

Brown, Christopher

From: Frances Aprile <frances@littledovefarm.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 6:31 PM
To: Brown, Christopher
Cc: Steve Porter; David Kaelin; John Hodgson; Harrell & Carol Hurst; Andrew Hartmans; Steve Henry; Mike Farmer; Bert Stocker; Sheila Mead; Kurt Mason; Teena Halbig
Subject: Proposed FedEx development 13007 Rehl Rd

Mr. Brown --

I am writing to bring to your attention & that of the Planning Commission the fact that the area under consideration for the proposed FedEx development of 13007 Rehl Rd is part of the Floyds Fork Watershed. The 2,000 feet of streams that would be destroyed by this proposal are part of Pope Lick, a major tributary to Floyds Fork; the wetlands, ponds & 23 acres of woods that would be destroyed are part of the filtration system that keeps Floyds Fork alive.

Although a concrete plan is still forthcoming for the Floyds Fork Watershed, residents & city officials have long agreed that Metro Louisville's last living creek deserves protection, & that development of the Floyds Fork Watershed should preserve the creek, the rich natural environment, & the rural character of the neighborhoods there. This is the only sensible long-range approach to preserving the value of the area both to its residents & to all of Metro Louisville.

The proposed FedEx development would admittedly cause serious destruction to the Floyds Fork Watershed -- witness the reparation offer of \$1,000,000, which wouldn't even stay in Metro Louisville, but be handled by Ky Dept of Fish & Wildlife. But even a million dollars is a paltry sum compared to the irreplaceable loss to this community of a clean, healthy, living Floyds Fork.

Area residents continue to urge city officials to finalize a long-range plan for the Floyds Fork Watershed. An ongoing EPA study is looking at ways to reduce pollution in Floyds Fork, & these will certainly include careful, sustainable development of the watershed. It cannot be in the community's long-term interest to approve the wholesale destruction of a significant part of Floyds Fork even as so much work is being done to preserve it.

Please direct FedEx to redesign their plans to preserve the woods, wetlands, ponds, & tributaries of Pope Lick. Thank you.

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Brown, Christopher

From: Webster, Angela
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 7:13 PM
To: Sandra Hoback
Cc: Brown, Christopher
Subject: RE: Fed Ex bldg concerns

Chris,

please add these comments to the case file so that the commissioners are aware.

Angela Webster

From: Sandra Hoback [sahoback@att.net]
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 5:18 PM
To: Webster, Angela
Subject: Fed Ex bldg concerns

Angela, We won't be able to attend the meeting RE: Fed Ex Warehouse at Tucker Station/Rehl Rd. area, but we are very much against it at this point. Destruction of that beautiful area is very sad. In addition, a 24 hour operation near several residential areas, TUCKER LAKE ESTATES, CRYSTAL WATERS, GRAND LAKES ESTATES, and many individual homes on Rehl Rd. and Tucker Station Rd., not to mention the close proximity of Blackacre Nature Preserve...trucks, fumes, traffic and business lighting will greatly impact all, people and wildlife, in this area. Please convey our concerns at the meeting & PLEASE do not let them build their facility in this area....what about building in the industrial part near by.

Thank you for any help you can do on this!
Roy & Sandra Hoback
Crystal Waters
Tucker Lake Estates

Brown, Christopher

From: Laurie Kelly <ljkelly1968@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 10:41 AM
To: Brown, Christopher
Subject: FedEx distribution center off Tucker Station Road

Dear Mr. Brown:

We would like you to know of our strong objection to the proposed 24/7 operation of the FedEx distribution center off Tucker Station Road. This facility would negatively impact the rural nature of the area and bring an extraordinary amount of traffic to roads, already overburdened by development, that were never intended to serve that many or that large of vehicles. The movement of trucks, forklifts, workers' cars etcetera would all have a direct negative impact felt by each of us in the community. Air quality, noise pollution and light pollution would have a direct negative impact our neighborhoods and the Blackacre Nature Preserve.

Please let the the commission know that this is not an appropriate area for 24/7 operations. Those types of operations for that company exist elsewhere in the metro area today and do not need to be expanded to this rural area near the nature preserve and existing neighborhoods. Development at the cost of the residents and community is unjust regardless of the money being offered.

