



## Friends of the Rocky Fork Watershed & Sugar Run – Rose Run Tributaries



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TO: Mayor Sloan Spaulding and the Members of the New Albany City Council , Colleen Briscoe, Chip Fellows, Kasey Kist, Marlene Brisk, Matt Shull, Mike Durik, Joe Stefanov, Adrienne Joly, and Staff:

On behalf of our membership, we are presenting our team's evaluation of the NoNA (North New Albany) Gateway Development Proposal by Steiner & Associates Zoning Case No. ZC – 43-2021 as it relates to the Protection, Preservation, and Restoration of the SUGAR RUN'S Stream Protection Corridor.

Our organization's Environmental Stewardship Team thoroughly reviewed:

1. The Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord (RFBA) Community Plan - Update #3
2. The RFBA Professional Planning Staff's Staff Report
3. The U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS April 23, 2021
4. The Ohio EPA ROCKY Fork Watershed Protection Action Plan
5. The ENGAGE NEW ALBANY 2021 Strategic Plan's Design Guidelines & Requirements
6. The City of New Albany requirements of Ordinance 1187 Section 1187.15, on Parkland Dedication and Section 1187.16, on Open Space and Ordinance 1183 on Erosion Control.
7. The City of New Albany Professional Planning Staff Report
8. The Urban Land Institute (ULI) RAPID 5 Watershed Metro Park Trail Network Plan of which the Sugar Run is the northern Pedestrian-Cyclist Leisure Trail route to the Rocky Fork Metro Park.

### EVALUATION of the NoNA and SUGAR RUN PARK DEVELOPMENT:

The primary focus and assessment by the Friends of the Rocky Fork Watershed and Tributaries is PRESERVATION, ENHANCEMENT, and PROTECTION of the site's existing Natural Features and the Sugar Run stream corridor, not the design or features of the proposed built development. Our team researched the past record of environmental stewardship by Steiner & Associates on local (eg. Easton Town Center) and national projects that precede their NoNA Gateway Project, and found their record to be exemplary. Also extensive cordial and informative consultations with the applicant's team; Yaromir Steiner, Justin Leyda, and Bryan Stone were conducted and it is very evident that the Steiner & Associates organization is very committed to restoring and enhancing the NoNA portion of the Sugar Run Stream's riparian corridor. THE FRIENDS OF THE ROCKY FORK & TRIBUTARIES are also confident that this very experienced company and its EMH&T contractor will be fully compliant to all environmental Design Guidelines & Requirements (DGRs) and Sediment & Erosion regulations embodied in the above referenced Federal, State and Local Documents.

With the unanimous approval by the Planning Commission of the Zoning Appropriateness of the NoNA Town District proposed Project on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021...

*The Friends of the Rocky Fork Watershed & Sugar Run-Rose Run Tributaries fully endorse and recommend approval of Zoning Case ZC-43-2021 by the Mayor and City Council.*