



Parks and Recreation Committee

Date: January 22, 2016
To: His Honor Mayor Hancock
From: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Parks and Recreation Committee
Re: Urban Drainage and Flood Control Plan 2016

Dear Mayor Hancock,

It has come to the attention of INC and INC Parks and Recreation Committee that designs for a large flood control project have been planned and were recently presented to neighborhoods in and along the Park Hill and Montclair Urban Drainage Basins. We have learned that these plans have the potential to significantly impact and alter either a neighborhood or City Park Golf Course. It is our understanding that the project, as presented, is to be decided very soon.

We have consistently advocated for early and meaningful involvement in the City of Denver's planning processes whether it be with regard to Parks, Transportation, Public Works or any other decisions which significantly impact Denver residents and neighborhoods. The INC Parks Platform emphasizes protection of open green space and an emphasis on a community based process for decision making. This includes a strong belief that community members should be included in the early planning stage of any project when there is significant impact on Park land. We believe the early inclusion of community members in planning was not addressed for this plan/project

We respectfully request the departments, agencies and consultant involved in the urban drainage and flood control planning project pause and invite representatives of Denver's RNOs and INC to the planning table to ensure that all possible facts and solutions are presented and explored and that the decisions are in the best interest of Denver's neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Cindy Johnstone

Maggie Price
Co Chairs, INC PARC

CC: Councilman Albus Brooks District 9, Councilman Christopher Herndon District 8, Councilwoman Deborah (Debbie) Ortega At-Large, Councilwoman Robin Kniech At-Large, Larry Ambrose President Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation