

ParkRDU Economy 3 Environmental Assessment Public Comments

Date Comment Submitted	Comment	RDJUA Response
9/27/2018	Please do NOT put a rock quarry on the Oddfellows tract. Please consider ideas that will draw people into the area and not just ways to get people out of this area. Please help make this area a destination not a place to leave.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
9/27/2018	Consider and strive for bilding all new 8 remodeled buidings to net zero standard. Consider incorporating a geothermal heat sink under the reconstructed 8 new runway and taxiway.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
9/27/2018	AECOM Jeff Weisner and Rachel Stair. Please make sure your EA (environmental assessment) addresses run-off from parking ride economy 3 into Haley's Branch with the Colonial Pipeline Impact also on the weblands. I live on well water which will be impacted. Most concerned about clean cutting of 500 acres of high caliper shade tress that surround this east side of RDU and how this decision impacts my property on and in the Morris Duke Plantation area. This area was an original roadway travel from Hillsborough in Orange County to Raleigh, North Carolian (Wake County).	As part of the environmental assessment process, potential water resource impacts (including wetlands and stormwater impacts) will be assessed within the project area.
10/14/2018	I'm opposed to any expansion of Wake Stone quarry to the Oddfellows Tract. This land will never recover from a mining operation and have no future value to the taxpayers. This is a rare opportunity to preserve open space.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/14/2018	As someone who uses the bicycle trails in the Lake Crabtree and surrounding areas, I'm hopeful that the RDU Airport Authority will seriously consider keeping the forests intact and developing them as multi-use recreational and natural buffer areas. I think the idea of a quarry is not the best use for the land, as there are many other quarry opportunities in the region and as the RTP area has as a major goal to attract more residential uses. I know quarries are needed, but there are plenty of areas within a short drive in several directions. I'm also disappointed that this issue has not been made more public. Why so quiet?	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/13/2018	Please do not open RDU land to quarry. I know so many people who enjoy hiking and biking here. The profits of a few should not outweigh the enjoyment health and recreation of the many community members who enjoy this green space.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/13/2018	I love biking on the trails in Oddfellow's track. Please oppose quarrying on this great recreational land.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/13/2018	Please do not open RDU to quarrying. Please maintain this space as forest and trails for the community to enjoy and maintain green space.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/12/2018	Please please don't mess up a great family area. Great place for kids to learn how to mountain bike and enjoy the outdoors. We need to keep some of the green and stop bulldozing used areas.	There are current parking expansion needs at the airport due to the tremendous growth of our region. And, it is the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority's responsibility to meet the civil aviation needs of the Triangle region. Federal guidelines require airport property to support aviation purposes.
10/12/2018	Good evening I wanted to let you know that I travel to the RDU area for the trails it offers, these are the ones in addition to those at Lake Crabtree County Park. Nine times out of ten I stay in the area for dinner. Unfortunately, I'm not interested in visiting a quarry. I really hope this type of facility is not what replaces some of my favorite trails. Thank you and I hope you consider your decision as one that will positively affect the hundreds of people in similar boats as me. Respectfully Tamara S.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/12/2018	I have lived in the Triangle for 10 years and in that time I have been delighted to see progress benefiting the cycling community with greenways, bike lanes, and bike-friendly installations all over. I would like to see this progress continue in the 2040 Master Plan and strongly oppose any non-recreational re-purposing of this land. A quarry and/or a parking lot will not benefit Triangle citizens nearly as much as a recreational center than can be enjoyed by all. Outdoor destinations are precious due to the fact that once they are gone, they are pretty much gone for good. We need to hold on to what we have left and continue to make improvements to our recreational destinations that can attract visitors, local and otherwise. Creating a destination that specifically accommodates cyclists will have the added benefit of introducing and fostering a culture of sustainable, environmental-friendly transportation that is good for taxpayers, both cyclists and motorists alike. Anyone who has used I-40 during rush hour knows that the Triangle desperately needs alternative transit options, especially as we continue to grow. Thank you, Max R.	There are current parking expansion needs at the airport due to the tremendous growth of our region. And, it is the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority's responsibility to meet the civil aviation needs of the Triangle region. Federal guidelines require airport property to support aviation purposes.
