

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:22 PM
To: David Ridderhof
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Vote No on Ord#2016-217 Reedy Creek Stream "restoration"

Hi David,

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Thank you again for your message.

Sincerely,
Parker C. Agelasto
Richmond City Council, 5th District

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-----Original Message-----

From: David Ridderhof [mailto:dridderhof1@verizon.net]
Sent: Wed 9/14/2016 6:59 AM
To: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Subject: Vote No on Ord#2016-217 Reedy Creek Stream "restoration"

Councilman Agelasto,

Regarding Ord. # 2016-217, scheduled to be voted on Sept 26, I urge you to vote "no". To destroy one of the last remaining unspoiled stretches of Reedy Creek in the name of "Restoration", is wrong on a number of levels. To clear cut a forest of mature trees, with no plans or funds in this act to maintain what will replace it, (in a city that struggles to maintain other similar projects) this looks to be an ecological crime to me.

The science and just plain common sense debunks any reasoning for going forward with a project like this, that once done, cannot be reversed. Please visit the Reedy Creek Coalition website and read for yourself.

<https://reedycreekcoalition.org/stop-the-stream-restoration-2/>
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Thank you,
David Ridderhof
Woodland Heights resident

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:22 PM
To: Sara Camara-Cain
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: NO on ORD 2016-217

Dear Sara,

Thank you for your message in opposition to the plan for Reedy Creek and the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) grant that is covered in Ordinance No. 2016-217. The ordinance was introduced on Monday, September 12, and is being sent to the Planning Commission for further review and recommendation prior to its return to City Council. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 19. However, they have not published their agenda as yet. You can track the ordinance through the public hearing process and provide written comments to the Planning Commission. I have copied Lory Markham, Secretary to the Planning Commission, so she has your comments. As a hearing becomes scheduled that includes public comment period, I will let folks know how and when to participate.

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From: Sara Camara-Cain [mailto:saralain.camara@gmail.com]
Sent: Wed 9/14/2016 8:49 AM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Wong, Yueh (Eli) H. - City Council Liaison; Samuels, Charles R. - Council Member; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Liaison; Hilbert, Chris A. - Council Member; Townes, Lisa F. - City Council Liaison; Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; Stokes, Kiya A. - City Council Liaison; Newbille, Cynthia I. - Council Member; Patterson, Samuel - City Council Liaison; Trammell, Reva M. - Council Member; Bishop, Richard K. - City Council Liaison; Mosby, Michelle R. - Council Member; Harris, Uzziah A. - City Council Office
Subject: NO on ORD 2016-217

I vote for NO restoration at reedy creek.

Te sending this to change the subject

Thank you!

Sara

Sara

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Judy Seibel
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Ord No 2016-217

Dear Ms. Seibel,

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From: Judy Seibel [mailto:judy.seibel@gmail.com]
Sent: Wed 9/14/2016 9:26 AM
To: Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office
Subject: Ord No 2016-217

Please vote "No" for accepting funds for the Reedy Creek project. I believe this doesn't resolve the problem at the root cause and we don't have a full understanding of the plans' long term impact.

Judy Seibel
1003 Taylor Ave
Sent from my iPhone

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Nancy Rose
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Please Vote No on Ordinance Number 2016 217

Dear Ms. Rose,

Thank you for your message in opposition to the plan for Reedy Creek and the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) grant that is covered in Ordinance No. 2016-217. The ordinance was introduced on Monday, September 12, and is being sent to the Planning Commission for further review and recommendation prior to its return to City Council. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 19. However, they have not published their agenda as yet. You can track the ordinance through the public hearing process and provide written comments to the Planning Commission. I have copied Lory Markham, Secretary to the Planning Commission, so she has your comments. As a hearing becomes scheduled that includes public comment period, I will let folks know how and when to participate.

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From: Nancy Rose [mailto:nancyroseb@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wed 9/14/2016 11:30 AM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Wong, Yueh (Eli) H. - City Council Liaison; Samuels, Charles R. - Council Member; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Liaison; Hilbert, Chris A. - Council Member; Townes, Lisa F. - City Council Liaison; Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; Stokes, Kiya A. - City Council Liaison; Newbille, Cynthia I. - Council Member; Patterson, Samuel - City Council Liaison; Trammell, Reva M. - Council Member; Bishop, Richard K. - City Council Liaison; Mosby, Michelle R. - Council Member; Harris, Uzziah A. - City Council Office
Subject: Please Vote No on Ordinance Number 2016 217

To the above listed members of Richmond City Government, I am a Chesterfield County resident who often shops and does business in the city of Richmond. I also play and enjoy daily the benefits of all our area parks and wild spaces. I am fortunate to have many friends who live

in the Reedy Creek area and I am well aware of the controversy surrounding Ordinance #2016-217.

Please vote "No" on this Ordinance. Much further research needs to be done on viable options for this area. The current solutions will not fix the issue and will most likely create new ones. More time and additional research by experts needs to be conducted.
Thank you, Nancy Rose
Chesterfield County

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:18 PM
To: Adrienne Cummins
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Reedy Creek Steam Relocation - Please SAVE OUR STREAM

Dear Ms. Cummins,

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From: Adrienne Cummins [mailto:adrienne.cummins@gmail.com]
Sent: Wed 9/14/2016 3:04 PM
To: Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office
Subject: Reedy Creek Steam Relocation - Please SAVE OUR STREAM

As a resident of the City of Richmond, in the neighborhood of Reedy Creek for the past 12 years, I urge you to please vote "NO" on Order No. 2016-217.

