

RESOLUTION OF
THE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ROCKY RIPPLE

WHEREAS, the Louisville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the, "USACE") prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("DSEIS"), dated June 29, 2012, responding to community comments and outcry regarding the Environmental Assessment ("EA"), dated February 1, 2011, that proposed changes to Phase 3B of the Indianapolis, White River (North), IN Flood Damage Reduction Project (the, "Project");

WHEREAS, the DSEIS studied specific alternative alignments for the Project, including the existing earthen levee surrounding the Town of Rocky Ripple ("Rocky Ripple"), which was built over eight-five (85) years ago, is badly deteriorating and provides little protection for residents of Rocky Ripple during high water incidents;

WHEREAS, instead of including Rocky Ripple in the Project, the DSEIS once again excludes Rocky Ripple from flood protection by recommending the USACE design and build a 8200-foot floodwall (the "Floodwall") and earthen levee on the East side of the Indianapolis Central Canal (the "Canal") along Westfield Boulevard beginning, approximately, South of the waste water treatment facility near the Riviera Club and terminating at high ground on the Butler University campus;

WHEREAS, the Floodwall will be connected to the earthen levee by a Floodgate crossing the Canal to restrict the flow of water at, approximately, Capitol Avenue;

WHEREAS, the recommended Floodwall will be as high as four (4) feet tall along Westfield Boulevard and can be increased to six (6) feet with attachments;

WHEREAS, the recommended Floodwall will essentially wall off Rocky Ripple and permanently relegate Rocky Ripple to a floodway;

WHEREAS, the DSEIS recommendation by the USACE will do irreparable damage to Rocky Ripple and its residents by (i) placing lives and properties in danger in the event of a high water incident by failing to provide full flood protection for Rocky Ripple and by placing sandbags at the only exits from Rocky Ripple, the 52nd and 53rd Street bridges, preventing ingress and egress; (ii) significantly decreasing the property values in Rocky Ripple; and (iii) further delaying the installation of sewers in Rocky Ripple, or causing raw sewage to enter basements in Rocky Ripple once sewers are installed;

WHEREAS, the DSEIS recommendation by the USACE will also do irreparable damage to one of our community's greatest amenities, the Central Canal, which is designated as eligible for the National Register for Historic Places;

WHEREAS, not only will the Floodwall prevent our neighbors in the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood from viewing and accessing the Central Canal, thus lowering their property values, but in the event of a high water incident, the integrity of the Central Canal would be jeopardized, placing at risk sixty percent (60%) of the City's drinking water;

WHEREAS, the DSEIS recommends the removal of trees and structures (15" feet on each side of the Floodwall or earthen levee) for the entire Project, and the USACE predicted that twenty two (22) homes in Rocky Ripple would be fully or partially removed in the event USACE constructed an earthen levee along the existing earthen levee in Rocky Ripple;

WHEREAS, numerous residents of Rocky Ripple have expressed their opposition to the DSEIS to members of the Rocky Ripple Town Board (the "Board") and the Board believes that the proposed placement and design of the Floodwall will adversely affect Rocky Ripple;

WHEREAS, the USACE is holding a public hearing for comment on August 23, 2012 and is accepting written comments regarding the DSEIS until the close-of-business, Friday, August 31, 2012.

THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Board request that the USACE extend the DSEIS comment period by ninety (90) days in order for all citizens and entities impacted by the DSEIS to have adequate time to evaluate the DSEIS (and its supporting documentation) and submit comments to the USACE.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board petition its United States Congressmen and United States Senators to require the USACE to conduct a General Reevaluation Review of the Project in order for Rocky Ripple to be re-included within the scope of the Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests the USACE and the City of Indianapolis provide full flood protection for Rocky Ripple by: (1) adopting an alignment generally consistent with the existing earthen levee in Rocky Ripple; and (2) reengineering the floodwall (as proposed in the Rocky Ripple alignment in the DSEIS) to have as minimal impact as possible on existing structures and homes in Rocky Ripple.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests the USACE and the City of Indianapolis include the Butler University Athletic Fields within the scope of the Project and provide full flood protection for the Butler University Athletic Fields.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board is authorized to take all necessary and reasonable actions, including legal action, to prevent the implementation of any and all proposals in the DSEIS that permanently wall off Rocky Ripple into a floodway and do not provide full flood protection for Rocky Ripple and shall communicate with any necessary person, public or private, to implement the resolutions written above.

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