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6/16/2015	As a flight attendant, I hope RDU is going to add more direct international flying! I would love to not always have to go through PHL...lol. Keep up the good work! Of all the airports I have been in, RDU is by far one of the best! > Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) an hour ago
6/16/2015	As a Raleigh native who remembers when RDU was a tiny terminal that looked like a bus station and you had to wait over an hour to see a single plane take off or land, I'm always pleased and proud these days when I overhear visitors in the terminal saying "This is a really nice airport!"
6/16/2015	I recommend that you add a spaceport and docking for the USS Enterprise.
6/16/2015	AMS would make me happy lol
6/16/2015	I would love a nonstop to CDG or FRA!
6/23/2015	@WakeGOV @RDUAirport Please, please, please consider a direct flight to #SanAntonio or #Austin!
6/24/2015	@Wraltraffic @RDUAirport A small taproom from one of the local breweries! @919Beer
6/24/2015	@wraltraffic @RDUAirport More public transit from Raleigh to RDU.
6/24/2015	@wraltraffic @RDUAirport a better wifi provider the boingo wifi is terrible
6/24/2015	@wraltraffic @WRAL @RDUAirport Rapid transit from places like Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh TravelingRoths
6/24/2015	@gogoraleigh @wraltraffic @RDUAirport I'd like to take a train to the airport. OldPrivy
6/24/2015	@wraltraffic @RDUAirport Free wifi. Bathrooms like SDF. Longer merging lanes. conpat
6/24/2015	@wraltraffic @WRAL @RDUAirport cheaper flights
6/24/2015	@wraltraffic @RDUAirport A monorail system to go between terminals. Like DFW has
6/26/2015	@wraltraffic @RDUAirport one word UBER
6/28/2015	New transit to airport for workers and customers, does not need to be rail.
6/28/2015	The public lands and trail networks at Umstead State Park & Lake Crabtree County Park have great value to the community. They are heavily used and use is growing. This land has high potential if park land are protected & enhanced through integration of trail networks.
6/28/2015	Public Transportation to the Triangle City centers is important for tourism. The airport should be commended for supporting the USO. I hop the support will continue.
6/28/2015	I am interested in seeing public access to the excellent Crabtree County Park bike trails. I am also a homeowner at Medfield Estates and my community is concerned about the impact of changes to flight paths and increase noise.
6/28/2015	The PAC & TAC committees should be known to the public as of tonight. I am interested as an adjacent landowner to save the opportunity to serve on the committee as a stakeholder.
6/28/2015	I think the RDU Airport needs shoeshine concessions outside of security as well as inside of security, for the hundreds of people who come to the airport for business, work or whatever reasons. The airport has always been a place where people believe they can get a shoeshine so please make room for this needed service. The name of my shoeshine company is Classic Bootblack, and I have been doing this for more than 30 years. I am very professional at what I do and would like to be involved in the future plans for the airport.
6/28/2015	We are uses of Crabtree County Park mountain biking trails and Umstead area. We would like commercial development options to avoid that area - and consider other pieces of property and development options to generate income needed. Triangle Greenspace is important to people living in and travelling to this area. If the lease with Crabtree is ultimately ended, we would like to see other green spaces leased to the county in it's place, so that a multi-user or ride center can be created.
6/28/2015	More International Flights Re-build the "ends" of Terminal 1 Ability to accommodate an airline hub in the event one choose RDU How to develop nearby and airport owned land How to be a bigger catalyst for regional economic growth in a RTA and other entities Financing to maintain and expand the airport
6/28/2015	Growth in the triangle area is pushing out local recreation. Mountain biking areas are constantly being lost to development. I view Umstead and Crabtree like Central Park in NY. Recruiting technically skilled workers will be difficult if there are no recreational areas.
6/28/2015	I like the idea of rental car fees and hotel tax/ fee going to airport.
6/28/2015	I support the continued preservation and operation of LCCP - Lake Crabtree County Park, 5 miles of trails which are open to hickers too exist at LCCP. These trails connect to established trails in Umstead Park. Also the Cary Greenways connect to LCCP. Please consider that boating, picnicking, and other recreational activities abound at LCCP.
6/28/2015	We are excited to protect our bike trails @ LCCP and would love to extend the sanctuary trails in partnership with RDU, Wake County and Morrisville, NC. :)
6/29/2015	@RDUAirport Great suggestion. Thanks for your service. Y'all deserve first-class treatment! 21 minutes ago @chouchoutv @RDUAirport more room for USO, there are many of us military mem
6/29/2015	@chouchoutv @WRAL @RDUAirport Leave as is.
6/29/2015	I don't know; I love RDU the way it is, and it's not the concrete jungle like most major airports. It's like an airport in a park. I'm very weary of development, because I find RDU convenient enough already - and so do many folks I talk to. Besides, there is a cemetery there, and it should be kept quiet and respectful. Suggestion (as I'm not going to be able to make it to the meeting): Raleigh, being the capital, I feel does not pay tribute enough to our state's honor of being first in flight; a little North Carolina aviation history sprinkled throughout RDU, maybe a small museum, would be *excellent!*

