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April 5, 2022

Administrator, DOSD Attn: Greg Fedner, P.E. Section Manager, Plan Review Section 1250 Fairwood Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43206

Re: Type II Variance Request

CC-19526

Lakeside Village, 4100 Lakeview Crossing, Columbus, Ohio 43125

PID: 010-213774 & 010-243275 Total Site Area: 24.458 Acres Total Disturbed Area: 17.18 Acres

Existing Property Owner: M-Five, Limited Partnership

Developer: Metro Development, LLC (Note: Metro will be property owner after closing)

Dear Mr. Fedner:

The following Type II Variances are requested from the City of Columbus Stormwater Drainage Manual (SWDM), revised May 2021, for the referenced project:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 3.1.2 of the SWDM, stormwater control facilities shall not be located within designated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain boundaries.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 3.1.7 of the SWDM, Storage capacity below the base flood elevation shall not be included in total storage capacity calculations for stormwater control facilities located adjacent to or vertically within the 100-year floodplain boundary,
- 3. Pursuant to Section 3.4.1(5) of the SWDM, side slopes within and adjacent to dry detention basins and those side slopes above the permanent pools of wet detention basins shall be 4 (H) to 1 (V) or flatter to prevent bank erosion and minimize safety risks.
- 4. Pursuant to Section 3.4.1(11)6 of the SWDM, it is recommended that detention basins be provided with an emergency drain, where practicable, so that the basin may be emptied if the primary outlet becomes clogged and/or drain the permanent pool to facilitate maintenance.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 1.4 of the SWDM, the compensation area must have an unrestricted hydraulic connection to the affected stream and provide the same rate of flood storage capture and discharge over the course of the flood event as in pre-project conditions.

Exhibit Descriptions

Three site exhibits have been prepared:

1. Full Compliant Alternative (See "No Impact" Exhibit)

This exhibit shows a site layout fully compliant with the SWDM. This layout is based on using the Franklin County Auditor GIS 100-year floodplain. As seen in this exhibit, there is limited room available on site (outside the 100-year flood plain, outside utility easements, and above the base flood elevation) to construct a stormwater detention facility. The proposed parking and building shown on the exhibit would require filling within the 100-year flood plain. Development is feasible along Lakeview Crossing only due to the presence of existing utilities and public road access. Given the space limitations and grading involved, it appears the construction of only one (1) building is feasible.

2. Minimal Impact Alternative (See "Minimal Impact" Exhibit)

This layout is based on a 100-year floodplain established by using field survey information obtained by IBI Group in November 2021. Compared to the "No Impact" scenario, this layout has more room to locate the stormwater detention facility. Consequently, with the additional pond storage available, there is more potential to develop parking and buildings. In this scenario, it appears the construction of six (6) apartment building are feasible. Filling within the 100-year flood plain would be required.

3. Preferred Alternative (See attached CC-19526 Grading Plan)

The preferred layout requires the Type II variances listed previously. The grading plan associated with CC-19526 is utilized as the exhibit for this scenario. To maximize the sites potential and to make the project economically feasible, the proposed stormwater detention facility is located within the 100-year flood plain, with storage capacity below the base flood elevation. As a result, eleven (11) apartment buildings are proposed. Filling within the 100-year flood plain would be required.

Hardships Description

The requirements to locate the stormwater detention facility outside the 100-year flood plain, and with storage capacity above the base flood elevation, places a hardship on the project. These hardships are described as follows:

Developable Area

Lakeside Village falls within the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) boundary (see attached exhibit with Lakeside Village being called out). Currently, most of the 24.458-acre site is located within the floodway and 100-year flood plain; thus, reducing the potential for affordable housing. The proposed development will set aside 20% of the units for affordable housing. The preferred alternative proposes to construct 264 total units, with 54 designated as affordable units. Limiting the developable area to the area shown on the "No Impact" exhibit would reduce the proposed affordable housing units to 5. It would reduce the number of affordable units on the "Minimal Impact" exhibit to 29.

• Fill Height

If the stormwater detention facility is placed outside the 100-year flood plain, with pond storage above the base flood elevation, it will increase the fill height needed under the proposed parking and buildings. This additional fill is needed so that proper vertical cover/slope can be provided for the storm pipes discharging into the stormwater detention facility.