Thank you,

Adrienne Cummins
4032 Northrop Street
Richmond, VA
'804-231-2142

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:14 PM
To: David Fahey
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Reedy Creek deforstation

Dear Mr. Fahey,

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From: David Fahey [mailto:mrfahey@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wed 9/14/2016 12:38 PM
To: Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Subject: Reedy Creek deforstation

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David Fahey

211 Bland St

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:22 PM
To: John Evens
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Ord. No. 2016-217 Reedy Creek

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Evens [mailto:evensjw@gmail.com]
Sent: Tue 9/13/2016 11:24 PM
To: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Subject: Ord. No. 2016-217 Reedy Creek

Dear Councilman Agelasto,

I would really appreciate if you would vote NO to Ord. No. 2016-217, regarding the funds intended for the Reedy Creek project. The Reedy Creek coalition has thoroughly explained the shortcomings of the plan, which will provide little long term benefit while causing significant disruption to the natural area. Please take the advice of the group that knows this creek the best.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Evens

605 W 28th St.

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 3:24 PM
To: Emily Faye
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: NO on ORD 2016-217

Dear Ms. Faye,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Faye [mailto:emilynoy@icloud.com]
Sent: Tue 9/13/2016 10:33 PM
To: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Subject: NO on ORD 2016-217

Parker Agelasto,

Good evening, I am resident of the 4th district and live in the Forest Hill neighborhood. I am writing to urge you to vote NO on ORD 2016-217. This ordinance will allow \$635,000 to be used to destroy the Reedy Creek and clear cut 7.4 acres of mature trees in the Forest Hill neighborhood. The DPU still has no plan for maintenance of this "restoration". They did no stream assessment and explored no real alternatives to getting TMDL credits. Please do not allow them to do this to our neighborhood. The area was selected simply because it was city land and no easements were needed. The Reedy Creek Coalition is against this project and the signs are all over the neighborhood, up and down Forest Hill show where the residents stand on this.

Thank you for your time and once please vote NO on ORD 2016-217 and urge your colleagues to vote no as well,

Emily Faye
804-677-6502
Sent from my iPhone

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: CYNTHIA MASHBURN [cmashburn@icloud.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 11:01 PM
To: Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Subject: DPU'S PROPOSED PROJECT FOR REEDY CREEK

Good evening. This is quick note to voice my concerns about DPU's proposed rechannelization of a portion of Reedy Creek that has a natural stream bed connected to a flood plain, running through the midst of a mature forest of native trees, shrubs and forms.

This plan would cost the city more than half-a-million dollars just to match the state-funded grant. There is no cost added for the needed maintenance . All those new plantings will require frequent watering. Invasives such as English ivy and kudzu will move into the cleared land and threaten the new plantings. (Kudzu is already present in the area.) Will the maintenance be funded or neglected as other areas of this cash-starved city are being neglected? Surely it will be the later.

The loss in terms of forest canopy, wildlife habitat, and hiking paths are immense. People are moving to Richmond just for this quality of life. Deforestation of 7 acres, over 400 mature, native trees. This would take generations to restore and would probably never be achieved.

Instead, why not clean out the forebay of Forest Hill lake, as was promised when the lake was dredged? This would help met the TMDL's the city needs to meet.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope to be able to discuss this with you in person.

Cynthia Mashburn
801 W 49th Street
Richmond VA 23225
(804) 399-1667

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

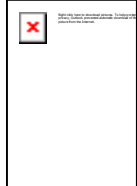
From: Fahey, David [david_fahey@collegiate-va.org]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 9:22 AM
To: Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Subject: Reedy Creek

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David Fahey
211 Bland St

David Fahey
AP Biology Teacher



Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 9:47 AM
To: Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Cc: carolynpaulette4312@gmail.com; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Subject: FW: Monday, vote against the Reedy Creek Stream Relocation

Lory,

Please add this to the letters of opposition for Ord. No. 20176-217.

Thank you,
Amy

From: Carolyn Paulette [<mailto:carolynpaulette4312@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 11:14 PM
To: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office
Subject: Fwd: Monday, vote against the Reedy Creek Stream Relocation

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Carolyn Paulette <carolynpaulette4312@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Sep 15, 2016 at 11:11 PM
Subject: Monday, vote against the Reedy Creek Stream Relocation
To: egreenfield@rarealtors.com, ellen.robertson@richmondgov.com, selena.cuffee-glenn@richmondgov.com, Vivek Murthy <murthyvg@gmail.com>, Max Hepp-Buchanan <Max.hepp.buchanan@gmail.com>, dave@johannasdesign.com, lawmanchem@yahoo.com, Jackthompson1@verizon.net, rpooleadop@aol.com

Commission Members:

Please vote “No” to Ordinance 2016-217 which requests Council to approve \$635,000 from the state to fund the Reedy Creek Stream Relocation project. The current plan will not fix the pollution and storm water volume in Reedy Creek, but will cause even more problems by destroying 7.4 acres of stream and trees at the center of a 40 acre passive forest in Crooked Branch Ravine Park. The mature tree canopy reduces storm water volume which makes this section of Reedy Creek one of the healthiest areas in the stream. The construction process will destroy over 424 trees in order to bring in heavy equipment and to provide a staging area for construction materials and for trash accumulated when the new stream bed is dug south of the present creek bed.

Reedy Creek lies within the boundary of the Forest Hill Historic District. The urban forest along the creek has contributed to the “country in the city” feeling of living in Forest Hill for over 100 years. Destruction of this section of Reedy Creek and 424 trees in Crooked Branch Ravine Park to relocate a stream, is a risk the City should avoid--especially, if their main goal is to satisfy required EPA points.

