

Elaine McCloskey

From: Stacy B. Chaney <sbchaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Elaine McCloskey
Cc: R Thomas Homan
Subject: Fwd: Request for the City to work with the Addison Properties to provide an alternate plan for the land that incorporates a new park (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 9/14/21 public comment)
Attachments: 2021-09-14 parks and rec board letter sbcb pdf.pdf

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Elaine,

The following email was sent to the members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and copied to all members of City Council and our city's Director of Parks and Natural Resources on September 14, 2021, although it does not currently appear in the public record for that evening. Could you add it to the record for the next City Council meeting please?

It contains information related to our discussion at the September 27, 2021, City Council meeting regarding the suggested location and rationale for a park on the land currently owned by Addison Properties.

Mr. Homan: this will provide some clarity relative to our discussion about a park and the petition at the meeting on 9/27/2021.

Thank you,

Stacy Chaney-Blankenship,
943 Executive Blvd, Delaware, OH 43015

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Date: Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 2:10 PM

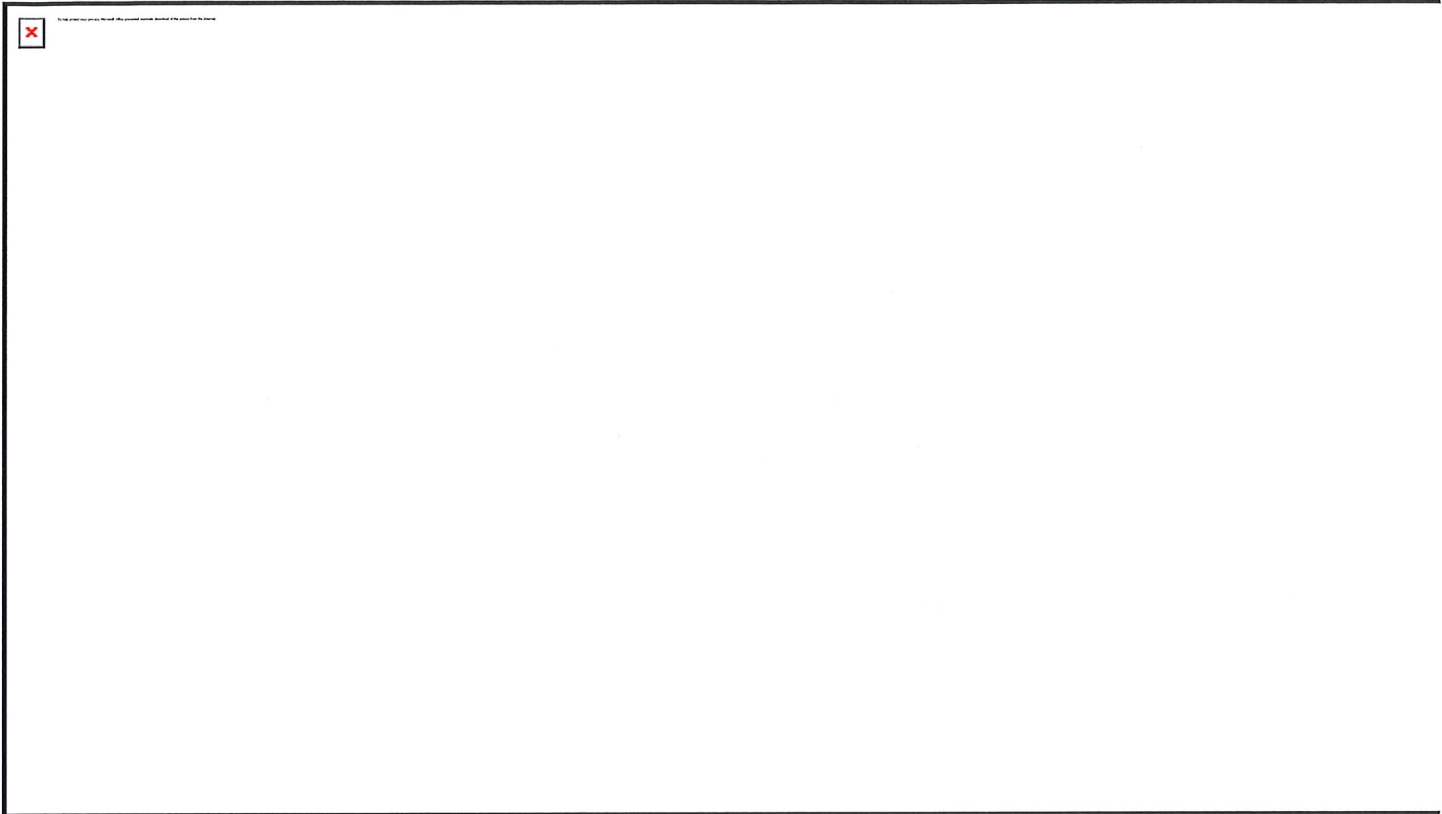
Subject: Request for the City to work with the Addison Properties to provide an alternate plan for the land that incorporates a new park (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 9/14/21 public comment)