- o In the "No Impact" scenario, approximately 5-feet of fill is needed to raise the site from the base flood elevation (746.0) to pad elevation (751.0)
- o In the "Minimal Impact" scenario, approximately 6-feet of fill is needed to raise the site from the base flood elevation (746.0) to pad elevation (752.0)
- o In the "Preferred Alternative", approximately 3-feet of fill is needed to raise the site from the base flood elevation (746.0) to pad elevation (749.0)

In the "Preferred Alternative" the stormwater detention facility is located at a lower elevation (proposed normal pool elevation is approximately 7-feet below base flood elevation) which results in less fill height being needed under the proposed parking/buildings.

The existing pavement elevation of Lakeview Crossing and Hamilton Square Boulevard is in the approximate range of 747.0 to 748.5. The fill heights required by the "No Impact" and "Minimal Impact" scenarios create steeper slopes for vehicular and pedestrian access into the site. It also creates a pad elevation multiple foot higher than the existing nearby developments.

4:1 Slopes Above Basin Permanent Pool

In the "Preferred Alternative", a 4:1 maximum slope is provided from the top of basin embankment elevation (742.0) down into the basin. A 15-feet wide access way will be constructed around the basin (at elevation 742.0 and higher). There is an existing wetland located on the back side of units 8 and 9. No filling is permitted in the wetland. Due to limited space between the backside of units 8 and 9 and the existing wetland, it is requested that a 3:1 maximum slope be allowed between the units and the 15-feet access way. Without the ability to use a 3:1 maximum slope, a retaining wall would most likely be needed.

Pond Drain

A drain for the wet basin is not desired due to cost and maintenance. If the basin needs drained, a pump will be utilized.

Cost

Due to economies of scale, the cost per building is cheaper when spread out over a greater land area, resulting in a greater number of buildings to be constructed. The cost is also reduced when the amount of compactible fill depth (beneath the buildings and parking pads) is reduced, such as when the "Preferred Alternative" is used.

Justifications for Deviation

It is felt that the variance requests and deviations from the SWDM are justified for the following reasons:

- The increased developable area will provide an opportunity to construct more affordable housing and help fill a housing shortage need.
- A 15-feet wide maintenance access will be provided around the entire wet basin.
- The proposed wet basin will be excavated to provide a 6-feet depth (in the non-wetland area). The proposed normal pool elevation of the wet basin is 739.15 (which is still above the normal elevation of Blacklick Creek). A compensatory volume equal to or greater than the sum of the 100-year storm pond routing volume plus the amount of fill placed within the 100-year floodplain will be provided between the wet basin normal pool elevation and existing grade.
- M-E Companies obtained a conditional letter of map revision for this area in 1997 (see attached PDF from FEMA Case No. 98-05-026C). In looking at the FEMA document, there is no expiration date. Please refer to the attached CLOMR exhibit. The 83.189 acre parcel described in the FEMA description is highlighted in yellow. The proposed Metro Development multi-family development is shaded in blue. The 100-year floodplain and the floodway are shown for reference. Once the fill is complete, a LOMR will be filed. The existing development located southwest of Lakeside Village utilized this same CLOMR to fill within the 100-year floodplain.
- The need for a reduced fill height will create a building pad that is more compatible in elevation with the existing adjacent developments.
- The existing adjacent developments (east and southwest sides) contain storm water detention systems that were constructed in the 100-year flood plain and were constructed below the base flood elevation.
- The proposed wet basin has enough capacity for water quantity and quality measures for the proposed Lakeside Village development. In fact, the actual release rates are substantially below the allowable release rates.
 - o As currently designed, there is a 25-year critical storm, which must be released at a rate equal to or less than the 1-year pre-development flow rate.
 - Allowable release rate (1-year pre-development storm) is 4.85 cfs
 - 25-year post development release rate is 1.54 cfs
 - o The 100-year post-development storm must be released at a rate equal to or less than the 10-year pre-development flow rate.
 - Allowable release rate (10-year pre-development storm) is 22.37 cfs.
 - 100-year post-development release rate is 2.30 cfs.
- The compensatory area and 100-year storm pond routing volume (in the wet basin) will drain to an
 existing City of Columbus storm drain system. To maintain this hydraulic connection, regular
 inspection of the storm drain system will be provided. If the storm system becomes clogged, water
 will rise in the wet basin until it reaches the proposed spillway elevation, at which point it will run
 over the spillway, and flow overland south towards Blacklick Creek.
- The increased developable area will provide for a more enjoyable living experience. The increased area provides more room for a recreational path, green space, and access to the proposed water basin.