10/12/2018	keep this area for multi use trails. It brings people in to use them and many people in the community love them.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/12/2018	We need to keep green spaces look at the two recent hurricanes and how global warming is having an impact. Please do not develop this space.	There are current parking expansion needs at the airport due to the tremendous growth of our region. And, it is the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority's responsibility to meet the civil aviation needs of the Triangle region. Federal guidelines require airport property to support aviation purposes.
10/12/2018	This proposed parking area is not necessary. There are many onsite and offsite parking areas for air travelers. Many times I've driven along the north side of the terminals on International Dr and observed a huge expanse of asphalt parking largely empty. Why not make better use of existing infrastructure? Why not consider leveraging proposed lite rail to offset parking needs? Why destroy natural forest to build more unused parking area?	The Vision 2040 Master Plan studied, and outlined recommendations for accommodating, the tremendous current and future growth of our region. The purpose and need for the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3 will be described in the Environmental Assessment document that is developed as part of this environmental review process. The Authority invites interested citizens to read this document once it is made available to the public for review and comment.
10/12/2018	Please do not allow Wake Stone to turn the land known as the Oddfellows tract into a Quarry. Please let the land remain a green space viewed and enjoyed by the local community.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/12/2018	Hello, I would like to see the land around RDU airport have the Forest Land concept and not be developed. Thanks, Amy	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us. It is the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority's responsibility to meet the civil aviation needs of the Triangle region and beyond. Federal guidelines require airport property to support aviation purposes.
10/12/2018	I am writing to say that I am opposed to seeing commercial development replace what is a widely used recreational area for the public.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us. It is the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority's responsibility to meet the civil aviation needs of the Triangle region and beyond. Federal guidelines require airport property to support aviation purposes.

10/12/2018	We need more public green space in the triangle. Land is being developed everywhere. Preserve the land near the airport for public use! We don't need a quarry, we need space for our kids to bike and hike.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/12/2018	We have the chance to create a world class green space in a rapidly growing city. Once these areas are gone and used for yet another quarry, they will be gone for good. The economic impact from attracting top talent from all over to enjoy not only our wonderful city, but have a place to get outdoors and decompress from the daily grind right in our back yard. I implore our city and county officials to think past the next election cycle and the money that some lobbyist might line their pockets with and think about the future of our city. Let the Boy Scouts keep their campground and let our voices be heard. Our officials are elected to keep represent us, not another corporation.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/12/2018	I'll keep it short Please do NOT pave our paradise ! So many people enjoy this tract of land and have fir many years not to mention the local wildlife and residents listen to what WE want this OUR voices count !!	The Vision 2040 Master Plan studied, and outlined recommendations for accommodating, the tremendous current and future growth of our region. The purpose and need for the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3 will be described in the Environmental Assessment document that is developed as part of this environmental review process. The Authority invites interested citizens to read this document once it is made available to the public for review and comment.
10/12/2018	As a resident of Wake county for the past 18 years, I've observed a massive shrinking of green and undeveloped lands. The proposals set forward from this group to continue to erode the precious Green space left in this area are massively misguided. The true value of the airport lands are in keeping them green and provide access for recreation. Umstead park is a treasure but it has been feeling increased pressure from every single neighbor, not to mention that usage is at an all time high due to the reduction in parks and nature throughout this county. The proposed quarry for the odd fellows tract is a particularly good example of this short term thinking, not to mention it seems to be diametrically opposed to the mission of RDU since the land will be destroyed in the process. I recognize that there are very large sums involved in this debate, but I implore both the RDU authority and every elected official to consider the health and well-being of this entire county over the profit for a few. Keep the city of Oaks alive and keep our county green. There ARE more benefits of a balanced society than money from another quarry.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/12/2018	As a Wake County and City of Raleigh resident and tax payer I am opposed to parking lot expansion near Umstead State Park as well as a new quarry to Wake Stone Company on the Odd Fellows Tract. Any aggregate material that is in need for RDUAA can be acquired at a competitive cost from Martin Marietta's RDU quarry located on Westgate Road. Martin Marietta is always willing to do business with RDUAA and to make a better deal than Wake Stone can for materials at need. I ask that the RDUAA consider instead making these properties available for lease or sale to the county or city for outdoor recreation as a good will gesture to the people the airport authority serve and are held accountable to. Sincerely, Charles C.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
12/10/2018	I am really excited about the rdu forest concept. Outdoor recreation is a responsible use of existing forested lands, which are getting hard to come by in the area. Please don't destroy these lands with more parking lots and rock quarries.	The Vision 2040 Master Plan studied, and outlined recommendations for accommodating, the tremendous current and future growth of our region. The purpose and need for the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3 will be described in the Environmental Assessment document that is developed as part of this environmental review process. The Authority invites interested citizens to read this document once it is made available to the public for review and comment.
