

## Eastside News

I am beginning to settle into the 'daily' routine of being an alder representing the east side. I really do appreciate all the phone calls and e-mails I have received about specific issues and city-wide concerns.

An eight-acre site next to the Swiss Colony on Milwaukee Street is currently being considered for development by Curt Brink. While this is a small parcel of land, it is connected to the larger Voit Farm property many people are concerned about. Recently, the East Isthmus Neighborhood Planning Council (EINPC), facilitated by Rebecca Krantz, received a community-planning grant to look into this greater Voit Farm area. Unfortunately, this process will have a different timeline than the one proposed by the Brink project.

Nevertheless, a process is being developed to facilitate neighborhood and public participation. The Eastmorland Community Association, Friends of Starkweather Creek, SASY Neighborhood Association and others have been working with Sue Thering, an Associate Professor of Landscape Resources for the UW Extension. The process is first identifying major "issues" and creating a visual library of "positive" and "negative" designs. The outcome of these community workshops will then be forwarded to the design team to integrate into the site plan. At that time, the plan will be brought back to the community for their input and discussion.

As the project continues, I will place key dates and other related information on my website at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/council/District15/index.html>.

As always, I look to represent you on the Common Council. If you have any concerns, issues or questions, please contact me at [district15@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district15@cityofmadison.com) or call 266-4071. Thank you!