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Army Corps of Engineers,
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August 10, 2012

Dear Michael Turner,

I am a resident of Rocky Ripple in Indianapolis, Indiana. I have watched the debate and developments regarding the Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project, White River (North), Phase IIIB with growing alarm. I support the alternative Rocky Ripple Alignment. The Corps of Engineers' own documents support this alignment as the best option for flood control for all concerns.

The proposed alignment on the East side of the canal is particularly disturbing and should be stopped. This alignment would wall off the entire community of Rocky Ripple in an Indianapolis version of the Ninth Ward, leaving a town of roughly 300 homes and 700+ people in eminent danger of a catastrophic flood. Estimates of such a catastrophic event are roughly seven years. The cost of property damage alone would be (conservatively) equal to estimated additional costs of the Rocky Ripple Alignment (\$33 and \$50 million). Virtually certain loss of life in a catastrophic flood is incalculable. And the only proposed emergency plan in the event of a flood is to sandbag the two bridges to Rocky Ripple, cutting off access and escape routes! I cannot believe that such a plan for a flood wall is even under consideration, let alone serious consideration.

The Central Canal, which was designated as an American Water Landmark by the American Water Works Association in 1971, carries approximately 30% of the water supply for the City of Indianapolis south of 38th Street. The current proposal along the canal jeopardizes that canal—and the water supply for 600,000 people—in the event of a flood.

The negative impact on property values for Rocky Ripple as well as the Butler-Tarkington and Warleigh areas would be substantial.

When the flood control project was introduced in 1996, a small but vocal group in Rocky Ripple led a campaign against the Rocky Ripple alignment for reasons of their own. Their campaign involved much disinformation and hysteria, and eventually a straw poll that was heavily influenced by voter fraud. The poll was supposed to have been limited

to Residents of Rocky Ripple, but rather than polling Rocky Ripple homeowners, many "voters" were short time renters or "residents" only for purposes of the poll. Actual Residents of Rocky Ripple have consistently said that they want and need flood protection, and appreciate earlier efforts of the Corps of Engineers on our behalf.

I respectfully request that you consider the Rocky Ripple Alignment for the Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project, White River (North), Phase III B.

Respectfully,



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CC:

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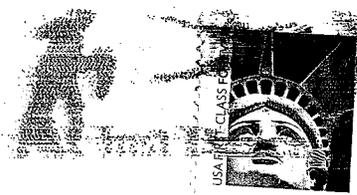
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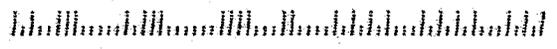
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Robert N Falco
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August 29, 2012

Re: Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project
White River North Phase III

Dear Col Leonard and involved elected officials,

I'm writing to you as a concerned citizen and friend to those living in Rocky Ripple.

I have listened to the concerns of all on this matter and have come to the conclusion that The US Army Corps of Engineers had it write the first time.

If a flood wall needs to be built to protect the town of Rocky Ripple it must be built at the rivers edge and the best defense is The Corps proposal of an "I Wall" as described as "Phase 3B Proposed Rocky Ripple Alignment"

Yes homes will be lost but the grater good for all should prevail.

But I would like you to consider some modification to the plan of taking homes by eminent domain.

Rather than taking the homes and paying fair market value, the homes effected could be moved onto new foundations at less cost than a buyout.

The lots are long and if homes were moved closer to the street I think most would see it as a win for the home owners, and a cost savings for the project.

As for the "I Wall" I have always liked it because it makes the best sense. I'd like to see all our tax payer money spent wisely and putting all the recourses on the Wall!

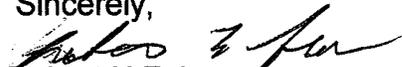
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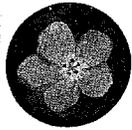
Just like in any battle you don't want to build your line of defense behind you. And we all know what happens in battle when you try to go into battle on the cheap.

You loose.