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[Please note, my letter includes formatting and images that may be easier to read in the attached PDF version. Thanks.]

Dear Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

I am writing to make you aware of the opportunity to establish a park on the north side of Delaware, on the agricultural land currently owned by Addison Properties. You can see the land in light green on this zoning map:



(From the City project page,
<https://www.delawareohio.net/home/showpublisheddocument/1518/637625652075400000.>)

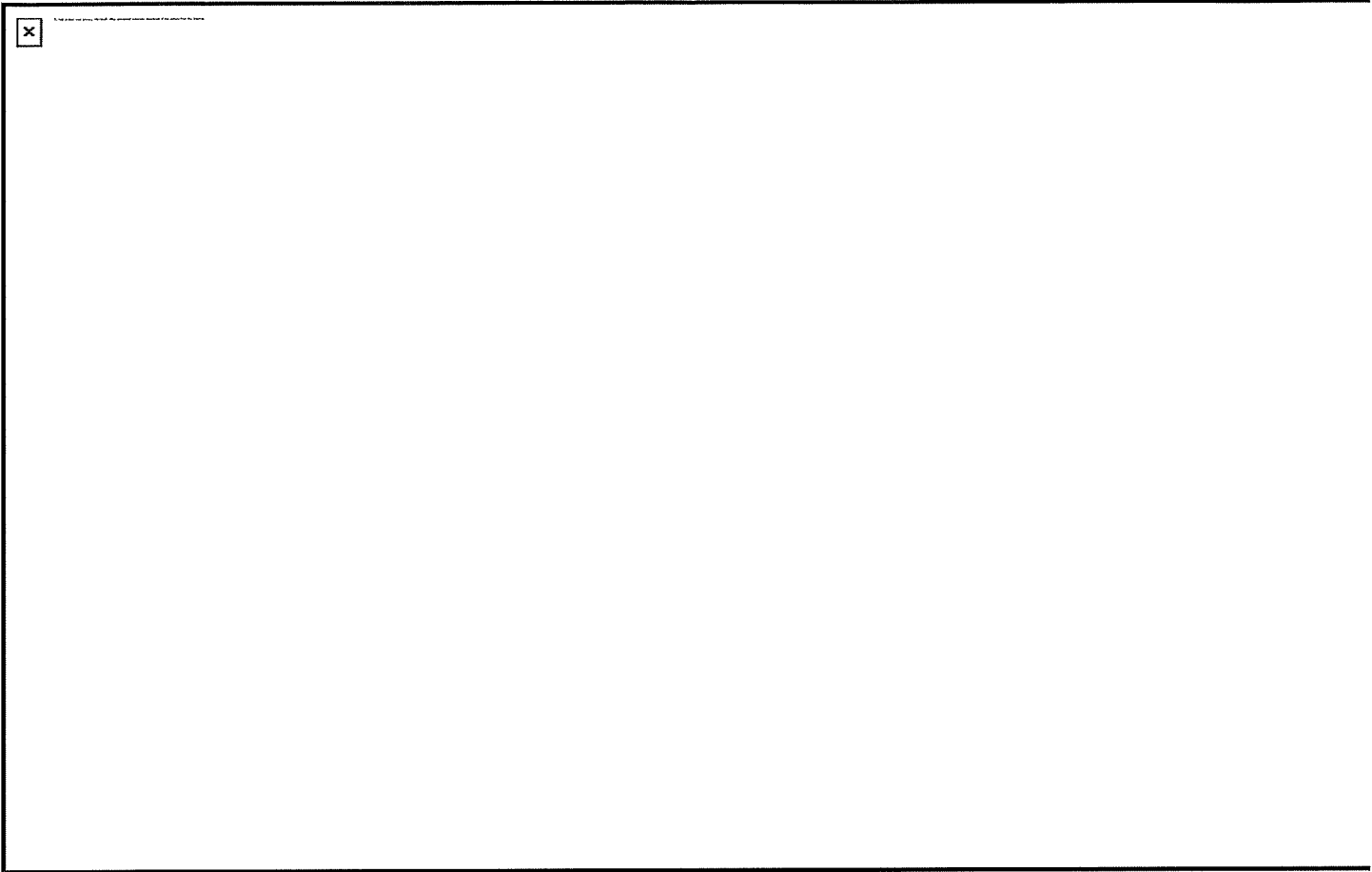
We know that a park in this area would serve the neighborhoods that are otherwise underserved by our City's parks system. The most recent Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey incorrectly identified park services for this part of our city, and therefore this lack of service remains overlooked. You can see suggested edits to the park diagrams and their impacts here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JuihxzIGhtoF08gSawHm4zR7m_MD3NrR2tRvw4mMS-g/edit?usp=sharing. You will note that we need to edit it to take into account the barriers to Smith Park from the east as well as for the impact of the Shelbourne Forest Nature Path, which was incorrectly identified as a neighborhood park (it actually functions as a path or short greenway).

