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Dear City Plan Commission Members,

My name is Jim Gallagher. I was the Executive Director of the La Crosse Eco-Park when the Myrick Park Center was built at the north end of Myrick Park and later served on its Board of Directors for a number of years. The preservation of the La Crosse marsh was always a primary focus of that organization. This focus has continued through the educational activities of the Myrick Park Center, WisCorps, and "The Friends of the Marsh". A majority of the citizens of the City continue to support the preservation of this valuable asset. You may recall that much of the financial support for the construction of the Myrick Park Center (then called the "Eco-Park") came from community donations and contributions, including many donations made by school children.

I was born and raised in La Crosse and am very happy to have had the opportunity to live in this fine community most of my life, a community that both appreciates and understands the importance of our natural surroundings. As a youngster I played in Myrick Park and the marsh and as an adult I continue to enjoy the beauty of the marsh, its many walking trails, and its animal and plant inhabitants.

I have read carefully the June 6, 2020 letter from the "Friends of the La Crosse River Marsh" and strongly urge support of CIP Budget Item # 551: Marsh Hydrological Study. This proposal is sound, well thought out, urgently needed and not too costly. For generations the community has enjoyed and appreciated the marsh, but also not taken strong enough steps to preserve it. This project will lay the groundwork for that preservation and I heartedly support it.

Thank you very much,  
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