You have a tough task before you and Money is tight but if you chose any other proposal you will pay dearly in the long run.

Sincerely,


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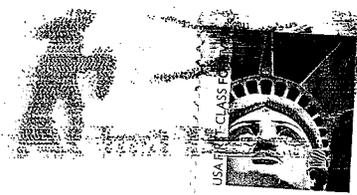
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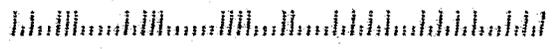
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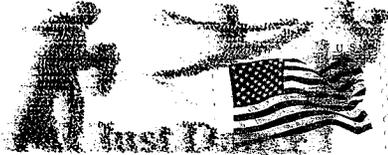




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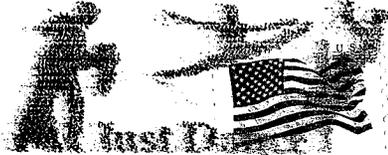




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Dear Colonel Leonard,

I am writing to ask that Rocky Ripple be included in the flood protection projects now being developed by the Army Corp of Engineers. It is clear that:

- The economic cost of a flood event will be far greater and cause more damage should the flood wall be placed along the canal rather than along the White River. If the wall is placed on the canal, residents of Rocky Ripple will be trapped from leaving their homes with their property. Because the earthen levee that currently runs along the White River has a high potential for failure, there is also a likelihood of flashflooding within Rocky Ripple that could not only cause loss of property but also loss of life.
- Should the wall go up along the canal as currently proposed by the Army Corp of Engineers, there will be an immediate hit to property values within Rocky Ripple. Current residents will lose much of the equity in their homes and the property tax base will decrease. The very opposite will be true if the wall is built along the White River as it should be.
- Not only will the town of Rocky Ripple be jeopardized by a flood wall along the canal, so will the city of Indianapolis' drinking water.
- During the public comment period, the public has spoken with a clear and loud voice, we are very much against the plan as proposed by the Corp to put a wall along the canal which will also wall off Rocky Ripple into the flood zone. I attended the public comment session at North United Methodist Church and it was clear that not only Indianapolis officials but also Indianapolis citizens are clearly against the project as is currently proposed by the Corp.

The reasons of economic ruin, potential for loss of life, polluted drinking water and the public outcry against the proposed wall are strong enough reasons to change the direction of the Army Corp of Engineers to allow Rocky Ripple to share the protection provided by a tax funded flood wall. But they do not include the greatest reason to provide flood protection to Rocky Ripple in addition to surrounding communities. The greatest and most obvious reason is that to exclude one community is to cast them aside and state they and the people that live within that community do not have enough value to be included in this flood protection project. To exclude Rocky Ripple goes against the very mission of the Corp which is to protect citizens from natural disasters. Because it seems you hold so much of my future in your hands, I ask you to change your plan, and include Rocky Ripple in your flood protection initiative.

Sincerely,

Sam Carpenter
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August 23, 2012

Colonel Luke T. Leonard
District Commander
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Dear Colonel Leonard,

As homeowners of 415 W. Westfield Boulevard and supporters of our community, we are opposed to the current Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project, White River (North), Phase 3B. Understanding that changes to the proposal will cost millions, we cannot support a plan that will destroy our City's drinking water supply and displace an entire community should a flood happen.

The Central Canal supplies nearly 60% of the drinking water for the City of Indianapolis. The current plan does not protect this supply, which would be catastrophic for the City if a flood overtook it. The ramifications of flooding the canal could cost more to the City and the state than the suggested redesign along the White River.

The USACE's Floodwall recommendation in the DSEIS would do irreparable damage to the historic Central Canal, an amenity used by thousands each year. The Canal was a top reason we invested in our home six years ago. It's designated as eligible for the National Register of Historic Place, a unique differentiator we should not overlook.

Our family is deeply concerned about the USACE's recommendation of the removal of trees within fifteen feet on each side of the proposed floodwall /earthen levee for the project. It will take generations to revive the area of the habitats that currently exist. Trees placed in other parts of the City to make up for the destruction along the canal is not acceptable for our community.