The City must take advantage of this opportunity to establish a park on the agricultural land owned by Addison Properties. We know that the owner of the property, Jason Friedman, has expressed a willingness to have these conversations with the City. We also know that, based on its zoning designation and Delaware City Code 1134.05, that the developer is required to leave 34.2375 acres of common open space and 13.695 acres of parkland. That's nearly 50 acres of green space requirements already! The City could then add on to this requirement and purchase additional land to create a wonderful park based on natural resources in this area!

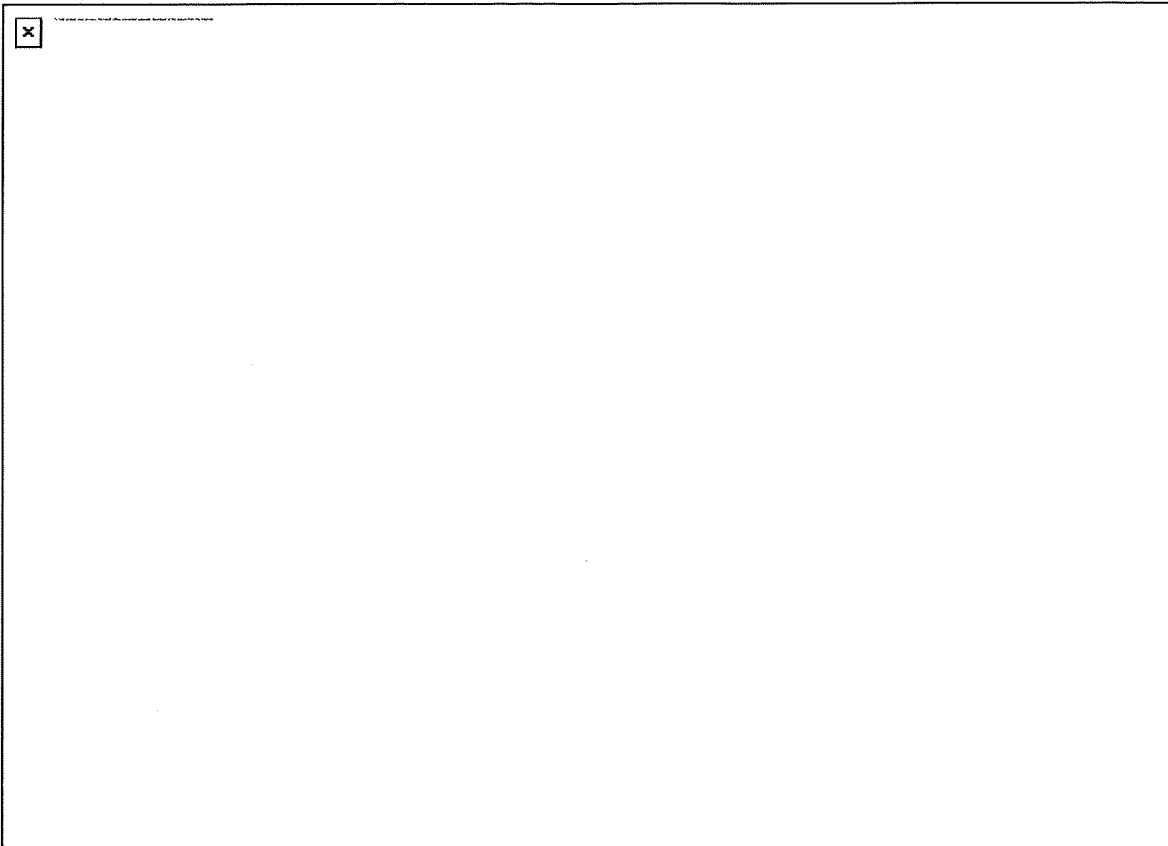
The City already has plans for a greenway in this area, based on the "City of Delaware Greenway Concept," and the current status of the land makes this a prime opportunity to act on those plans! The Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey also recognized the need for more nature trails and greenspace, natural areas, and parks (as seen in the high priority needs on page 18):