10/12/2018	Why do we need more parking at lot 3. That lot is massive and virtually empty every time i drive by it. Plus there is a complete vacant park and ride lot just offsite. This is simply a land grab to preempt the promotion of green space. The expansion of the quarry is ridiculous too. This is a one time opportunity to create and preserve valuable green space that Raleigh will need much more than quarried stone from this site. Shame on anyone that votes for the quarry expansion	The Vision 2040 Master Plan studied, and outlined recommendations for accommodating, the tremendous current and future growth of our region. The purpose and need for the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3 will be described in the Environmental Assessment document that is developed as part of this environmental review process. The Authority invites interested citizens to read this document once it is made available to the public for review and comment.
10/12/2018	Please do not go forward with this project. Umstead Park is one of the jewels of the Raleigh/Durham area and is loved by the residents of our cities. A new quarry so close to my the park will not only damage the parks ecosystem, it will also create noise pollution that will ruin the park for its many 1000s of visitors. No one wants to hear blasting and digging while they're trying to enjoy a day at the park. Please consider the wishes of the community and do not go forward with this project.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/11/2018	I would like an environmental friendly parking lot and protects Umstead Park and it's trails.	Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.
10/11/2018	The EA and design should strongly consider the following: Parking lots be sited to work with the steep and environmentally topography and to minimize impact on Hally's branch and other waterways Parking lot should be built with Low Impact Development (LID) techniques to minimize storm water impacts to Umstead State Park Maintaining substantial FORESTED buffers between parking lot and Umstead State Park Parking is available for the RDU Forest trails Support the RDU Forest Trail Center	The affected environment and environmental consequences of the proposed Park Economy 3 expansion project will be analyzed and described in the Environmental Assessment document. Environmental consequences of the proposed action will be reduced or mitigated where feasible to achieve the project's purpose and need while being protective of the environment. The Authority plans to investigate LID techniques to incorporate into the potential ParkRDU Economy 3 expansion during the project's design phase, which will follow successful completion of the Environmental Assessment process.
10/11/2018	Tried to ask why the 8 areas do not have a link to learn about them "There are 8 sections of an EA. For additional information about each section, click here." There is no link for this thus no one can learn about the 8 areas that we saw a poster board about on Sept 27th. With only a day left for comments I suspect folks will not have this opportunity to comment on something they might not fully understand...Hope this gets corrected or the time is extended to folks to make comments.	The link noted was not working properly, but has been resolved. However, the link to all display boards, including the 8 EA sections, was posted and working properly throughout the duration of the review period and remains posted at rdu.com/PE3EA.
10/11/2018	As an adjacent landowner, hope your environmental assessment includes the historical farms of the Haley, King and Sorrell families. They were farmers who had to give up their land and moved to area by Haley's branch so that there families had water and better land to farm when the CC camps were in the 20's. Also hoping you will note the Mile Marker Tree road that used to go through that area from Hillsborough Orange County to Raleigh NC Wake County. Many of the trees were cut when RDU asked the DOT to widen State Road 1850 Reedy Creek Road on the area north of I-40. Impact of Aviation Parkway's widening of the bridge over 40 and addition of three new exits and parallel extra lanes on both sides of I-40 Harrison Avenue to 540 will also need to be included in this area assessment because combined with all that disturbance of land will surely affect water turbidity, changes in the aquifer and sediment in the underground waters which cause my well water to change. Additionally the hope that your assessment study will include the Edwards Road which was created as a place for folks to build houses. The Barnes Family home, the King family, the Odd Fellows, the Edwards all were residents who were forced to move out in the late 70's and early 80's, so their family history needs to be shared with others. Duke Land is what my property at 2335 Old Reedy Creek and Morris Duke Land is my lot at 2300 Old Reedy Creek...This area also housed many sharecropper families that worked for the Morris and Duke tobacco Cos in Durham and raised the flu cured tobacco for cigarettes. This family heritage might be lost as the airport continues to tear down old buildings and homesites. Concern too for security of airport caused by persons able to enter this area without proper fencing to restrict them from the runway.	As part of the environmental review process for the expansion of Park Economy 3, historical, architectural, archeological and cultural resources will be assessed within the project area. The work being conducted by the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) at the intersection of Aviation Parkway and I-40 is not an Airport Authority project. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to NCDOT.

