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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Testimony regarding Agenda Item 23.3a. 26-62, Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Fabry Natural Area
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My name is Bill Dixon, and I live at 608 Salem Heights Ave. S. in Ward 7. I write to offer the following recommendation about sound budgeting for the proposed Fabry Natural Area.

The Council is asked to authorize buying property for a natural area park that will preserve the headwaters of Pringle Creek, protect wetlands and expand the city's trail plan. Although funding for the acquisition will come from system development charges paid by the developer of the surrounding property, the proposal does not mention how the city will pay for the park's future maintenance.

As Council members are aware, funds for parks maintenance are expected to run short even before the local option levy that provides the money expires in 2030. In addition, Council Policy C9, approved in January, requires that staff provide estimates of the long-term cost to operate and maintain proposed new infrastructure.

With that in mind, I urge the Council to identify the future cost of maintaining the Fabry Natural Area before approving the proposal for its acquisition.

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