You will also note on this aerial view image (below) from the Fish and Wildlife Survey, that the area in the A1 (agricultural) parcel includes many trees, wetlands, and related natural resources:



This land would make an amazing park for hiking, backpacking, and potentially horseback riding. These are all high interest outdoor activities according to the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment survey (p.9, MPI = Market Potential Index).



The study also noted that “Delaware’s residents have a higher propensity for participating in outdoor activities than the national average” (p.9). Let’s give residents of our growing city a place to go outside and be in nature!

In addition to meeting the needs of local residents, could this land serve as a regional park to provide another source of tourism revenue for our city? We currently do not have a regional park in the City of Delaware. A regional park is defined in the Needs Assessment Survey as follows:

“A regional park serves a large area of several communities, residents within a town, city, or county (or across multiple counties). Depending on activities within a regional park, users may travel as many as 60 miles for a visit. Regional parks include recreational opportunities such as soccer, softball, golf, boating, canoeing, conservation-wildlife viewing, and fishing. Although regional parks usually have a combination of passive areas and active facilities, they are likely to be predominantly natural resource-based parks.

Park size varies for regional parks and is specific and relative to the parks system. A regional park focuses on activities and natural features not included in most types of parks and often based on a specific scenic or recreational opportunity. Facilities could include specialized amenities such as an art center, amphitheater, boating facility, golf course, or natural area with interpretive trails. Additionally, regional parks can and should promote tourism and economic development because regional parks can enhance the economic vitality and identity of the entire region.

Currently, there are no regional parks classified within the City of Delaware park system.” (p.39)

A large park near US23 would not only make a beautiful entrance to the City from the north, but it could also provide another destination for local travelers. With this land comes the potential to include activities based on natural resources as well as to explore other opportunities: hiking trails, bridle trails, additional fields of all sorts, fishing ponds, community gardens, maybe even a holiday tree farm, and more!