Please plan a study of Reedy Creek to determine if less intrusive alternatives are available that will reduce storm water volume and its consequent pollutants: sediment, nitrates, and phosphates—a study that will save this little pocket of wild nature in Forest Hill. Please consider water retention basins, rain gardens, urban forests, reduction of fertilizers on lawns, and the removal of the concrete channels west of Forest Hill on Reedy Creek.

Please listen to Forest Hill residents.

Carolyn Paulette, 232-6644

Chair, Forest Hill Historic Designation
Committee
Neighborhood Association Board
Secretary, Friends of Forest Hill Park

Member, Forest Hill

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Reedy Creek Coalition [reedycreekcoalition@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 9:55 AM
To: Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; max@sportsbackers.org; egreenfield@rarealtors.com; Cuffee-Glenn, Selena - CAO; rpooleadop@aol.com; jthompson@richmondhabitat.org; vmurthy@luckcompanies.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com; dave@johannasdesign.com
Cc: Markham, Lory P. - PDR; SUZETTE LYON; Bill Shanabruch
Subject: Proposed Reedy Creek Stream Relocation
Attachments: Concerns with the Proposed Reedy Creek Relocation Final.docx

Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

After months of deliberation last year, the Reedy Creek Coalition took a public position against the proposed stream relocations on Reedy Creek and Crooked Branch. That position was not taken lightly and it is the only time we have opposed a city project in our watershed. We have attached a brief one page summary of our major concerns with the project and we urge you to visit our website for more detailed reasoning.

Our members have been active in water monitoring, stream clean-ups, invasive plant removal, community education about stormwater issues, riparian tree planting, and implementation of best management practices (e.g. Bayscapes, rain gardens) on both public and private property. In addition, our monitoring program has involved walking most of Reedy Creek and its tributaries and included an evaluation of bank erosion, quality of aquatic habitat, and riparian conditions. Our opposition is based on extensive knowledge about our own watershed as well as research into how other communities use stream restoration and comprehensive planning to solve the problems caused by polluted runoff.

We invite you to learn more about the Reedy Creek watershed and the proposed project by taking a tour of Crooked Branch Ravine Park with us. We are happy to arrange multiple tours to fit individual schedules. We believe it is essential that any member of local government voting on the proposed Reedy Creek project fully understand its true impact on people and natural resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Suzette Lyon, Reedy Creek Coalition Steering Committee
Bill Shanabruch, Reedy Creek Coalition Steering Committee

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Reedy Creek Coalition

Website: www.reedycreekcoalition.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/reedycreekcoalition

[Link to Petition Opposing the Stream Restoration](#)

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Anne Moss Shelton [am-sanne@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 11:08 AM
To: Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; max@sportsbackers.org; egreenfield@rarealtors.com; Cuffee-Glenn, Selena - CAO; rpooleadop@aol.com; jthompson@richmondhabitat.org; vmurthy@luckcompanies.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com; dave@johannasdesign.com; Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Cc: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; 'Suzette Lyon'; 'Bill Shanabruch'
Subject: Ordinance 2016-217 Reedy Creek Restoration

Members of the Planning Commission

On this very short notice of Ordinance 2016-217 Reedy Creek Stream Restoration, I am writing to ask you to please look into this project more thoroughly than the information posted this morning. First, this is NOT a stream “restoration” but rather a stream RELOCATION. There is a big difference. Of my many concerns about this project, here are just a few:

Deforestation – Over 400 trees of 6” diameter and more will be cut down so construction crews can reach the property

Tree canopy in the construction area will be destroyed leaving 7 acres vulnerable to rain event wash. Will take decades for trees/plants to grow.

Natural habitat will be destroyed. Birds, animals, plants etc.

Trees absorb water before it ever gets to the creek. New trees will require watering, who will do that?

Maintenance – I don’t see any future \$\$ budgeted for maintenance of the “restored” Creeks – Reedy and Crooked Branch

Taxpayer Dollars with no prior public engagement ---\$1,300,000 taxpayer dollars - \$653,000 DEQ and \$653,000 City of Richmond

By now, I suspect you realize there are many more reasons and I hopeful you will have the time to learn more about this project.

I am a life resident of Richmond, first 42 years one block from Reedy Creek (where I played for hours upon hours as a child) and now 38 years one block from the James River. I just cannot understand this destruction. There are other ways to get TMDL credits. Let’s look into those.

Thank you.

Anne Moss Shelton
1917 Southcliff Road
Richmond, VA 23225
804-690-5023 cell

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: T-Bone [timfratar@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2016 12:57 PM
To: Wong, Yueh (Eli) H. - City Council Liaison
Subject: Reedy Creek Boondoggle

Please add my name to the taxpayers opposed to the Reedy Creek Boondoggle. Yet another inept waste of taxpayer's money at a time when we don't have money to waste. I ask of you to veto, kill, or do whatever it takes to stop this wrong headed approach to "stream restoration".

