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Re: Hyatt Place SWDM Variance

Greetings,

On behalf of the Central Ohio Group Sierra Club, we are submitting comments for the Hyatt Place variance request. We feel further hardening of the landscape in the proposed area will negatively impacts the Alum Creek watershed. This will increase the amount of stormwater runoff, degrade the quality of the watershed, and erode the capacity for stormwater drainage. We believe having the maximum number of auto parking spaces for this project does not correspond to the actual number of spaces that will be needed and more importantly used.

This area has seen an overabundance of paving and hardening of surfaces with little conservation occurring. The continuation of degrading of our urban streams causes downstream flooding, poor stream quality, etc. We would like to see the City of Columbus make an effort to properly preserve stream corridors in the Polaris area and plan for sustainable development.

With the projected increase of precipitation due to climate change we will see more intense rainfall, more frequently. We believe this concern is not being taken into account, and should be a significant reason to not allow the variance to be granted.

Sincerely,

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