

Rocky Ripple Floodwall Project Opinion Vote Committee Charter

NOTE: Based on further discussion and input from Rocky Ripple residents, the original draft charter for the Floodwall Project Opinion Vote Committee Charter has been revised to clarify and streamline the purpose of the committee. See below for revised charter.

Explanation of Project:

As the Rocky Ripple Floodwall project has changed significantly since the proposal presented in 2017 that would save all homes in Rocky Ripple, and the plan currently calls for removal of 13 homes and the town hall, the Rocky Ripple Town Board will organize a stakeholder vote on the City of Indianapolis' proposed floodwall project once the final plan has been submitted to the Rocky Ripple Town Board by the City of Indianapolis DPW.

To ensure stakeholders have relevant facts they need in order to vote in favor of or against the project and that all residents are well informed about the project, this committee has been formed to develop a fact sheet and pro and con list that outlines key details related to the City of Indianapolis' proposed floodwall project.

This committee will also assist in dissemination of the fact sheet and will serve as "boots on the ground" to funnel questions to the town board and remind eligible residents to cast a vote related to the project. The committee will play a critical role in ensuring that the virtues and drawbacks of the project are well understood.

Committee Make-up:

Committee members will be made up of volunteers from the community and appointed by the Rocky Ripple Town Board. Exact number of committee members is not set, but the board looks to have committee members with various viewpoints on the floodwall that can come together and tabulate relevant unbiased facts for the project.

Committee Responsibilities:

The committee will be responsible for developing the floodwall fact sheet, holding meetings as needed to develop the fact sheet, and liaising with the Rocky Ripple Town Board on project progress. The Rocky Ripple Town Board will have ultimate decision-making on final language in documents prepped to be distributed to residents and stakeholders but looks to the committee to provide critical input so that all relevant facts are included. The committee will also provide input on set up and rules for the voting process.

Project Timeline /Committee Time Commitments:

It is expected that the fact sheet be available within 2 weeks after the final plan for the project is made known to the Rocky Ripple town board. Based upon current communications from DPW, the plan will be provided by end of September, 2022. Therefore, the board anticipates that the fact sheet will be needed by end of October, 2022. Final fact sheet and process for voting will be ratified at a Rocky Ripple Town Board meeting following receipt of plan from DPW and fact sheet from Committee. This timeline is subject to change based upon receiving all required information from City of Indianapolis DPW.

Stakeholder Definition:

Stakeholders that will be eligible to cast their vote on the floodwall are defined as follows:

- A stakeholder must own property in Rocky Ripple and be able to provide proof of property ownership
- This includes all property within the boundaries of Rocky Ripple, with improvements (homes) and without (land only)
- Property is defined as a parcel or parcels of land in Rocky Ripple
- Stakeholders are allowed one vote per parcel
- If a parcel is owned by more than one person, a trust, or a corporation, there is still only one vote per parcel.