



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Woerther and City Council Members

From: Ryan S. Thomas, City Administrator

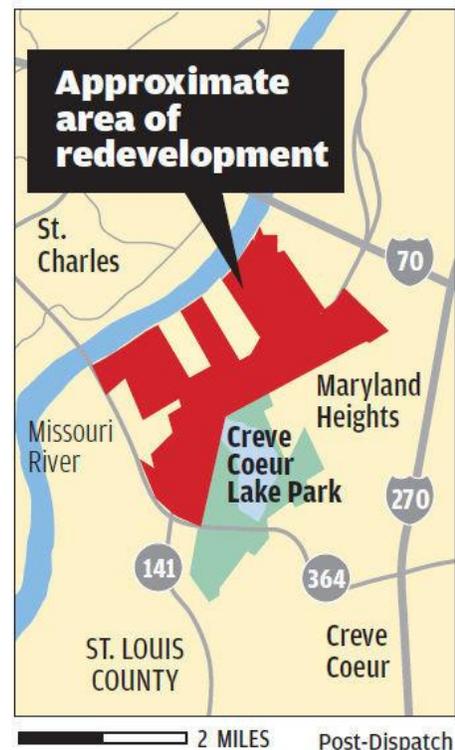
Date: March 11, 2016

Re: **Consideration of a Resolution Opposing Development of the Missouri River Floodplain within the City of Maryland Heights**

Mayor Woerther has been approached by David Stokes, Executive Director for the Great Rivers Habitat Alliance, requesting that the City of Wildwood and other area municipalities consider passage of a Resolution opposing any proposal to develop in flood-prone areas or continuing a pattern of development that can be expected to divert flood waters onto other areas, which includes the present proposal for redevelopment of the Maryland Park Lake District in the City of Maryland Heights.

St. Charles County has already passed the attached Resolution opposing the development of this area, due to potential flood impacts on its side of the Missouri River. The City of Wildwood also has flood-prone areas upstream in the same watershed, but without a specific development plan proposed at this time, it is unknown what the actual impacts may be. The site is currently protected by a levee, but some are concerned that the development may lead to increasing the height of the levee in the future.

This matter is planned for discussion at the March 14, 2016 City Council Meeting, and if desired, a Resolution can be prepared for the March 28, 2016 City Council Meeting. At this time, St. Charles County is the only jurisdiction to take an opposing position on this matter.



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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING REDEVELOPMENT OF THE
MARYLAND PARK LAKE DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF
MARYLAND HEIGHTS

WHEREAS St. Charles County and St. Louis County sit at the confluence of the country's two great rivers, the Missouri River and the Mississippi River, and the St. Charles County Council wants to protect the beauty of this unique area; and

WHEREAS, the residents of St. Charles County recently witnessed major flooding in the area when water levels of the two rivers and tributaries thereto raised faster and higher than previous floods, and civic leaders are being urged to avoid putting homes and other development in flood-prone areas or continuing a pattern of development that can be expected to divert flood waters onto other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently changed its maps which put homes and business in the flood plain that were previously not in the flood plain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maryland Heights, as contemplated in Resolution No. 2016-1198 passed by its City Council and approved by its Mayor on February 4, 2016, is seeking proposals to develop 1,800 acres of flood plain along the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Council opposes any proposal to develop flood plain in an area that will most likely flood again.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The St. Charles County Council hereby opposes any proposal to develop in flood-prone areas or continuing a pattern of development that can be expected to divert flood waters onto other areas, which includes the present proposal for redevelopment of the Maryland Park Lake District in the City of Maryland Heights.

Section 2.

The Executive Assistant to the County Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the City of Maryland Heights to notify them of St. Charles County's opposition to said proposed development.

DATE PASSED

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL