

ENVIRONMENT

Nature comes first for all

Cherokee Park Inc. pledges to "preserve quality of life"

"I believe that the best plan is one that preserves, protects and enhances the quality of life of our neighborhood, and this plan does that," says developer Dennis Tiziani.

He and other representatives of Cherokee Park Inc. (CPI), the original developers of the Cherokee Park neighborhood, presented their proposed next phase of development for the area and outlined plans designed to protect the environment, manage the area's surface and groundwater, address traffic issues and enhance recreational opportunities.

The proposed plan will span approximately 20 to 30 years and will include annual construction of single-family homes, twin homes and condominiums on 210 acres of a 1200-acre campus

After three public meetings and several smaller ones with Northside residents, Tiziani has modified the plan "to control density and reduce massing in the area, manage the traffic flow through the neighborhood and preserve coveted open space."

Tiziani has retained Allison Tree Care, Inc., Birrenkott Surveying, Natural Resources Consulting, Inc., Schreiber/Anderson Associates, Inc. and Montgomery Associates Resource Solutions to address environmental, water and traffic issues.

Other highlights of the plan, provided by Cherokee Park Inc., include:

- ♦ A water management plan to control discharge and flooding, enhance the landscape and maintain groundwater levels.
- ♦ Providing areas that could assist the city with resolving water management quality issues created by areas outside of Cherokee Park.
- ♦ Improving access to the Cherokee Park trail system, adding extensive ped/bike paths through Cherokee Park and expanding existing public parks and green spaces.

Friends to "protect, preserve and restore"

The Friends of the Cherokee Marsh and Upper Yahara Watershed aim to "protect, preserve and restore ... the whole Yahara River watershed, which extends from Goose Pond to Stoughton", according to the recently adopted mission statement,

The top priority is to save the "fifth addition," the 45-acre parcel that adjoins the Cherokee Conservation Park, said Lee Hayden.

Don Hammes, steering committee chair, said "Because of its proximity to the wetlands we felt that this is the most critical area to preserve. We don't think there should be any development there."

Remaining priorities include supporting the land swap proposed by Cherokee Park, Inc. which would give the wetland which abuts the "Wheeler triangle" (west of the Wheeler Road - Comanche Way intersection) to the City of Madison for restoration; and encouraging Cherokee Park Inc. to develop an open space further east on Wheeler Road rather than the Wheeler Triangle.

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The Friends of Cherokee Marsh & the Upper Yahara Watershed will meet on Wednesday September 20 at 7:00 pm at the Sherman United Methodist Church, 3705 N. Sherman Avenue.

All interested community residents are urged to attend the meeting and join in our efforts to protect the Marsh and watershed.

Contact Ellen Barnard at 576-3734 for more information or go to <http://www.cherokeemarsh.org>

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## Cherokee plan

compensate for high quality wetlands" and requested a 200-foot shoreline buffers, rather than the 75-foot standard being applied.

Dan Hammes of the Dane County Conservation League and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation worried about "retention basins silting in" and the loss of groundwater recharge due to increased impervious surfaces (roads and roofs). He asked for an environmental assessment by the Dept. of Natural Resources.

County Supervisor Dorothy Wheeler testified that "aspects of the development" upset many residents in her district and that the area needs "environmental protection."

Nik Meiers recently bought a condo in Cherokee and said the proposed development "feels like a conservation project to me."

Robert Alesch, who bought the first condo in the original Cherokee devel-

opment, said that "development would better be than the cornfields for runoff."

Paul Noeldner, a Madison Audubon Society member, said that the area is a sensitive habitat for birds and plants and that the 5th addition should be made into conservancy, citing that birds need "ten acres of upland for every acre of lowland."

Commissioner Rothbart said he'd like to see "higher density around Wheeler/CV and more open space elsewhere" in the plan.

In an interview, Planning Unit director Brad Murphy said that he is working with "other city agencies to address questions asked by the Plan Commission." Topics include a hydrology study, traffic impacts, appropriate upland buffers, flooding issues, storm water management and compatibility of development with existing neighborhoods.

A revised special area plan may be presented to the Plan Commission as early as August 21, but may be sometime in September, said Murphy.

## Environment-friendly changes considered for Madison's highest elevation



By Jon Becker

The Friends of Lake View Hill are hosting a community meeting regarding the green space on and around Lake View Hill where they will be considering plans that would reduce mowing of the lawn, which currently costs the county over \$16,000 annually.

Current community uses such as winter sledding and one-day lawn seating for Rhythm & Booms would be preserved. All savings would be redirected toward conservation efforts.

Lake View Hill's lawn area is in the final stages of incorporation into the existing Lake View Hill conservation park.

The park's hill top forest has some interesting trees and other forest and oak savannah flora to which natural diversity documented in surveys of the 1830s is being restored, under the supervision of the Friends of Lake View Hill.

## Friends of Lake View Hill

What will be the future of the lawn?

Wednesday, August 16  
4:30 - 6:30pm

Dane County  
Human Services Building  
1202 Northport Drive  
(Just northwest of Warner Park)

Besides the park's conservation values, it also hosts several buildings with cultural interest due to their former use as a regional tuberculosis treatment facility beginning in the 1930s.

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