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• The development's 17.18-acre (0.0268 sq. mile) tributary area is miniscule compared to Blacklick Creek's 57.7 sq. mile tributary area. In addition, the development's approximate 1,000-feet (0.189 mile) Tc flow path is significantly less than Blacklick Creek's 28.4 mile Tc flow path (see StreamStats report on following pages). Given the disparity in tributary area size and time of concentrations to peak, it highly unlikely that both tributary areas will achieve peak flows at the same time.

Should you have any questions about the information presented, or if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

IBI Group

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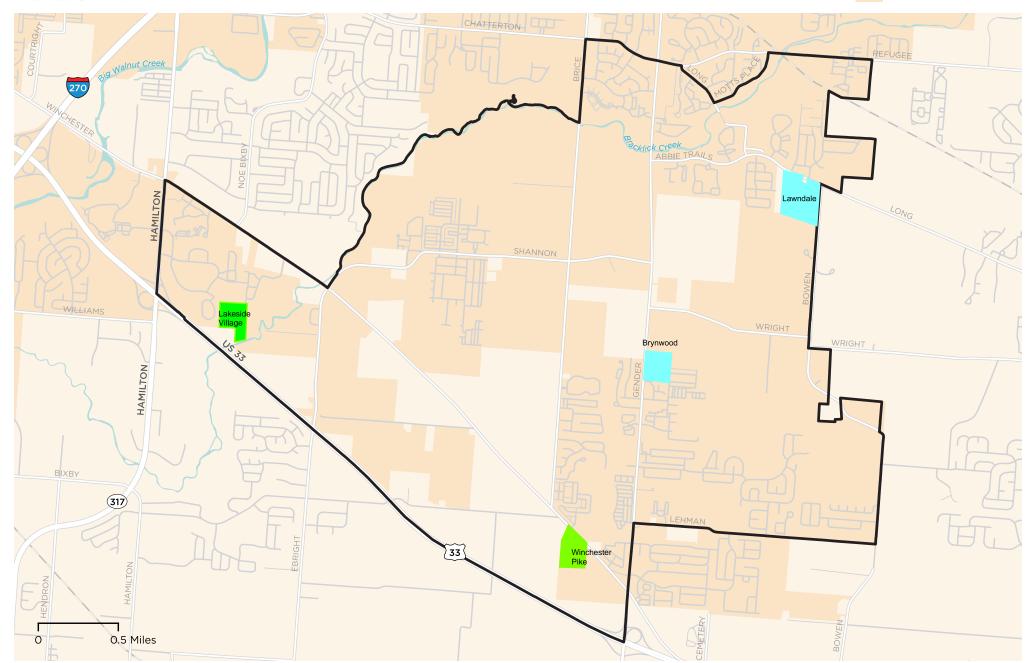
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City of Columbus Boundary





Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

DEC - 5 1997

The Honorable Lance Westcamp Mayor of the Village of Groveport 655 Blacklick Street Groveport, Ohio 43124 IN REPLY REFER TO: Case No.: 98-05-026C

Community: Village of Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio

Community No.: 390170

Map Panel Affected: Franklin County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas

Number: 39049C0290 G and 39049C0270 G

Map Effective Date: August 2, 1995

218-65-CR

Dear Mayor Westcamp:

We reviewed a request dated September 22, 1997, from Principal of M-E Civil Engineering, Inc., for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). All required information for this request was received on November 18, 1997. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we determined that the property described below would not be located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), if fill is placed as indicated on the submitted elevation information, dated September 22, 1997, revised November 18, 1997, and prepared by The SFHA is the area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). This property will be elevated by the placement of fill.

