HARPER-MADISON AMENDMENT #2 – ITEM 66

Amend Section 25-1-603 (C) to read as follows: Unless otherwise required under the Parkland Dedication Operating Procedures, fifty percent of acreage in the 100-year floodplain that is dedicated as parkland may be credited toward fulfilling the requirements of this article if any adjoining land within the 25-year floodplain is also dedicated as parkland. The land within the 25-year floodplain may not be credited toward fulfilling the requirements of this article.

Explanation

The current code only allows partial credit for 100-year floodplain. This amendment would also allow partial credit for 25-year floodplain.

There are many great parks across the country that utilize land within the floodplain, such as Olmos Park and Golf Course in San Antonio or Smale Riverfront Park in Cincinnati. Both parks not only offer popular, public gathering places but offer creative flood mitigation strategies for the cities.

This amendment would incentivize the dedication of land over fee-in-lieu, still allow opportunities for dedication outside of the floodplain, and could also assist in creative flood mitigation solutions.