Sincerely

Tim Fratarcangelo
D&S Properties LLc
5531 Forest Hill Ave
Richmond VA. 23225
804-873-3864

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: M S Auman [msauman@live.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2016 8:04 AM
To: Wong, Yueh (Eli) H. - City Council Liaison; Samuels, Charles R. - Council Member; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Liaison; Hilbert, Chris A. - Council Member; Townes, Lisa F. - City Council Liaison; Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; Stokes, Kiya A. - City Council Liaison; Newbille, Cynthia I. - Council Member; Patterson, Samuel - City Council Liaison; Trammell, Reva M. - Council Member; Bishop, Richard K. - City Council Liaison; Mosby, Michelle R. - Council Member; Harris, Uzziah A. - City Council Office; rpooleadop@aol.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com; murthyvg@gmail.com; vmurthy@luckcompanies.com; Max.hepp.buchanan@gmail.com; max@sportsbackers.org; dave@johannasdesign.com; egreenfield@rarealtors.com; Jackthompson1@verizon.net; jthompson@richmondhabitat.org; Cuffee-Glenn, Selena - CAO; Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Subject: OPPOSED to Reedy Creek Project

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Do not approve funding for this project. Do not approve this project. It is harmful to our city, and a waste of money that surely is needed elsewhere for a beneficial project.

Susan Auman
4th District resident
Forest Hill Park area

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: David Ridderhof [dridderhof1@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2016 7:44 AM
To: Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Subject: Reedy Creek "restoration" before Planning Commission

Ms. Markham,

In the description of the Planning Commission's responsibilities, it states that following the Master Plan is the primary guide in determining courses of action taken by the City of Richmond. In the case of Ordinance 2016-217 for which the Commission will be considering Sept 19 regarding the fate of Reedy Creek, the city has deviated from its own plan as spelled out in a 2012 document costing several thousand dollars titled "Reedy Creek Watershed Plan", which calls for doing a stream wide assessment to determine the best course of action in dealing with stream restoration issues. This stream wide assessment was never done. Therefore, on this basis alone, the Planning Commission should reject this ordinance as not meeting the criteria the city itself has spelled out.

Thank you,
David Ridderhof, concerned Richmond residen

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Carol Ridderhof [cridderhof1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 7:57 PM
To: Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; max@sportsbackers.org; egreenfield@rarealtors.com; Cuffee-Glenn, Selena - CAO; rpooleadop@aol.com; jthompson@richmondhabitat.org; vmurthy@luckcompanies.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com; dave@johannasdesign.com; SUZETTE LYON; Bill Shanabruch; Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Cc: ReedyCreekLeaders@googlegroups.com
Subject: Proposed Reedy Creek Stream Restoration

Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the Reedy Creek Stream Restoration Project, Ordinance 2016-217. Before a decision is made, please take time to visit the proposed site or at the least visit the Reedy Creek Coalition website. I believe the opposition to the project is based in scientific fact, whereas the Cities proposal is the "easy way out" and does nothing to address the problems with Reedy Creek.

A project that calls for the destruction of a mature hardwood forest and ecosystem is wrong. Wrong for Reedy Creek, wrong for Forest Hill Park, wrong for the James River and lastly wrong for the Chesapeake Bay.

Thank-you for your consideration of this matter, Carol Ridderhof, Resident of Richmond Sent from my iPad

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Catherine Harold [catherine.harold@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 6:01 PM
To: rpooleadop@aol.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com; Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; murthyvg@gmail.com; vmurthy@luckcompanies.com; Max.hepp.buchanan@gmail.com; max@sportsbackers.org; dave@johannasdesign.com; egreenfield@rarealtors.com; Jackthompson1@verizon.net; jthompson@richmondhabitat.org; Cuffee-Glenn, Selena - CAO; Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Cc: Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; kristenrva@gmail.com; info@jackberryformayor.com
Subject: 3000 ft Reedy Creek Proposed Channelization

Dear Planning Commission Members:

RE: Ordinance 2016-217 Reedy Creek Stream Restoration

I just learned that the Planning Commission will be reviewing Ordinance 2016-217 (Reedy Creek Stream Restoration) on this coming Monday and writing to urge you to vote against this measure or at the very least, delay it and conduct a public hearing on the matter. The title of the project first of all is misleading as is not stream restoration. It is in fact, a complete relocation of 3,000 feet of stream channel. A very major channel subject to extreme flooding events.

There are several viable and far less costly alternatives to this project would benefit the water quality in Reedy Creek, the James River and Chesapeake Bay. The project as proposed will not limit stormwater discharges either in terms of quantity or quality. In addition, it will cause much destruction in the immediate environs as well as downstream. The area of proposed work is a mature hardwood stand offering its own water quality protections and a rich diversity of habitat structure. I am concerned that the City will not be able to address a catastrophic event during construction or even long-term failure. No bonding mechanism is proposed or in place to bare the expense of such a failure.

The City has prepared a watershed stormwater plan for Reedy Creek a few years ago, which includes several smaller projects, including low impact stormwater projects, whereby water is intercepted and retained onsite before reaching the stream channel. However, the Reedy Creek project was not included in that watershed plan. Numerous studies document that stormwater planning should be a process involving the entire watershed. Small runoff catchments distributed across the upper watershed of any river basin are far more effective as a stormwater control and far less costly to construct and maintain. Such features can also function as a landscaping or recreational amenity. The downstream lake in Forest Hill Park, which functionally serves as a regional stormwater basin, was cleaned out and reconstructed with a forebay about 8 years ago, but has never been maintained as it should be. This would be another option for achieving improved stormwater quantity and quality in the watershed. Because it hasn't been maintained, the lake has no capacity to accept additional loadings of sediment and associated pollutants that are coming to it now, much less the inevitable increase in sediment and discharges that will come from the construction runoff, the channel erosion post-construction (as the stream tries to make its own adjustments), or a possible catastrophic failure (during or following construction).

I speak from over 30 years of experience in the science and engineering of streams, stormwater and wetlands and also writing as a concerned citizen regarding the direction the City is going with regard to stream projects. I am including my City Council representative, Kathy Graziano, on this email as well as Tim Grimes and Kristen Larson, candidates in the 4th District, and Jack Berry a mayoral candidate. I wish to thank you for considering my comments and would very much appreciate a reply.