Property Description:

Portions of South Hamilton Square, Section 2, Part 1, recorded in Plat Book 71, Page 38, File No. 118191, on October 31, 1989, and Portions of Hamilton Square Boulevard, Lakeview Crossing and Easements, recorded in Plat Book 86, Page 72, Instrument No. 199707150047098, on Sectember 15, 1997, both plats filed in the Franklin County Recorded's Office. These portions, a 83.189 acreparcel and a 1.829 acre parcel, are more particularly described below by metes and bounds:

Description of 83.189 acre parcel

Beginning for reference at the northeasterly corner of said Lot 19; thence S08°09'00''W, along the easterly line of same, a distance of 250.97 feet to the True Place of Beginning; thence N52°41'42''E, through said 116.079 acre tract, a distance of 270.85 feet to a point in the westerly line of said 6.998 acre tract; thence through said 6.998 acre tract the following courses: N89°29'49''E, a distance of 83.20 feet to a point; S43°32'31''W, a distance of 93.30 feet to a point; S30°58'24''W, a distance of 394.37 feet to a point; S52°26'31''E, a distance of 110.94 feet to a point; N30°10'59''E, a distance of 168.20 feet to a point; N90°00'00''E, a distance of 111.63 feet to a point; S29°16'38''E, passing the easterly line of said 6.998 acre tract through said 116.079 acre tract, a distance of 352.77 feet to a point; thence S75°18'29''E, through said 116.079 acre tract, a distance of 213.32 feet to a point; thence S15°06'38''E, continuing through said 116.079 acre tract, a distance of 563.31 feet to a point in the easterly line of same; thence S7°52'40''W, along said easterly line, a distance of 938.88 feet to a point; thence S68°21'26''W, back through said 116.079 acre tract, a distance of 915.84 feet to a point; thence S4°57'36''W, continuing virough said 116.079 acre tract, a

distance of 416.66 feet to a point in the northerly right-of way line of U.S. Route 33; thence along said right-of-way the following courses: N45°42'09' V, a distance of 314.78 feet to a point; N45°49'01"W, a distance of 384.78 feet to a point; N37°18'42"W, a distance of 101.17 feet to a point; N45°47'33"W, a distance of 299.91 feet to a point; N47°23'15"W, a distance of 99.90 feet to a point; N52°40'38"W, a distance of 100.74 feet to a point; N22°44'26"W, a distance of 229.30 feet to a point; thence N370738"E, back through said 116.079 acre tract, a distance of 167.0% feet to a point; thence N21°11'37"W, continuing through said 116.079 acre tract and through said Loss 11 and 12, a distance of \$35.68 feet to a point; thence N34°01'46"E, communing through said Lot 11, a distance of 158.21 feet to a point on the northerly line of same: thence 52°48'03"E, continuing through said Lot 11, a distance of 71.46 feet to a point; thence \$3'34'40"W, through said Lots 11 and 12, a distance of 216.83 feet to a point; thence S21°02'41"E, continuing through said Lot 12 and into said 116.079 acre tract, a distance of 376.80 feet to a point; thence through said 116.079 acre tract the following courses: S80°18'53"E, a distance of 140.69 feet to a point; S41°38'40"E, a distance of 203.62 feet to a point; N68°22'36"E, passing the centerline of said Hamilton Square Boulevard (60.00 feet in width) at a distance of 88.58 feet, a total distance of 211.05 feet to a point; thence N45°59'55"E, continuing through said 116.079 acre tract and said Lots 20 and 21, a distance of 832.36 feet to a point; thence N23°57'07"E, continuing through said Lot 21 passing the centerline of said Professional Parkway (60.00 feet in width) at a distance of 161.96 feet and through Lot 19, a total distance of 555.88 feet to the True Place of Beginning and containing 83.189 acres of land. Bearings herein are based on a bearing of S81°51'00"E for Professional Parkway.

Description of 1,829 acre parcel

Beginning for reference at the northeasterly corner of said 116.079 acre tract; thence \$607°52′40″W, along the easterly line of said 116.079 acre tract a distance of 114.09 feet to the True Place of Beginning; thence \$607°52′40″W, along said easterly line, a distance of 441.12 feet to a point; thence through said 116.079 acre tract the following courses: \$65°51′45″W, a distance of 144.28 feet to a point; \$80°45′40″E, a distance of 150.17 feet to a point; \$80°45′40″E, a distance of 150.17 feet to a point; \$80°45′40″E, a distance of 127.34 feet to the True Place of Beginning and containing 1.829 acres of land. Bearings herein are based on a bearing of \$81°51′00″E for Professional Parkway.