We ask that the USACE and the City of Indianapolis provide full flood protection for the Town of 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 set forth in the DSEIS) to have as minimal impact as possible on existing structures in Rocky Ripple.

We request 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.

Thank you for your consideration and action to preserve the Central Canal and save Rocky Ripple.

All the best,



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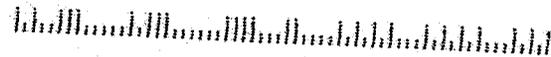
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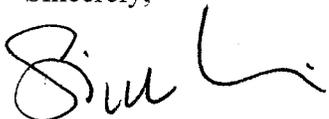
As a homeowner in the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood in Indianapolis, I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed flood wall plan known as Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project, White River (North). This is a historical neighborhood, has homes dating from the 1920s and 1930s, and the neighborhood association assumed a leadership role in the 1950s and 1960s, ensuring its continued success as a stable, integrated community. One of the greatest assets of the community today is the canal which provides a beautiful green space, a home for wildlife, and a source of recreation for the entire city.

The proposed project would destroy the canal and eliminate the most valuable asset of our community.

I am also troubled by the disregard shown for the residents of Rocky Ripple as the proposed wall does not protect them and would actually make flooding of the Rocky Ripple area more severe.

We need a solution that serves all residents. Please review this situation and find the right solution. What is currently proposed is not acceptable to me and the opposition voiced by the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association, the Rocky Ripple Community Association, and Butler University clearly demonstrates that the proposed plan is not acceptable to my community.

Sincerely,



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September 25, 2012

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Dear Colonel Leonard,

I wish to express my concern as a citizen and business owner regarding the proposed flood wall along the Central Canal of Indianapolis. My residence, 5252 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis IN 46208, is located within 1.5 city blocks of the proposed location. I am opposed to the flood wall construction for the following objects:

- Health and safety of Rocky Ripple residents;
- Clearing of trees along Westfield Blvd and the Central Canal;
- Clearing of trees along Holcomb Gardens;
- Butler University's Athletic Fields, Central Canal and Holcomb would likely be destroyed in a flood b/c they are behind the wall. Holcomb Gardens is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Place. The portion of the Central Canal in Butler-Tarkington is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- The proposed design would pose a threat to city water supply if there were a flood. The City of Indianapolis acquires 60% of its water from the Central Canal. A flood could wash away the banks of the Central Canal and destroy it permanently or seriously contaminate the water.
- The floodgate position and design would require a valve on at least one sewer line. In the event of a flood, sewers could back up into an estimated 5,000 neighborhood homes.
- A wall would prevent visual line-of-sight security for people using the tow path behind the wall.
- A wall would alter the aesthetic quality of the area and walls tend to collect trash and serve as canvasses for graffiti.
- If the project were done as proposed, there is no guarantee that flood insurance requirements for some properties would be removed or reduced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA must certify the

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entire project and portions of the project in Warleigh and Broad Ripple do not currently meet the requirements.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your loyalty. We appreciate you.

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RE: Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project, White River (North), Phase III

Dear Colonel Leonard:

I am writing to express my concern and opinions regarding the above-named Project. I live in Rocky Ripple, Indiana.

I AM OPPOSED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY OF THE THREE ALIGNMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE CORPS' DSEIS PUBLISHED JUNE, 2012.

THE ROCKY RIPPLE ALIGNMENT TAKES HOMES, WHICH I OPPOSE.