Given the existing green space requirements for the development (nearly 50 acres), and by tapping into other sources of local, state, and federal funding including partnerships with Preservation Parks as well as the many grants available today (many of which focus on preservation of natural resources), we can make this park dream a reality, but we need your help! Please **ask the City to work with the developer to provide an**

alternate plan for the land that incorporates a new City park. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,
Stacy Chaney-Blankenship,
943 Executive Blvd, Delaware, Ohio

From: [Willow, Anna](#)
To: [Carolyn Riggle](#); [Kent Shafer](#); [George Hellinger](#); [Chris Jones](#); [Lisa Keller](#); [Cory Hoffman](#); [Drew Farrell](#); [CMO](#); [board@sustainabledelawareohio.org](#); [R Thomas Homan](#); [Elaine McCloskey](#); [Stephen Tackett](#); [Blake Jordan](#); [Erin Wolfe](#)
Subject: Renewable Electric Energy Aggregation Update
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 7:35:21 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
[Outlook-d1uftdt.png](#)
[Electricity Aggregation FAQs.docx](#)

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Dear City of Delaware Mayor, Council, and Staff:

I am getting in touch on behalf of Sustainable Delaware Ohio (SDO) to update you on our recent work regarding the Renewable Electric Energy Aggregation initiative. We continue to work with our regional partners to educate ourselves (and prepare to educate the public) about this important issue. As part of this process, we have prepared a set of Frequently Asked Questions and Answers (FAQs), which are attached. We hope they are useful to you!

We remain dedicated to seeing this initiative on the Spring 2022 ballot. Please keep us updated regarding the city's progress and current plans, and please let us know if we can answer any additional questions!

Sincerely,
Anna Willow (on behalf of Sustainable Delaware Ohio)



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Understanding ExtrACTIVISM: Culture and Power in Natural Resource Disputes (
<https://www.routledge.com/Understanding-ExtrACTIVISM-Culture-and-Power-in-Natural-Resource-Disputes/Willow/p/book/9781138607408>)

Anthropology and Activism: New Contexts, New Conversations (<https://www.routledge.com/Anthropology-and-Activism-New-Contexts-New-Conversations/Willow-Yotebieng/p/book/9780367464097>)

The Ohio State University occupies the ancestral, historical, and contemporary territory of Shawnee, Potawatomi,

Delaware, Miami, Peoria, Seneca, Wyandotte, Anishinaabe, and Cherokee peoples. I am honored to be a guest on these lands.

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From: Stacy B. Chaney <sbchaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 12:44 PM
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Cc: Jen Jenkins
Subject: 10/11 update: Petition to protect natural resources in Addison Properties
Attachments: 2021-10-11 petition to protect natural resources.pdf

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Dear City Council and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:

Attached you will find an additional 104 signatures on the petition to protect the natural resources in the Addison Properties parcels, for a total of 264 signatures submitted thus far.

As the petition states:

We ask the City to act to protect the wetlands, waterways, forests, wildlife, and other natural resources found on the Addison Properties parcels north and west of Executive Boulevard in Delaware, Ohio. This important ecosystem must be preserved! Over 80 acres of forests and the waterways that feed the Olentangy River found on this land are important to us as they are one of the last large parcels of natural resources in the city. We urge the City to conduct a feasibility study in regards to putting a park on the land to preserve these natural resources.

The parcel zoned A-1 contains most of the trees and wetlands. We ask your attention specifically to preserving the natural resources on that land. The developer has stated that he would consider selling the land to the City. The grants to help fund this have deadlines that we need to meet; we must ask you to act on this with some urgency. We believe that the signatures on this petition should make it a priority for the City. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Clerk: please submit this letter and the attached file into the record. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Chaney-Blankenship, 943 Executive Blvd, Delaware, OH 43015
Jennifer Jenkins, 544 Rutherford Avenue, Delaware, OH 43015

[Attached: 1 pdf, 9 pages]

On Mon, Sep 27, 2021 at 12:57 PM Stacy B. Chaney <sbchaney@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council and members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

Attached you will find an additional 112 signatures on our petition to protect the natural resources in the Addison Properties parcels.

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[Attached: 3 files, 9 pages PDF]

On Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 12:18 PM Stacy B. Chaney <sbchaney@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City Council and members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

Attached you will find a petition signed by 48 Delaware residents to protect the natural resources in the Addison Properties parcels. You may note that it includes a request for the City to conduct a feasibility study in regards to putting a park on the land in order to preserve natural resources. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Last week the developer, Jason Friedman, expressed a willingness to sell a portion of the land owned by Addison Properties for a park. We hope that the City will take advantage of this opportunity and partner with other local, state, and federal funding resources to make this a reality for the residents of Delaware. As you know, many residents have identified nature trails and related natural programming as high priority needs on the recent Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey. A park on the A1 parcel in the Addison Properties development would be a great opportunity to build a park centered around the existing forests and wetland natural resources on this land. Thank you for helping keep Delaware beautiful!