6/29/2015	Anyone who lived here through the 70's and 80's will remember all too well RDU Airport's notorious Plan B Expansion initiative. That plan, which very nearly came to fruition, would have turned major runways 180 degrees, paralleling Rt. 40 and sending low-flying air traffic directly over Umstead State Park, Meredith College and NC State, not to mention the homes of thousands of new Triangle residents who thought they'd made wise decisions, choosing to purchase their new homes in quiet residential areas likely to increase in value. It took years for citizens of this area to fight RDU to a standstill, forcing them to back down, retain their existing runway configuration, and avoid turning the noise corridor such that it was in total conflict with decades of land use planning designed to be compatible with the noise impact of overflights. TRIANGLE CITIZENS BEWARE . . . do not fail to inform yourselves about this new airport master planning process or to take this opportunity to ensure the RDU Airport Authority does not try once again to take away the peace and tranquility of your neighborhoods and the value of your properties in its drive to provide an "efficient airport in a cost-effective (!!!) manner". We don't want to have to fight the RDU monster yet again . . . but I have a gut-wrenching feeling that's what will come to pass if we fail to nip it in the bud early on!
6/29/2015	@RDUAirport work on baggage, parking pay and not having to go back upstairs to cross over just to go down for parking
6/29/2015	@chouchoutv @WRAL @RDUAirport more parking, another Starbucks, and additional security checkpoints #Vision2040
6/30/2015	My first question would be: "Is the airport authority actively involved with the development of light rail in the triangle? And if not why not? And why wouldn't it make economical, environmental, and developmental since to have light rail stopping AT the terminals on there way between Raleigh and Durham / Chapel Hill? This would reduce vast amounts of traffic and allow business travelers to transfer to their business or hotel location. This would make the Triangle much more attractive to business relocations. Why wouldn't the airport authority support this unless it is a fear of loss of parking revenue? Thanks for presenting these questions. I look forward to your direct answer or answers during these forums.
6/30/2015	person wants a Bojangles - @Bojangles1977 @chouchoutv @RDUAirport +1000 #BoTime #SouthernHospitality
6/30/2015	@RDUAirport #rdu2040 if there's not a rail line INTO RDU planned then its not a vision for the future, but a look into the past. Dberwyn
6/30/2015	@RDUAirport Thanks for live-tweeting - you might want to consider Periscope tomorrow night for those without Windows. #rdu2040 BlairHinkle
6/30/2015	@RDUAirport #gottaworkonbaggage You have the longest waits for luggage of any airport we travel to, including major cities. jwalters0529 replied to RDUAirport
6/30/2015	Piggy backing on earlier Bojangles ⚙ @mayordwilliams @Bojangles1977 @chouchoutv @RDUAirport if ATL and Charlotte have one...so should we!!!
6/30/2015	I am writing today on behalf of TigerSwan, Inc., a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business located in Apex, NC. We provide tailored vulnerability assessments and analysis and security training. Additionally, we provide "Guardian Angel" services which offer an both inexpensive and discrete method to both consistently and passively monitor the location of our clients and to rapidly identify their location in a time of active shooter scenario, kidnapping, extreme crisis or violent act. _x000D_ _x000D_ The global community has increasingly been the target of acts of violence and active shooter scenarios. To complement both our emergency reaction plans and our facility vulnerability assessments, we provide a cost effective way to rapidly identify the location of staff and students during times of crisis. Our app also provides a virtual geo-fence which sends out an immediate notification if the designated perimeter is breached. We are confident that our product would provide great assistance in enhancing the safety of travelers and staff while at RDU and while engaging in international travel._x000D_ _x000D_ Since 2007, TigerSwan has been performing globally and have been providing location monitoring and response services, advisory services, as well support for agriculture and infrastructure initiatives and general nation-building. Our current clients include the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), The Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), University Health Systems, multiple multi-national new organizations, and US-based and international corporations. TigerSwan provides a full complement of vulnerability assessments and emergency reaction plans that can assist in keeping staff and students safe during time of violence and crisis. We are also leaders in providing training on situational awareness. This training gives the tools needed to quickly identify the warning signs of a threat and provides step-by-step guidance on avoiding and/or mitigating the danger. _x000D_ _x000D_ We would very much like to speak with you to discuss the possibility of conducting courses/seminars to train your staff on how to maintain their personal safety even in extreme situations. I have attached, for your review, our general capabilities statements. _x000D_ _x000D_ I thank you in advance for your time and I look forward to speaking with you further regarding our capabilities. Please let me know if you have any questions. We are available to meet with you at your location and at your convenience. _x000D_ _x000D_ Verv Respectfullv