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Brown, Christopher

From: Matt Remaly <mattremaly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 10:49 AM
To: Brown, Christopher
Subject: 24/7 Operation Plant

Dear Mr. Brown:

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Sent from my iPhone

Brown, Christopher

From: Vicent Rodgers <vicent.a.rodgers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Brown, Christopher
Subject: Distribution Warehouses

Dear Mr. Brown:

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Vicent Rodgers
Crystal Waters Patio Homes

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From: Sandy Email <royhoback@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 5:51 PM
To: Brown, Christopher
Subject: Fwd: Tucker Lake Estates. FED EX Please voice your opposition!

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So, due to health issues we cannot attend this meeting but we are not in agreement with this issue.

Roy & Sandra Hoback
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Brown, Christopher

From: sklhanshaw@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 8:31 PM
To: Brown, Christopher

I ask you please to be **OPPOSED** to the action which plans to have twenty-four hour noise coming from the planned Fed Ex operation. **THANK YOU** for hearing my position on this project.

Sandy Shawhan

Tucker Lake Estates

Louisville Metro Planning and Zoning,

I just read in the paper this morning about the potential rezoning for a Fedex center and another tenant on Rehl Road near Taylorsville Rd and Tucker Station. I'm very concerned about this proposal and would like to know who I can contact for more additional information and voice my concerns.

This proposal if accepted will destroy the residential area and make it an industrial/business area. There is a reason why I chose to live in this area and commute 35-45 minutes to/from work each day. I enjoy being able to enjoy nature, being away from a lot of pollution, riding my bike in the residential areas, and going for runs in the proposed area. None of these will be viable options if this proposal is approved. This doesn't go along with the Louisville's motto of Louisville get healthy and go green and the Blackacre Nature preserve near the site. I think many people are not aware of how many people enjoy the area for various activities I listed.

Why are we destroying nature for buildings? Look at the parklands projects they are thriving. Everyone loves them. Let us enjoy our nature where we live. Why can't they build in an industrial area or reuse vacant properties? For instance the old Showcased Cinemas on Bardstown Rd is a huge area in a prime location, or spaces near the University of Louisville or Preston Highway to name a few.

There is also a huge traffic problem as we speak in this area during rush hour or if there is a train and adding the large amount of proposed traffic will only make it extremely worse. Right now during rush hour you could be stuck at Tucker Lakes entrance trying to make it to Taylorsville Rd. The road isn't made for trucks or large vehicles either.

Bottom line, why destroy a residential area that many love? Is it always about \$ at the locals expense?

Sincerely,

Stacey Foster

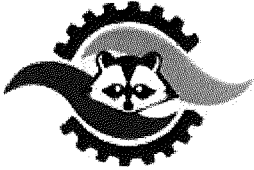
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Brown, Christopher

From: TeenaHal@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 6:14 PM
To: Brown, Christopher
Cc: TeenaHal@aol.com
Subject: FedEx comments for the record and to send to ALL Commissioners



FLOYDS FORK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION

To: Planning Commissioners

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Date: 3-4-14

These two FedEx warehouse distribution centers proposed are in the Floyds Fork Watershed – not far from Blackacre Preserve where the ecology of 2,000 foot of streams (including 645 foot of blue-line), 23 forested acres and wetlands are also proposed to be DESTROYED! This is not in keeping with Metro Lou planning to build with existing topography. There is a great need to retain trees and vegetation that can absorb water and produce less stormwater runoff. Basin building is not the answer because water needs land surface to perk down through layers of earth and rock to help cleanse water before going into aquifers and on to Floyds Fork Creek. Already, FFEA, U.S. EPA and KY Division of Water and U.S. Congress know the deplorable conditions that exist in our waterways. It is good that attorney, Bill Bardenwerper, pointed out that 920 foot is POOR QUALITY. Yes, conditions can get worse. It is up to elected officials like you that are to protect our

natural resources. It is not in the best interests of our natural resources to let the streams deteriorate from poor to worse or to cover over or re-route streams. Do not do away with the streams and the environmental features of this acreage. If FedEx cannot build with the topography and retain the environmental features, they need to look elsewhere – why not closer to the airport and Blue Lick Road area was forecast to be warehouses in the future (first person from a State Legislator).