Street Address:

Hamilton Square Boulevard and Lakeview Crossing

Flooding Source:

Backlick Creek

This conditional determination is based on the flood data presently available. Our final determination will be made upon receipt of a copy of this letter, a copy of the final plat with recordation data, and certified as-built information showing the elevations of the lowest ground on the property. The enclosed "Certification of Fill Placement" form also must be returned, signed and dated by a registered professional engineer, an accredited soils engineer, or the community's NFIP permit official.

Effective October 1, 1996, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revised the fee schedule for reviewing and processing requests for modifications to published flood information and maps. Under this schedule, FEMA established a flat review and processing fee for each type of request. The fee for the asbuilt map revision request will be \$300 for a single lot/structure at d \$700 for multiple lots/structures and must be received before we can begin processing the request. Payt ent of this fee shall be made in the form of a check or money order, made payable in U.S. funds to the National Flood Insurance Program, or by credit card. The payment must be forwarded to the following address:

Federal Emergency Management Agency Fee-Collection System Administrator P.O. Box 3173 Merrifield, VA 22116-3173

This letter does not relieve Federal agencies of the need to comply with Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management in carrying out their responsibilities and providing Federally undertaken, financed, or assisted construction and improvements, or in their regulating or licensing activities.

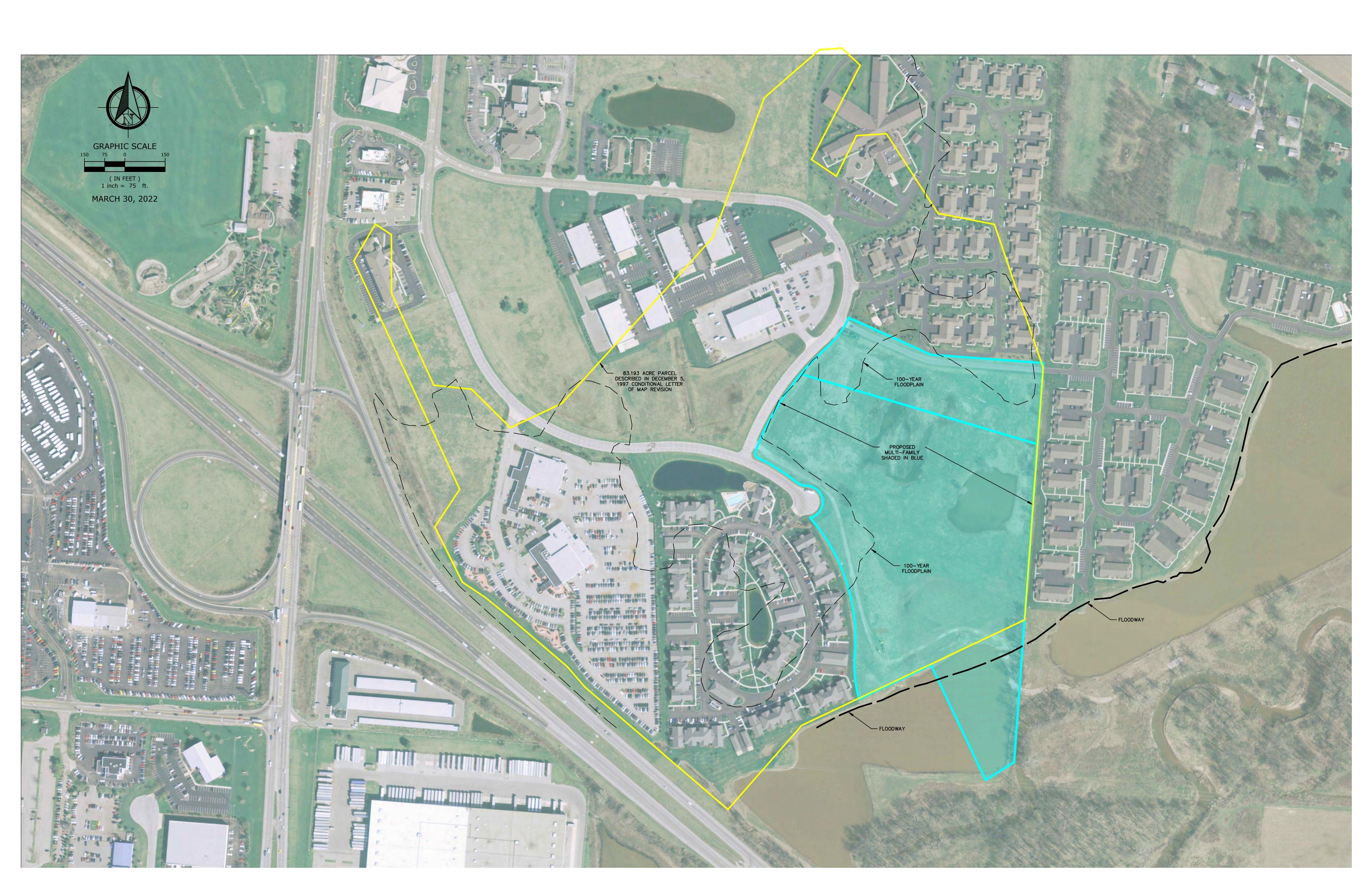
An additional enclosed document provides information about LOMRs. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the contact of our staff in Washington, D.C., either by telephone at (202) 646-3457 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