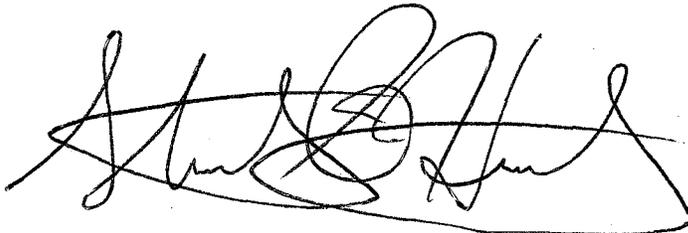
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AS A TAX-PAYING CITIZEN, I EXPECT THE SAME LEVEL OF FLOOD PROTECTION AS ANY OTHER TAX-PAYING CITIZEN WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT. I URGE THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, AND MY STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATORS TO FIND A FLOOD PROTECTION SOLUTION THAT WILL INCLUDE AND PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY IN ALL AFFECTED COMMUNITIES, WITHOUT THE FORCED TAKING OF ANY HOMES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart Hunter
5228 Crown Street
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Dear Michael Turner,

I am a resident of Rocky Ripple in Indianapolis, Indiana. This letter is in reference to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Indianapolis, White River (North), IN Flood Damage Reduction Project Phase 3B. Any proposed construction of a flood wall anywhere other than the Rocky Ripple alignment should be stopped. The Corp of Engineers' own documents support the Rocky Ripple alignment as the best option for flood control for all concerns.

The Rocky Ripple Alignment was the original alignment of the flood wall proposed by the Corps of Engineers 20 years ago, for good reason. That plan would reinforce the existing earthen levee, providing 100 year flood protection for Rocky Ripple as well as the Canal and adjoining neighborhoods without removing any homes and without extensive damage to habitat. Now, however, this project has grown from a 100 year project to a 300 year project, all without any opportunity for those of us who live here to see any details of cost versus benefit of the expanded project.

At the public comment meeting we heard talk of "cost versus benefit", yet none of your documents actually detail any of the costs or benefits with a line item budget. Your documents throw out big general numbers and terms-- \$14 million, \$35 million, 100 year, 300 year—with no details as to how these numbers are derived or the benefits of one plan versus another. Your documents propose additional tree removal as if those trees had no value as habitat and recreational areas. The true cost of their removal versus the theoretical "benefit" of an additional 200 years of flood protection should be weighed by the people who live here, who will have to live with the finished project. These are OUR homes, OUR neighborhoods, OUR trees and habitat, and OUR tax dollars. When this project is competed you will collect your money and go home to Louisville, leaving Rocky Ripple to drown while our neighbors that are left stare at a concrete bunker with a swamp behind it for 300 years. In over 2 hours at the public comment meeting not one person spoke in favor of the proposed alignment. \$14 million for a project no one wants is a waste of \$14 million of OUR money.

I respectfully request that you consider the 100 year flood plan, Rocky Ripple Alignment for the Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project, White River (North), Phase IIIB.

Respectfully,



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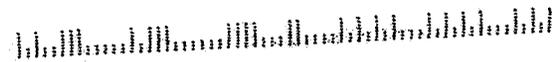
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Thank you for your support.

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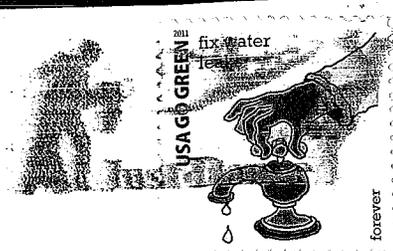
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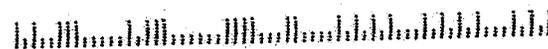
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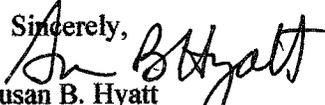
As a resident of the community of Rocky Ripple in Indianapolis, I am glad for this opportunity to send you my reactions to the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Indianapolis, White River (North), IN Flood Damage Reduction Project Phase 3B. These plans all cause me great alarm—indeed, if implemented, each of them would have a devastating impact on the quality of life in a community that I, like so many others, have come to love.