Sincerely,
Stacy Chaney-Blankenship,
943 Executive Blvd, Delaware, OH 43015

10/11/21

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10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	2A eselle street	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	131 N Sandusky	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	172 Cambridge Rd	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	2025 Liberty Rd	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	292 White Elm Pr	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	260 N. Sandusky St	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	222 Curtis St.	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	222 Curtis st # 805	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	250 Cumberland Rd	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	318 Hawthorn	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	215 Cumberland Rd	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	1245 Dunham Rd	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	1245 DUNHAM RD	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	179 Marblewood Dr	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	313 Munton Dr	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	114 persimmon ct	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	21 Darlington Rd	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	153 Marblewood Dr.	43015
10-11	<i>[Signature]</i>	307 Basswood St.	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	473 Pagoda Loop	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	644 Eagle Walk	43015
10/11	<i>[Signature]</i>	173 Old Colony DR	43015

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Date	Signature	Street address	Zip
10/1	<i>Ken Dyer</i>	419 Taylor Ave	43015
10/1	<i>Brenda J. H.</i>	315 S. SUNDVSKY apt 301	43015
10/1	<i>Sima Sepeluk</i>	136 Fair Ave	43015
10/1	<i>Russell Gunkle</i>	998 Boulder Dr	43015
10/1	<i>John Z.</i>	998 Boulder Dr	43015
10/1	<i>Maryetta Handrahan</i>	970 Hanover Rd.	43015
10/1	<i>John Zog</i>	33 Cheshire St	43015
10/1	<i>Christina B. Scott</i>	129 Downing St W	43015
10-1	<i>Steve M. Coffey</i>	341 Locust CV17	43015
10/1	<i>John Z.</i>	190 Brenden Loop 2	43015
10/1	<i>Susan Masker</i>	999 Executive Blvd	43015
10/1	<i>James Masker</i>	998 Executive Blvd	43013
10/1	<i>Agnese Babbitt</i>	184 W. HEFFNER ST	43015
10/1	<i>David Wilson</i>	53 High St	43015
10/1	<i>Melissa Wilson</i>	53 High St	43015
10/1	<i>Eric Chambers</i>	147 N. Franklin	43015
10/1	<i>[Signature]</i>	6244 BLUE CHURCH	43004
10/1	<i>Dyke RBT</i>	25 MICKWOOD VILLAGE TR	43015
10/01	<i>M. Morrison</i>	133 Bendelaw Ave	43015
10/1	<i>Nicol Vegliades</i>	105 Shay St.	43015
10/1	<i>Adam Adam Kern</i>	319 Grand Circuit Blvd	43015
10/1	<i>Kenneth Kern</i>	" "	43015

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Date	Signature	Street address	Zip
10.01.21	George San Clemente	478 Blairdel Dr.	43015
10/1/21	Angie J. Davis	488 Grand Circuit	43015
10/1/21	Susan Rumpf	765 Ruthert Ct	43015
10/1/21	B.S.	38 Fieldcrest Drive	43015
10/1/21	Heather Rodenburg	265 W Lincoln Ave	43015
10/1/21	Joselyn West	679 Cobblestone Dr	43015
10/1/21	[Signature]	292 Hawthorn Blvd	43015
10/1/21	[Signature]	292 Hawthorn Blvd	43019
10/1/21	[Signature]	30 Blymer St	43015
10/1/21	[Signature]	30 Blymer St.	43015
10/1/21	William F. Shephard	318 PECAN CT	43015
10/1/21	Janice Shephard	318 Pecan Ct	43015
11/1/21	John Shephard	180 Old Colony Drive	43015
10/1/21	Gayle R. Spindmore	180 Old Colony Dr.	43015
10/1/21	[Signature]	158 Gregory Dr.	43015
10/1/21	[Signature]	6205 S. Section Line Rd	43015
10/1	Kami Atiyeh	6205 S Section Line Rd	43015