Frederick H. Sharrocks Jr., Chief Hazard Identification Branch Mitigation Directorate

Enclosures

cc:



StreamStats Report

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Parameter Code	Parameter Description	Value	Unit
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point on a stream	57.7	square miles
LFPLENGTH	Length of longest flow path	28.4	miles
OHREGC	Ohio Region C Indicator	0	dimensionles
OHREGA	Ohio Region A Indicator	1	dimensionles
CSL1085LFP	Change in elevation divided by length between points 10 and 85 percent of distance along the longest flow path to the basin divide, LFP from 2D grid	16	feet per mi
LC92STOR	Percentage of water bodies and wetlands determined from the NLCD	1.25	percent
CENTROIDX	Basin centroid horizontal (x) location in state plane coordinates	347667.6	meters
CENTROIDY	Basin centroid vertical (y) location in state plane units	4429169.2	meters
FOREST	Percentage of area covered by forest	24	percent
LAT_CENT	Latitude of Basin Centroid	39.999	decimal degrees
LC11DEV	Percentage of developed (urban) land from NLCD 2011 classes 21-24	50.3	percent
LC11IMP	Average percentage of impervious area determined from NLCD 2011 impervious dataset	16.6	percent
LONG_CENT	Longitude Basin Centroid	-82.7845	decimal degrees
PRECIP	Mean Annual Precipitation	37.4	inches
STREAM_VARG	Streamflow variability index as defined in WRIR 02-4068, computed from regional grid	0.56	dimensionles

Parameter Code	Parameter Name	Value	Units	Min Limit	Max Limit
DRNAREA	Drainage Area	57.7	square miles	0.04	5989
OHREGC	Ohio Region C Indicator 1 if in C else 0	0	dimensionless	0	1
OHREGA	Ohio Region A Indicator 1 if in A else 0	1	dimensionless	0	1
CSL1085LFP	Stream Slope 10 and 85 Longest Flow Path	16	feet per mi	1.53	516
LC92STOR	Percent Storage from NLCD1992	1.25	percent	0	25.35

Peak-Flow Statistics Flow Report [Peak Flow Full Model Reg A SIR2019 5018]

PII: Prediction Interval-Lower, Plu: Prediction Interval-Upper, ASEp: Average Standard Error of Prediction, SE: Standard Error (other -- see report)

Statistic	Value	Unit	PII	Plu	ASEp
50-percent AEP flood	2090	ft^3/s	1110	3940	40.1
20-percent AEP flood	3330	ft^3/s	1850	6010	37.2
10-percent AEP flood	4280	ft^3/s	2360	7770	37.6
4-percent AEP flood	5600	ft^3/s	3070	10200	38.1
2-percent AEP flood	6660	ft^3/s	3610	12300	37.8
1-percent AEP flood	7780	ft^3/s	4170	14500	39.6
0.2-percent AEP flood	10600	ft^3/s	5640	19900	40.3

Peak-Flow Statistics Citations

Koltun, G.F.,2019, Flood-frequency estimates for Ohio streamgages based on data through water year 2015 and techniques for estimating flood-frequency characteristics of rural, unregulated Ohio streams: U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2019-5018, 25 p. (https://dx.doi.org/10.3133/sir20195018)

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