Catherine Harold
7403 Comanche Drive
Richmond, VA 23225

(804)330-7406 h
(804)314-1407 c

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 3:42 PM
To: Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Cc: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Subject: FW: Please Oppose Reedy Creek Storm Restoration Project ORD. NO. 2016-17

Please add this letter to the letters of opposition.

From: Sylvia Gale [<mailto:sylviagale@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office
Subject: Please Oppose Reedy Creek Storm Restoration Project ORD. NO. 2016-17

Dear Councilperson Agelasto,

I am writing to express my concern over the Reedy Creek "Restoration" project being proposed by the City (introduced as ORD NO. 2016-17). For the reasons I list below, among others, I hope you will vote against the use of funds for this ill-conceived plan. I realize it is unusual to vote NOT to accept funds already allocated from the state. In this case, however, "no" is the responsible vote. **This project will be a waste of both state and local funds for these reasons:**

1. The proposed stream restoration will do little for local water quality or the Chesapeake Bay. If the goal is to improve the Chesapeake Bay, then let's focus on dredging the lake which is collecting sediment and nutrients from nearly all of Reedy Creek.
2. The stream restoration installed over 18 months ago on Albro Creek (tributary of Goode Creek located behind the new Bellmeade-Oak Grove Elementary School) is in poor condition. There is no reason for confidence that the city will oversee proper installation and maintenance of the Reedy Creek project. In addition, the city has no viable maintenance plan to insure the new trees and other plantings will survive. Trees at the Albro Creek stream restoration project died for lack of water. And invasive plants will constantly threaten the new vegetation. The City has mentioned using volunteers to remove invasive plants. Anyone who has participated in invasive plant removal and is familiar with the scope of the problem in Crooked Branch Ravine Park knows this is impossible. It will be very costly to keep over 7 acres of cleared land free of invasive plants. It would be wiser to address the source of the problem (stormwater volume) instead of the symptom (eroding banks).
3. The proposed site is among the most inaccessible sites along Reedy Creek. If any part of the stream restoration becomes damaged and requires heavy equipment, it will result in damage to significant sections of the new plantings. The costs of maintenance on this site will be much higher than on a stream restoration site with better access.
4. One of the roles of the Parks Department is to protect and enhance our recreational spaces. There is no way to reconcile this role with destruction of several acres of passive recreation park land for such a dubious project. For each of the 424 mature trees that will be removed, there will be several smaller trees and shrubs removed that could be anywhere from 1 – 30 years old. And there are small, understory species (redbud, dogwood, sweet pepperbush, blueberry) that will be removed that would never meet the criterion for a large tree. The true number of total trees/shrubs to be removed will probably be in the neighborhood of 1,500 – 2,000.

Major projects such as a stream restoration should not be undertaken until there is a comprehensive watershed plan. The last watershed plan for Reedy Creek (2012) makes no specific mention of a stream restoration project anywhere on Reedy Creek. The first step in site selection for a stream restoration is to perform a stream condition assessment – a study that the City has never undertaken.

Please take a stand against this project. It is not a responsible use of funds and it does not represent good stewardship. At the very least, the Army Corps of Engineers should hold public hearings before this project is allowed to go any further. As you can see simply by driving through the Forest Hill area and surrounding neighborhoods, where signs protesting the proposal are proliferating, citizens of Richmond are rightly concerned about this project.

Thank you for your attention and concern in return.

Sincerely,
Dr. Sylvia Gale
4030 Northrop Street
Richmond, VA 23225

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 8:13 AM
To: msauman@live.com
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: FW: OPPOSED to Reedy Creek Project

-----Original Message-----

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Mon 9/19/2016 7:34 AM
To: M S Auman
Subject: RE: OPPOSED to Reedy Creek Project

Dear Ms. Auman,

I thank you for taking the time to share your message of opposition to the plan for Reedy Creek and the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund grant that is covered in Ordinance No. 2016-217. The ordinance is scheduled to be on the Planning Commission agenda TODAY, September 19. You can track the ordinance through the public hearing process and provide written comments to the Planning Commission. I have copied Lory Markham, Secretary to the Planning Commission, so she has your comments. As a City Council hearing becomes scheduled that includes public comment period, I will let folks know how and when to participate.

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Sincerely,
Parker C. Agelasto
Richmond City Council, 5th District

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Sent: Sat 9/17/2016 8:04 AM
To: Wong, Yueh (Eli) H. - City Council Liaison; Samuels, Charles R. - Council Member; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Liaison; Hilbert, Chris A. - Council Member; Townes, Lisa F. - City Council Liaison; Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; Stokes, Kiya A. - City Council Liaison; Newbille, Cynthia I. - Council Member; Patterson, Samuel - City Council Liaison; Trammell, Reva M. - Council Member; Bishop, Richard K. - City Council Liaison; Mosby, Michelle R. - Council Member; Harris, Uzziah A. - City Council Office; rpooleadop@aol.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com;

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Susan Auman

4th District resident

Forest Hill Park area

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 8:12 AM
To: Pixie
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: NO to Reedy Creek

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-----Original Message-----

From: Pixie [<mailto:pahamilt@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thu 9/15/2016 10:11 AM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Wong, Yueh (Eli) H. - City Council Liaison; Samuels, Charles R. - Council Member; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Liaison; Hilbert, Chris A. - Council Member; Townes, Lisa F. - City Council Liaison; Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; Stokes, Kiya A. - City Council Liaison; Newbille, Cynthia I. - Council Member; Patterson, Samuel - City Council Liaison; Trammell, Reva M. - Council Member; Bishop, Richard K. - City Council Liaison; Mosby, Michelle R. - Council Member; Harris, Uzziah A. - City Council Office
Cc: Pixie Hamilton
Subject: NO to Reedy Creek

Please accept my strong vote NO to Reedy Creek!

