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Subject: 16-253-GA-BTX - Comment referencing UC Blue Ash Master Plan and environmental concerns

Hello,

Furthering my opposition to the Central Corridor Pipeline project (Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX) and the proposed Pink Route, I wanted OPSB and Duke Energy to be aware of the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash Master Plan. This planning document, composed in 2010, calls specifically for preserving the woods bordering Bluewing Terrace, through which the Pink Route would run.

You may find the Master Plan here:

https://www.uc.edu/af/pdc/campus_planning/rwc_master_plan.html

Relevant sections are quoted below:

""Land Quality-- Large portions of the perimeter of the campus possess significant natural woodlands and waterways that are of high quality and that are worthy of preservation. Land management and storm water management plans are recommended to preserve these for the long-term benefit of the campus." (Page 1-8)

"The campus' southernmost edge terminates within the bed of a densely-wooded ravine that ultimately drains to the Mill Creek." (Page 3-2)

"Significant portions of the Undeveloped Woodland areas are either difficult to develop for future buildings and roads, or should not be developed for reasons of the intrinsic value that the land offers the campus, for political reasons, or because of regulatory considerations. The following map shows the current land uses on campus." (Page 3-3)

""The property slopes steeply downhill in heavily-wooded ridges and ravines toward the north and south edges of campus, eventually draining into the Mill Creek ... While there is no evidence of a naturally-occurring permanent wetland on the property, both naturally-occurring and man-made riparian areas support the effective management of storm water and provide visual variety, varied opportunities for campus interaction, and reinforce the woodland context of the campus." (Page 3-7)

"The North Woodland and South Woodland areas of campus will be protected as natural preserves with the possibility of development limited to supporting the educational needs of the campus, and for use as a system of developed trails for both the campus and the community." (Page 4-6)

"The North Woodland and South Woodland areas of campus possess natural woods and riparian features that are both unique to the campus in their current natural state,

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are necessary to the natural mitigation of stormwater, and are difficult to develop for buildings but that offer significant educational, recreational, and community potential." (Page 4-12)

Thank you,
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