<p>9/27/2018</p>	<p>I don't object to expansion of Economy 3; I continue to object to the ALP that assigns the last open ground between Terminals 1 and 2 to a CONRAC. Nearly all other airports that have built CONRACs in the last 20 years have banished them to the periphery of the airport -- or, in the case of Atlanta, quite a distance from the airport.</p> <p>We should put the needs of Triangle residents first and reserve that land for another public parking deck. Notions that mass transit or Uber/Lyft will eliminate the need for deck expansion are speculative and, if they turn out to be inaccurate, injurious and irreversible. Nor do all citizens want to park in remote lots. If that were the case, the decks wouldn't be so frequently full as they are.</p>	<p>Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us, however this environmental assessment process is solely focused on the proposed expansion of ParkRDU Economy 3.</p>
<p>10/23/2018</p>	<p>As you know I am concerned about RDU SPENDING especially about clear cutting 500 acres of high caliber shade trees (my husband Professor ALLEN M BEALS JR, feasibility study at NCSU) and secondly why are so many employees leaving RDU these last 2 years?</p> <p>Those who are recently hired (last 3 years), know little of the past history, and no one seems to understand, because there are very few that are still employed at RDU. As you can tell I am concerned about unnecessary development at RDU. Since April and after the Financial report was made in April; the RDU authority has spent according to the meetings minutes, over 40 million dollars in contracts.</p> <p>I attended these meetings and listened as over 40 million dollars for development of RDU is spent and in my opinion is not needed...Taxpayers should be made aware of this and constraints have to be in place. for this unnecessary spending.</p> <p>The Airport Authority stresses that they are sustainable building but in my opinion, just put the word sustainable in front of a noun and you have sustainable development, sustainable assessment, sustainable growth or whatever you want to call it sustainable in deciding a decision. Sustainable development, sustainable growth, sustainable assessment is about making sure that those that surround you are being informed and kept aware of the changes that may or may not affect them. Does Wake Co commissioners, Raleigh City Council, Durham County Commissioners and Durham City Council know how much you are spending is a question that RDU Authority should make sure is answered.</p> <p>Sustainable development is a community wide decision to make decisions that will not affect your neighbors. I have as an adjacent landowner never been officially informed of any changes to my ETJ, changes to the maintenance of Old Reedy Creek Road and changes at the RDU Authority. Citizens that are adjacent to RDU deserve and should be sent notice of changes that affect the value of their land. I am one of those.</p> <p>I have lived at my house on Old Reedy Creek Road since 1972 and never have been informed by email or letter about changes to RDU and now I am in the ETJ of RDU. Before that I was in Cary's ETJ but never knew until I called about why my road was not</p>	<p>Thank you for including us in the distribution of your recent letter, dated October 23, 2018, to the Durham and Wake County Commissioners. I personally have read your remarks and they have been included in the public comments for the Environmental Assessment of ParkRDU Economy 3, as requested. We appreciate your input and it will be considered, along with all comments during this process.</p> <p>As a critical component of North Carolina's infrastructure, RDUAA prioritizes smart, thoughtful growth across our region. We believe in asking for and listening to the thoughts and concerns of all our stakeholders. That's one reason we held the unrequired public workshop last month and continue to take measures to ensure transparency as we plan for the future.</p> <p>As we look at the needs of our entire region, we're planning ahead and considering the needs of many – landowners like yourself, travelers who frequent RDU and our community as a whole. That's what Vision 2040 was about. Throughout that process, we were collaborative and shared our findings openly, as is standard at RDUAA.</p> <p>There are many ways to stay abreast of RDU business. As you know, our Board of Directors meetings are open to all; the agendas are shared ahead of time and the minutes are posted afterward. Additionally, we have added a Public Information Portal on our website to make it easy for anyone interested to learn more about Authority business.</p> <p>We will continue to collaborate and ask for feedback. There will be more workshops and opportunities for comments as we seek a balanced approach to serving our community and its varied needs and desires.</p> <p>We understand your attentiveness as an adjacent landowner and we appreciate hearing your thoughts.</p>