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Robert S Argabright II [rargabright@me.com]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 7:59 AM
To: Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Subject: Reedy Creek

I ask you to vote NO on the proposed Reedy Creek stream restoration project , City Ordinance 2016-217. This is an ill conceived plan that will do more harm than good to our watershed. It will not improve our stream quality but degrade the quality. In 2103 the City was involved in a stream restoration project at Albro Creek which is in the Bellemeade Park. After investing \$175,000.00 the project has been a complete failure and there seems to be plan to correct the situation. This was a simple and straight forward problem with our creek . The Reedy Creek project is far more complex . My concern is that if the Bellemedae project can nat be used as an illustration of how the City can successfully complete a project that has actually improved the stream quality ,Then why should anyone feel confident of their ability to successfully complete the Reedy Creek project???

Listen to the knowledgeable voices that oppose this project. VOTE NO

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 7:34 AM
To: Grant Hunnicutt
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Reedy Creek Resident

Dear Mr. Hunnicutt,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Grant Hunnicutt [<mailto:granthunnicutt@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sat 9/17/2016 3:05 PM
To: Wong, Yueh (Eli) H. - City Council Liaison; Samuels, Charles R. - Council Member; Bieber, Craig K. - City Council Liaison; Hilbert, Chris A. - Council Member; Townes, Lisa F. - City Council Liaison; Graziano, Kathy C. - Council Member; Grimes, Timothy E. - City Council Liaison; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; Stokes, Kiya A. - City Council Liaison; Newbille, Cynthia I. - Council Member; Patterson, Samuel - City Council Liaison; Trammell, Reva M. - Council Member; Bishop, Richard K. - City Council Liaison; Mosby, Michelle R. - Council Member; Harris, Uzziah A. - City Council Office; rpooleadop@aol.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com; murthyvg@gmail.com; vmurthy@luckcompanies.com; Max.hepp.buchanan@gmail.com; max@sportsbackers.org; dave@johannasdesign.com; egreenfield@rarealtors.com; Jackthompson1@verizon.net; jthompson@richmondhabitat.org
Subject: Reedy Creek Resident

Dear City Officials,

I am a resident at 44th and Reedy Ave and I cannot figure out why the so called "Reedy Creek Restoration" is being considered. To me it seems like it is an attempt to fix the symptom,

not the problem. Please do not destroy the forest behind my house so you can take the easy way out. I just had a baby girl this past summer and I would like to be able to take her down to the creek and see the old growth trees and enjoy the rare natural beauty within city limits. I do not want to have to tell her that our creek and forest was destroyed by our very own city officials.

I have attached a picture of what the medians on Midlothian Turnpike look like in Richmond compared to Chesterfield, in case have not noticed. We need less concrete drain hoods and more permeable bio retention areas for run off. This was a lost opportunity when the Midlothian Turnpike area in Richmond was re-done.

Thank you for your time, and I will pray that you make the right decision.

Sincerely,
Grant Hunnicutt

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 7:22 AM
To: Robin Ruth
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Reedy Creek Coalition Opposition to Proposed Project on Reedy Creek

Dear Mrs. Ruth,

Thank you for resending your message from earlier this summer. It was nice to talk with you about Reedy Creek as I walked the neighborhood. Residents and specialists knowledgeable about effective stream restoration work have made their concerns known about Reedy Creek for more than a year. I thank you for taking the time to share your own thoughts in opposition to the plan for Reedy Creek and the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund grant that is covered in Ordinance No. 2016-217. The ordinance is scheduled to be on the Planning Commission agenda on TODAY, September 19. You can track the ordinance through the public hearing process and provide written comments to the Planning Commission. I have copied Lory Markham, Secretary to the Planning Commission, so she has your comments. As a City Council hearing becomes scheduled that includes public comment period, I will let folks know how and when to participate.

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I have been communicating with your neighbor Suzette Lyon for the past few years. However, I recently discovered an article about the value that forests provide for stormwater and TMDL. Please take a look at the link below.

Sincerely,
Parker C. Agelasto
Richmond City Council, 5th District

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http://www.bayjournal.com/article/crediting_land_conservation_toward_bay_cleanup_goals_gains_traction

-----Original Message-----

From: Robin Ruth [mailto:robin.ruth@verizon.net]
Sent: Sat 9/17/2016 3:17 PM
To: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office
Subject: Fwd: Reedy Creek Coalition Opposition to Proposed Project on Reedy Creek

I am resending this since I sent the original some time ago and it may have gotten lost since then.

Begin forwarded message:

> From: Robin Ruth <robin.ruth@verizon.net>
> Date: June 12, 2016 10:55:21 AM EDT
> To: parker.agelasto@richmondgov.com
> Cc: amy.robins@richmondgov.com
> Subject: Reedy Creek Coalition Opposition to Proposed Project on Reedy Creek
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> Dear Councilman Agelasto,
> This is a followup to the letter I sent you about 2 weeks ago concerning the project that Richmond DPU has proposed for Reedy Creek and why the Reedy Creek Coalition is opposed to the project. If you are called upon to vote on allowing the project to proceed, this email defines some terms and lists some answers to questions that you might have.
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> TMDL's - what are they?
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> A TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) is a "pollution budget" and includes a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant (sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorous) that can occur in a waterbody and allocates the necessary reductions to one or more pollutant sources. A TMDL serves as a planning tool and potential starting point for restoration or protection activities with the ultimate goal of attaining or maintaining water quality standards. The law requires that the states establish priority rankings for waters on the lists and develop TMDL for these waters.
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> WIP - what is this?
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> Watershed Implementation Plan, a plan devised by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to bring state waters into compliance with TMDL requirements. We're in phase II of this plan now. Each state and locality must implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) to reduce the amount of pollutants entering its waters.
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> What must Richmond do?
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> By the end of 2018 Richmond must have reached 5% of its TMDL goal (100% by 2028). Besides Reedy Creek, there are 4 other streams to which BMP's are being applied. We feel that the 5% goal could be reached with these 4 streams and Reedy Creek could wait until a good watershed protection plan (including a systematic assessment of the condition of the entire stream) could be developed for it.
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> Who decides that what the City does is sufficient?
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> The Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) assigns how much credit is given for different BMP practices. CBP is a partnership among EPA and states within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. It is important to realize that credit will not be given for a project that fails. The Reedy Creek Coalition predicts a high probability of failure for the current project proposed for the section of Reedy Creek in Crooked Branch Ravine.
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> What happens to \$635,000 grant from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund if we turn it down? Possibilities include:
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> . The City and DEQ negotiate another use for the money.

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- > . The grant money is lost but this would save taxpayers \$1.2 million for a project that would probably fail. (Note that this \$1.2 million does not include money for subsequent maintenance e.g. replacement of trees washed away or removal of invasive species.)
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- > . There are other sources of grant money besides SLAF: National Fish and Wildlife; EPA itself.
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- > . Other BMP's besides streambank restoration are available. These include:
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- > o Lake dredging (Forest Hill Lake).
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- > o Green infrastructure on city properties especially schools e.g. rain gardens, tree planting (these have great educational value).
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- > o Bio retention on other properties (e.g. funnel stormwater ditches into the grassy area along Covington Rd.).
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- > o Green infrastructure on private property e.g. bayscapes, rain barrels, rain gardens. Local governments have cost share programs -- Richmond could use unused money from the proposed project on Reedy Creek.
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- > o Note that streambank restoration may very well be appropriate for other sections of Reedy Creek.
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- > Target all these activities to flood prone areas.
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- > Thank you for your time and effort in listening to our concerns.
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- > Robin Ruth
- > 4029 Crutchfield St.
- > Richmond, VA 23225

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 7:18 AM
To: John Stanford Thomasson
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Reedy Creek Stream Restoration

Dear Mr. Thomasson,

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Sincerely,
Parker C. Agelasto
Richmond City Council, 5th District

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Stanford Thomasson [mailto:jst_westover@msn.com]
Sent: Sun 9/18/2016 10:20 PM
To: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Subject: FW: Reedy Creek Stream Restoration

John Stanford Thomasson

From: John Stanford Thomasson<mailto:jst_westover@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 9:53 PM
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Subject: Reedy Creek Stream Restoration

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Dear Kathy,

I understand that you support the Reedy Creek Stream Restoration, but I hope you have reviewed the information from the Reedy Creek Coalition with an opposing view. I concur with the Coalition that in the end this will not be an effective way to protect the Chesapeake Bay and is not a well-thought-out plan. Citizens who have property adjoining Reedy Creek have not been kept informed, or apprised by the city concerning the details of the project. Sally and I have property that is very close to the creek, and I am certain it will ultimately be negatively affected by the project.

There are several archaeological sites that are basically being overlooked which would be more visible in the winter time: old canals and granite quarries. There really isn't a problem with this part of old Reedy Creek. It is being assaulted because it is an easy target. Down the road when this project is a failure, it will be too late to restore the beauty of the creek. To my way of thinking the money should be spent upstream where the problems start. In the past, concrete channeling was supposed to be the way to control Reedy Creek and sediment basins were overlooked with the Midlothian Blvd. project. These mistakes have been a disaster in controlling sediment to the Bay! Now we are getting ready for another "brilliant" solution.

I would suggest cleaning the sediment basins at Forest Hill Park Lake again. Perhaps this time EPA would give DPU credits since this was not requested last time.

Please consider my point of view. I was an early and strong supporter for you when you first ran and still am, but I feel a decision for this project is not to the city's or the creek's best interest. With the strong opposition in the neighborhood, passage of this proposal will affect Tim's election, whom I could support otherwise.

John Stanford Thomasson

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 7:17 AM
To: Christopher Banks
Cc: Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office; Markham, Lory P. - PDR; Olinger, Mark A. - PDR
Subject: RE: Reedy Creek: Environmental stewardship vs green washing.

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Thank you again for your help with our clean ups and for being actively engaged in the community.

Sincerely,
Parker C. Agelasto
Richmond City Council, 5th District

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christopher Banks [<mailto:vpihokie@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sun 9/18/2016 5:59 PM
To: Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member
Subject: Reedy Creek: Environmental stewardship vs green washing.

Council Member Agelasto,

I am writing you today to ask for your support in blocking the Richmond Department of Public Utilities plan to perform extensive, destructive, and futile work on Reedy Creek stream. The city and state have obligations to protect our watersheds, remove pollution, and reduce invasive plant species. These are principals and not just checks on a sheet to be fulfilled with taxpayer dollars without due diligence and community input. I agree with the Reedy Creek Coalition's assessments of the plan and urge you to guide the city towards a better resolution. I fear that the destruction of trees without proof of improvement or promise of upkeep, just to meet the letter but not the intent of protecting the Chesapeake, is poor stewardship. Whether I'm picking up trash with you near city stadium or volunteering with the James River association, I am committed to protecting and preserving our region's natural habitats. I hope I can count on your support.