Please do not think that giving **state Fish and Wildlife** funds will help the Floyds Fork Watershed. Was KY F&W asked to only spend these funds within the Floyds Fork Watershed? Sadly, in another Hollenbach & Oakley development, 2 acres of the federally endangered **Indiana Bat, *Myotis sodalis***, Habitat was done away a few years ago by giving funds to the Bat Conservancy. It is not surprising to FFEA that **Redwing heard ONE potential Indiana bat call** with acoustical testing. I spoke at an MSD Board meeting to ask that this not happen again in the future for this money paid did not go to improve Indiana Bat habitat in the Floyds Fork Corridor. Redwing was the paid consultant for the projects and did not confirm the presence of this bat but the Indiana Bat is known to be in the Floyds Fork Corridor – not far away; therefore, a more diligent search should be done. Wetlands should also remain in the area for this type of soil absorbs so much more water due to the pore size and helps lessen flooding and supports wetlands plants in this ecosystem.

Mayor Fischer's Tree Advisory Commission seeks to retain and also plant more trees in order to reduce Louisville's bad reputation for its **HEAT ISLAND** woes. Plans show a **tree canopy of 42% exists today but only 1% is to be preserved plus 24% to be planted**. This should open some eyes! For surely you must find this highly questionable! MSD should be able to offer some Green Infrastructure ideas. Why not have roof top plantings of greenery and trees on **every** rooftop to help with the heat island effect and loss of trees and vegetation and use it as an employee amenity. What about using tall grasses to not have so much lawn care and lawn equipment causing more pollution?

These buildings are 42 foot tall and one is 315,000 square foot on Rehl Road. Have the sightlines from neighboring properties been assessed? Are these buildings too intrusive in this neighborhood to destroy the aesthetics of the area? Are these buildings incompatible? The answer is YES.

This extensive asphalt parking lot is not only for the large trucks but could park the vehicles of nearly 1000 employees.

This proposed **use** of these acres is **not compatible** with adjacent farmland and housing. With a seemingly 24 hour operation, it would render the life style and livability inharmonious with existing neighbors – neighbors that are long-time residents and taxpaying for many years and who would like to remain in their homes for their children to enjoy playing outside. Several are FFEA members. Some of the buffer area is only 100 foot and some 200 foot. Specifically, Section 6 (Kaelin Property) only has a 100' setback where loading/truck idling operations and garbage/recyclables collection could occur. The Kaelin property is farmland and the loss of the property value to a farmer who might want to have farm animals – especially since the buffer area is narrow at points and less treed. In contrast, Section 3 has 200 foot berm and landscaped setbacks.

The Read Property is at an indescribable disadvantage and loss of livability. The fueling pumps would be nearby. Underground storage tanks would be placed in a karst area and an experienced karst hydro geologist from KY Geological Survey (KGS) should do an assessment. Has a geotechnical analysis been done for this site? FFEA requests a geotechnical review be done. There are numerous sinkholes and large sinks in this area. One of the largest sinkholes seen in Jefferson County is in the PDD area – determined by KGS maybe 5 or so years ago.

As you can see, we disagree with the written statement of the opposition's words in their report, **“there is no negative environmental effects”**. Certainly the heat island effect was not mentioned or any studies done of pre development with 42% tree canopy. Also the additional vehicles driven to and from work will contribute to air pollution that lands on the ground and contributes to water pollution. No mention of the loss of the ecosystems. It appears the Floyds Fork Watershed is being harmed by removal of all these assets that help improve water quality as well as the loss of habitat.

March 3, EPA Press Release tells of tailpipe pollution and the harm for premature deaths, respiratory ailments in children, hospital admissions and asthma-related emergency room visits and lost school days, work days and days when activities are restricted due to air pollution. This type of facility will generate a lot of emissions – proving this is an additional environmental threat. (Copy submitted). Again, government is to protect public health. The air may be good BEFORE but Air Pollution Control District does not monitor POST development; they have no funds. Daily, the traffic on Taylorsville Road from Taylorsville Road at Tucker Station Road to the Gene Snyder interchange and beyond is bumper to bumper and carries a terrific amount of traffic. Accidents back up traffic for long distances.

FFEA asks for DENIAL of these FedEx proposals.

Brown, Christopher

From: Suzy Peers <ppeers3759@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 7:38 AM
To: Brown, Christopher
Subject: FedEx Warehouses

Given the negative impact of the proposed warehouses on the environment and surrounding homes, please move to deny location of new warehouses near Rehl Road and reuse locations that are already built and unused.

Thank you,

Suzy Peers
5039 Routt Road
FFEA member

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." -- Margaret Fuller

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