

December 5, 2022

## Frequently Unanswered Questions

In the December 5, 2022 City Council Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting, city staff noted that they had answered all important and pressing questions of public concern about the proposed White Pond Development. This is inaccurate.

The following are questions that citizens have found to be answered unsatisfactorily and/or have been avoided by the developers, council, and the city administration:

### Environmental

1. How will this affect runoff, flooding/storm sewer issues, which are already challenging?
2. How much is the city going to make in sharing 50% of royalties with Triton from the oil well? Will the city ban fracking and oil drilling?
3. How will the city address the human/non-human animal conflicts that will occur once the construction has begun?
4. What will the city do to address the harmful air pollution that will come from this project once construction begins and the tree canopy and wetlands are decimated?
5. How will Triton address the destruction of the whole ecosystem, not just the specific damage to the tree canopy? (Understory plants, mycorrhizal network, soil compaction from construction, water pollution in and outside of it, etc.)

### History

1. Why is the city concerned about adding more luxury housing when Akron is losing population?
2. Why is the city undergoing this development when there are plenty of vacant lots and older buildings that could be restored/developed instead?
3. What efforts have been made by the city and the developers to do an archaeological study for Indigenous historical sites?

### Traffic

1. Can we expect a complete traffic study, especially considering that residents are already facing significant traffic problems? (Especially on Mull Ave, Market, White Pond Dr, Frank Blvd, I-77 ramps, etc.)
2. Who will pay for the extra wear and tear on the roads that will come from construction and the increased traffic?
3. What happens if the traffic study determines the need for additional infrastructure or that the project will only have negative consequences on local traffic?

### Infrastructure

1. Why isn't the city focusing on pressing concerns in current infrastructure, such as lead paint removal, road repair, and restoring older buildings?
2. Why is the city giving tax breaks to developers and not homeowners/future homeowners, especially if the city's intention is to increase the population?
3. How can we expect people to want to move to Akron if we continue to destroy greenspace and underfund our schools?