- Chris Banks

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Marina Alexander [alexandermarina@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 3:23 AM
To: rpooleadop@aol.com
Subject: Stop the Reedy Creek area destruction

Dear Planning Commission Member,

I moved to the Forest Hill Park neighborhood in 2007. I try to be a good citizen. I came to Virginia in 1998. I hail from Europe and see a lot differences in how European cities, communities, counties and individuals handle environmental issues. I understand your dilemma to balance budgets with the income from lower taxes. I admire how Richmond has evolved over the years and become this great city.

But I also see the shortfalls.

The reasons why we the citizens and the Reedy Creek Coalition oppose your plan are many and should have been sufficiently laid out for you. So I don't repeat them here.

Please vote to stop the city's project which is destructive, not yielding any benefit to the environment and destined to end in a weed overgrown, deforested wasteland. There are precedents within Richmond which show the sad results of addressing stream restoration the way it is presently planned.

We all know that there are many good alternatives to what is planned now.

Please don't try to convince yourself that the new embankment will bring the results needed. Science and commons sense should prevail, not lack of proper planning.

Thank you,
Marina Alexander
1006 W 42nd Street
Richmond, VA

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: emily [emilynoy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 9:45 PM
To: Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Subject: Reedy Creek

Ms. Markham,

Good evening, I am writing to express my opposition to the Reedy Creek "Restoration" project. It is more of a deforestation than a restoration and will result in clear cutting of over 7 acres of mature trees and native plants.

I am a resident of Forest Hill and Reedy Creek is directly behind my house. The city's plan will likely do more environmental harm than good. There must be less environmentally damaging ways to get TMDL credits. Perhaps dredging the lake in Forest Hill Park. The loss of tree cover will have a negative impact on the neighborhood diminishing the air quality that so many mature trees provide.

The plan as I understand includes no money for maintenance once the project is complete. How can that be? Any decent plan should factor in maintenance and without it will it not be destined to fail? Then all those trees will have been cut down for nothing. The city could barely afford to mow the grass this summer where will the money come from for maintenance?

The selection of a section of the creek just downstream from a concrete channel without any effort to control storm water further upstream also seems to be a poor choice. The only logical reason it was chosen was because the section is entirely on city land and would not require easements.

Please consider rejecting the Reedy Creek "Restoration" project and consider alternative options for TMDL credits.

Thank you for your time,
Emily Faye
Resident Forest Hill Neighborhood
emilynoy@hotmail.com

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: Pat Wood [pathwood@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 3:58 PM
To: Baliles, Jonathan T. - Council Member; Samuels, Charles R. - Council Member; Hilbert, Chris A. - Council Member; Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member; Robertson, Ellen F. - Council Member; Trammell, Reva M. - Council Member; Mosby, Michelle R. - Council Member; rpolleadop@aol.com; lawmanchem@yahoo.com; murthyvg@gmail.com; Max.hepp.buchanan@gmail.com; dave@johannasdesign.com; egreenfield@rarealtors.com; Jackthompson1@verizon.net; Cuffee-Glenn, Selena - CAO; Markham, Lory P. - PDR
Subject: Reedy Creek Stream Relocation

Please vote against DPU's request for funds to relocate the flow of **Reedy Creek**.

DPU has publicized that their plan to remove a swath of mature trees (more than 400) from the banks of Reedy Creek, relocate the creek through an area larger than 7 acres and fill in the former creek bed will reduce the amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment that flow into Forest Hill Park Lake, the James River and, finally, the Chesapeake Bay. The August 2016 issue of *Bay Journal* (publication is made possible through grants from the [EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office](#), the Campbell Foundation for the Environment, the Town Creek Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chesapeake Bay Office, the Chesapeake Bay Trust) contains an article that touches on tree removal:

“Forests are widely recognized as the best land use for sequestering climate-altering carbon dioxide and for preventing polluted runoff of nutrients and sediment into waterways.”

In addition, removal of the healthy tree canopy will negatively impact oxygen levels in the water and allow growth of invasive plants, not to mention destroy an unspoiled wildlife habitat in the heart of the city.

There is a fore bay where Reedy Creek empties into Forest Hill Park Lake and it was designed to allow the water flow to slow enough before entering the lake to allow sediment and unwanted chemicals to settle before entering the lake. However, the city has failed to maintain (dredge) the fore bay and the lake in seven years (dredging should take place every two years) and this failure has allowed the fore bay and lake to fill with trash and unwanted chemicals from upstream. It would be more expedient to maintain what is already in place to reduce sediment and chemical levels in our waterways.

Please vote against any monetary appropriation for Reedy Creek Stream “restoration.”

Thank you for your consideration,
Patricia H. Wood
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804-230-0264

Markham, Lory P. - PDR

From: James McDonald [james.mcdonald057@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 12:36 PM
To: lawmanchem@yahoo.com
Subject: Destruction of Reedy Creek and Surrounding forest

I'm writing to express my disappointment with Richmond city governments plan to destroy a major portion of the forest that surrounds Reedy Creek. I live very close to the area to be affected and am shocked to know that the city would willingly undertake a project that will have such a negative impact on the homes and home values surrounding the proposed work site.

I have lived in the area for 30 plus years and count the natural resources in my neighborhood as more than just amenities...more of lifestyle matter.

Please don't let this project move forward, find an alternative that makes more sense.

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Regards,

James McDonald