



Legislation Text

File #: 1850-2004, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND:

The South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan is the second in a series of three south side plans that, collectively, will cover the area generally bounded by State Route 104 to the north, U.S. 33 to the east, Interstate 270 to the south, and the Scioto River to the west.

Roughly half of the planning area has been developed with heavy industrial and manufacturing uses. The area also contains several large neighborhoods (Alum Crest Acres, Madison Mills, Williams Creek, Valley Green, and Alum Creek Village) and Three Creeks Park (the city's largest metro park), which accounts for almost one-third of the planning area's 2700 acres. Primary thoroughfares within the planning area include Alum Creek Drive, Williams Road, Watkins Road, Spangler Road, and Performance Drive.

The planning process was launched in September of 2003. A working committee consisting of neighborhood residents, business representatives, and local civic leaders met during the subsequent months to discuss issues, formulate goals, and develop a series of recommendations. During the winter months, the outcomes of the committee meetings (goals and recommendations) were compiled by the Planning Division and assembled into a draft plan. The plan was then submitted to city staff for review and comment. A second draft was prepared and subsequently presented to residents, neighborhood groups, and the Council of South Side Organizations. Additional public comment was solicited at an Open House on September 1st, 2004, and the feedback was incorporated into the final draft. The Development Commission reviewed the plan on September 23rd and unanimously voted to recommend adoption.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

CITY DEPARTMENTS RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To adopt the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan as a guide for development, redevelopment, and the planning of future public improvements.

WHEREAS, the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan is intended to serve as a guide for development, redevelopment, and the planning of future public improvements; and

WHEREAS, a working committee of stakeholders was formed to assist in the development of the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan; and

WHEREAS, committee meetings, presentations, and a public open house were conducted as part of the public planning process; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan address zoning and land use issues, infrastructure needs, and other community priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Council of South Side Organizations has endorsed the Plan and recommended adoption by City Council; and

WHEREAS, after public notice a public hearing was held at which the Development Commission approved the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan and recommended adoption to City Council; **now, therefore**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan is hereby adopted to establish guidelines for development, redevelopment, and the planning of future public improvements.

Section 2. That all city of Columbus departments and divisions are hereby authorized and directed to use the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan in initiating or reviewing projects within the planning area or adjacent areas and require that such projects generally conform to the plan.

Section 3. That the Department of Development is directed to monitor the use of the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan, and to present to City Council any amendments necessary to keep the plan up-to-date.

Section 4. That copies of the South Alum Creek Neighborhood Plan shall be kept on file in the Department of Development, Planning Division.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.