The Rocky Ripple alignment proposes 300-year floodwall protection along the White River around our community and requires removal of many river houses. I realize that since Hurricane Katrina, the Army Corps is concerned that levees meet a new minimum standard but surely your scientists must recognize that the White River, a waterway that is not even navigable, does not pose the same kind of threat as the Mississippi River does. Surely, ways can be found to mitigate the possibility of flooding that does not involve destroying our neighbors' houses!

The Westfield Alignment proposes a wall along Westfield Boulevard and the canal; it offers no flood protection to our community and it walls Rocky Ripple into the flood plain. My house is on 52nd St. which, in the event of a high water event, would be sandbagged off with residents and emergency vehicles unable to travel in or out of the neighborhood. This is truly a frightening prospect! The Westfield Alignment would actually create the possibility of a Hurricane Katrina type episode where none exists now. Even if some of us were able to evacuate before 52nd and 53rd Streets were closed off, many of us have pets. There are also many senior citizens in our neighborhood who would quite possibly be trapped.

The third option, the 56th Street Alignment proposes a wall along 56th Street, affecting the 56th and Illinois Street business corridors and, furthermore, it offers no flood protection to our community. It is hard to believe that the ACE cannot come up with a plan that will provide flood protection for a community that is nestled along a non-navigable and relatively narrow river. Indianapolis is not subject to hurricanes or to the kinds of weather events that made the below-sea-level communities along the Gulf of Mexico so vulnerable. We do need some flood protection for the entire community but certainly not at the expense of walling us all off from the rest of the city, needlessly demolishing neighbors' houses, or destroying our local commercial thoroughfares. We hope you will return to the drawing board with some new plans that will serve everyone's interests and that will not compromise the well-being of a thriving and unusual neighborhood.

Sincerely,


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Resident of Rocky Ripple

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William Michael Turner

The Indianapolis North flood Damage Reduction Project (North) Phase III

If the flood wall is put on the canal and the river floods the residents of Rocky Ripple & the Tarkington area would have a significant lost of homes and maybe human life's. If I was responsible for that I don't know how I could sleep at night or any other time. And don't thank you wouldn't get blamed for it locally and nationally. Apparently someone has not thought this through or is just worried about saving money ether way its just stupid. Put yourself as a resident of this area and thank about it. I don't see How you will explain this was a good decision for these people???

It only makes since to put a flood wall where it floods close to the river.

Concerned 30 year Rocky Ripple Resident

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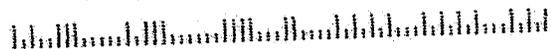
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LOUISVILLE, KY 40201

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you today on behalf of myself, and my family, regarding the Army Corps of Engineers proposed White River-Indianapolis North Flood Damage Reduction Project Phase III.

I had my home built in the community of Rocky Ripple, IN. in 1957, at 5101 Crown St. My wife and I raised three children in this house, and it is sincerely dear to us. We are currently retired, living on a set income of retirement and Social Security. Our intentions are to keep this home in the family for our future generations.

After reviewing your latest plans for alignment in the flood levee around my home and community of Rocky Ripple, I feel my home and community will not be properly protected. If your current alignment comes to fruition, the levee will be built from 56th and Westfield to the area just West of the Butler University main campus. In the time of flooding, this would leave my home and community in a perilous situation. Your plan would require my family to vacate our home with a one to five day notice, at which time the only two bridges that allow access to my home and community would be blocked off.

How would you guarantee everyone would be evacuated? How would you co-ordinate this with local officials and government, say, in a one day notice? How would my family afford the "relocating expenses" of your current plan? How long would my family be "out" of their home? We believe this is an unnecessary burden on us, since the levee could be built to protect this home and community.

We have always felt the Army Corps of Engineers is in the business of "Protecting Citizens" from this kind of disaster. By looking at the flood plain and proposed levees/alignment you will be protecting some homes, and yet, leaving others exposed. Can't you protect them all?

If it's a matter of cost, again, consider families on a set income, property values, possible destruction of homes. How would this compare to a levee that could stop this from happening?

I pray you will reconsider your current plans.

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Lois June Boggs

August 17, 2012