this funding, and he is currently investigating the process.

The Committee on the Environment would like to make a formal request to the Board of Trustees of River Hills that they recognize our alternative as a potential use of the land. We believe that the "River Hills Green" would be a wonderful addition to our Village.

Sincerely,

Bob Boucher, past chairman, River Hills Committee on the Environment (9070 N. Range Line Road)
John Machulak, current co-chairman, River Hills Committee on the Environment (1410 W. Good Hope Road)
Peter Thornquist, current co-chairman, River Hills Committee on the Environment (1405 W. Good Hope Road)



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