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A goal of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan 2035 is to seek to increase the amount of permeable surface by reducing hardscape surfaces where possible and maximizing the use of permeable paving elsewhere. This proposal will significantly decrease the amount of permeable surface on the site and will maximize the hardscape surfaces. The Comprehensive Plan Seattle 2035 states "Seattle's trees, vegetation, and soils still make up a vitally important system that manages water runoff, cleans the air, mitigates greenhouse gas emissions and impacts, improves human health, and reduces the heat island effect. This natural system also provides wildlife habitats, supports livable neighborhoods, and is integral to the essential character of the Emerald City." It is also integral to this neighborhood's character and livability.

I have been fortunate enough to live in a friendly neighborhood with a p-patch and a grove of woods to enjoy from my back yard. I know and accept that the City People's site has been sold and is going to be developed. My hope is that the development will be downsized to fit in with the current retail and living spaces along Madison. All of the mixed use buildings on Madison have varied retail spaces that have room for a number of different kinds of stores -- a small gym, restaurants, dry cleaners, a bakery, a pet store, etc. The only downside of this neighborhood is traffic. Both Lake Washington Blvd and E Madison require a LOT of patience when traveling up to Capitol Hill or over to the University District or the Eastside but it has lots of green spaces and easy to reach urban-sized stores that encourage walking, bicycling, or busing.

Please take into account the nature of our community and its structure when you consider the plans for the proposed development.

Thanks
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