



City of Toledo
Department of Public Service

April 30, 2018

To: The property owners in Edgewater Park and along Mudjaw Creek

Re: Levee Restoration Project

Dear Property Owners:

Since 2008, the Point Place Levee System has been placed in “Unacceptable” status by the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and “provisionally accredited” status with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For the past decade, The City of Toledo, FEMA and USACE have been working together, gathering and reviewing data as a group to determine how best to improve the levee system to the greatest benefit of its residents.

The levee system was evaluated by dividing it into specific segments, called “reaches”, so that each reach of the levee system could be addressed individually. As part of that process, it was determined that the portions of the levee that include much of Edgewater Park and Mudjaw Creek needed to be addressed first. Specifically, the northern portion of Edgewater Park and the western side of Mudjaw Creek have settled significantly (anywhere from 4” to 12”) over the past thirty years and the elevation needs to be restored.

Initially, FEMA wanted the entire Point Place Levee System raised to a minimum elevation of 581.2 feet; but upon further evaluation of the Ottawa River side of the levee, it was determined that an elevation of 579.5 feet (very close to original height) was sufficient. Also, USACE originally would not approve any encroachment within 15 feet of the toe of the levee system, but has lifted the majority of those restrictions so that most encroachments outside the toe are acceptable, most docks are acceptable, and most decks can be acceptable if they are removable and only resting on the levee. We anticipate that most encroachments may be permissible, so long as the encroachment does not penetrate into the levee or cause erosion or other structural damage to the levee, and the proper permit process is followed.

In order for the City of Toledo to restore your portion of the levee system to proper height and structural integrity. We need your full cooperation in the removal of all encroachments (items other than the natural levee system that are not easily removable by a person without the aid of tools or equipment) from the toe of slope to the shoreline. It is our understanding that the majority of you are now well aware of the earth work that needs to occur, and what encroachments each of you have to remove. Please have those encroachments removed prior to work being completed in your area. For Edgewater Park, construction will

occur in May and June of 2018. For Mudjaw Creek, we ask that all encroachments be removed by July 9, 2018. Any encroachments that have not been moved out of the way by the time of construction mobilization will be removed by the City of Toledo so that work will not be impeded.

This action is being taken to achieve compliance with FEMA and USACE. Please understand that if the City of Toledo cannot access the levee in a timely fashion to meet the rehabilitation deadline set forth by FEMA, the levee system will not be certified. This would result in higher flood insurance premiums, and the affected area would be ineligible to receive federal aid in the aftermath of a flood event.

After the rehabilitation work is complete and the levee is certified by FEMA, the City of Toledo will have a process for allowing minor encroachments, with the approval of the USACE. The process will be available to you on our website at www.toledo.oh.gov, or you may contact me directly at 419-245-1587 or Kristin.cousino@toledo.oh.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,



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