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Ames City Council and Mayor Haila,

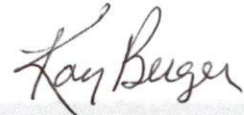
Last fall, Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park Board of Directors asked the City to acquire what is called Rose Prairie. This property is in very close proximity to the west of Ada Hayden Heritage Park. We have seen AHHP go from a large gravel pit to the beautiful nature park it is today. The water and nature has been maintained through the efforts of City and the knowledge and efforts of many residents and friends. I as well as many others would like to see this continued. The purchase of Rose Prairie property will make this possible.

The Rose Prairie Restoration Plan was sent to you on April 9th accompanied by a picture. It is well planned and well done. The lake serves as emergency drinking water and the hope to thousands of birds and wildlife. To have this marginalized by poor use of the land near to it is unthinkable.

I am writing in full support of the City Council in purchasing the Rose Prairie property to continue this protection preventing the destructive nature of housing development. This property will add to the ambiance of the park through expansion of the natural habitat for birds and animals and pleasure found by visitors and residents of Ames.

Please authorize the purchase of this property by the City of Ames for us all.

Sincerely,
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