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Dear Council Members,

My name is Sheila Erickson and I live at 1366 County Road SS in Onalaska.

I continue to be strongly opposed to redesignating the land behind and alongside my house as Heavy Industrial. My neighbors and I have heard arguments that because other land around our homes is already zoned Heavy Industrial, this land should be too – it will make all the zoning consistent. Yes, we live close to an industrial area, but the land east of the Great River State Trail is anything but industrial. Please come to my home and visit my backyard to see it for yourself. You are welcome anytime and you have my permission to come onto my property.

The marshland there is currently zoned as Heavy Industrial. That zoning was put in place when the marsh was viewed as an eyesore and had to be erased. We have learned that it is a valuable ecosystem that must be preserved. La Crosse has already committed to an ambitious climate action plan. If the city encourages heavy industrial development in the marsh, floodway and floodplain, you are directly contradicting the climate action plan you have already committed to. You have this opportunity before you to begin fixing what the city didn't recognize decades ago.

One of my biggest fears is that if this land is rezoned and developed, my home will flood. The rain runoff from any development, parking lot or roadway will have no place to go but toward

my home. I will no longer have any peace of mind that the natural slope of the land behind and to the west of my home will divert rainwater down into the marsh, exactly where it is needed. This scares me more than you can imagine. Again, this may be the last opportunity the city has to correct the original zoning designation. The multiple dwelling zoning must remain!

I will be at Thursday's Common Council meeting along with my neighbors.

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