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Gahanna City Council  
200 South Hamilton Road  
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Re: Gahanna Land Use Plan

Dear Members of Council,

Due to family and community volunteer commitments, I am unable to attend most of your meetings to offer my opinions on the Land Use Plan. I did address the planning commission during their consideration of the plan. I have several suggestions that I hope you consider:

1. Parkland: Index all properties owned by the City. The County Auditor's web site shows 198 parcel numbers owned by the city. Some of the properties are small and of no real consequence. However, by detailing these properties on the plan with updates posted on an active web site, residents and developers can better understand how public land can be considered in planning for further public use. My interest focuses on two pieces of city owned land in Focus Area Two as follows:

a. 025-003976-00, 6.3 acres with listed address of 3216 Clark State Road. The property actually fronts on North Hamilton Road at the Rocky Fork Creek bridge, just south of Peace Lutheran Church. The property is coded as existing parks and green space on page 24 of the draft plan. However, the acreage is coded as "mixed use" on the "Future Land Use" recommendation, Figure 5-7, page 77. This large piece of land should remain as a city owned property in order to protect the creek and to be a possible starting point for further creek and park acquisitions to the east. The land should not be developed as "mixed use."

b. 025-011490-00, 2.9 acres with no street address except for Johnstown Road. The property fronts on the east side of East Johnstown Road just to the north of the Sycamore Woods condominium development. The property appears to be coded as "Institutional" use on page 24. On page 77, the property is not

coded as parkland. The property is located just outside of Focus Area Two, Central Corridors. Though not part of the study, that should be presented as dedicated park land since the park is integral to the Sycamore Woods condominiums.

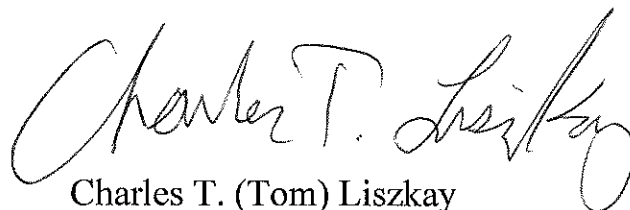
2. Six Lots South of N Hamilton and Johnstown Angle: Focus Area Two (Central Corridor) and Focus Area Three (North Gateway) left out a critical gap in consideration of the area south of the Ohio Health building at the angle formed by East Johnstown Road (US 62) and North Hamilton Road:. I believe that neither the Focus Area Two recommendation at page 77 nor the Focus Area Three recommendation at page 81 addressed future use of those six lots. The city's Heartland Plan (8-25-1999) called for combining the six lots for redevelopment. The ravine would preclude intensive redevelopment though a condominium plan might fit in taking advantage of the steep ravine and creek. I suggest that all six lots be considered in this draft land use plan.

3. Heartland Plan: Recommend that the City's Heartland Plan be cited in consideration of Focus Area Two and Three. The Heartland Plan considered a much larger area than the focus areas in the current Draft Land Use plan.

4. Trails and Multiuse Paths:, Recommend that the City's current working document "City Wide Trails Master Plan" be cited on Page 30 (under section titled "Mobility" with subparagraph of "Bikeways.")

Thank you for considering my suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles T. Liszkay". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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cc: Mr. Mike Blackford, Planning and Development