6/30/2015	<p>Some of this vision 2040 process should be held online to allow people with disabilities and anyone else to be involved easily. This would allow more people to be involved with the process.</p> <p>_x000D_ _x000D_ Also, I would like to be able to ask questions to the presenters or panels at these discussions via email, text, or tweet in order to reduce my environmental impact._x000D_ _x000D_ My first question would be: "Is the airport authority actively involved with the development of light rail in the triangle? And if not why not? And why wouldn't it make economical, environmental, and developmental since to have light rail stopping AT the terminals on there way between Raleigh and Durham / Chapel Hill?_x000D_ _x000D_ This would reduce vast amounts of traffic and allow business travelers to transfer to their business or hotel location. This would make the Triangle much more attractive to business relocations. Why wouldn't the airport authority support this unless it is a fear of loss of parking revenue?_x000D_ _x000D_ Thanks for presenting these questions. I look forward to your direct answer or answers during these forums.</p>
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7/6/2015	<p>This is something to consider to the Master Plan Vision 2040.</p> <p>Design and build short range monorails to and from all passenger parking locations scattered throughout the airport property.Maybe a one goes directly to the rental car area. Perhaps a monorail skyway connector between terminals 1 and 2 for passengers who have to transition to different flights with very little layover time. Some example of is seen at Atlanta Hartsfield, Dallas-Fort Worth, and San Francisco Airports.</p> <p>Back in the old days (1950's) eager spectators were able to view takeoffs and landings from observation area with unobstructed view from atop a terminal building. Times of course has changed since then. The current observation park view is obstructed by buildings disallowing viewers to see planes takeoff or land beautifully. Somehow make it possible for non-ticket persons a different separate access to an enclosed observation deck on top of a terminal building.</p> <p>Finally, consider putting solar panels on top of the buildings. The amount of energy produced can reduce the airport's carbon footprint on the environment. Usher the airport into an era of carbon reduction with increased recycling programs and awariness. Such as food waste can be used for compost, increased plastic bottle recycling, and reduced construction waste by recycling old building materials. Introduce greener vehicles on the tarmac and at the gates. Maybe make the Brier Creek Resevior crystal blue again (Just a wish).</p> <p>I would like to be a part of this planning. This would be a great vision for the airport to lead other airports into an era of carbon footprint reduction and beyond.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p> <p>This is the vision I see at the airport.</p>
7/6/2015	<p>I'm so sad I missed this. I hope better accommodations for families , particularly lactating women were discussed. RDU desperately needs clean spaces with a table top and outlets set aside for nursing mothers to pump milk or nurse. Those family bathrooms you point people to are not adequate. Looks like Fenway Park is taking this need seriously. wpri.com/2015/06/30/fenwa... Fenway Park has hosted the World Series 10 times since it's opening in 1912, and now it's playing host again. But this time, to breastfeedin... Fenway Park first MLB stadium to offer lactation</p>

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In sum, I understand that I live close to the airport. I also understand that the best solution to aircraft noise will be future innovation in jet engine technology, which is something that is not under your control but will hopefully come to benefit us all soon. However, the question I'd like to ask you is:

Can I trust that the issue of aircraft noise will continue to receive the importance it deserves when you make strategic decisions for the future?

7/21/2015

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7/24/2015	<p>I also remember RDU's Plan B from the 1970s, and other more recent times when adverse impacts to Umstead State Park were not considered in RDU decisions. It seems to me that the protection of Umstead should be a guiding principle in any planning for RDU and any decision that potentially could adversely impact the park. But, RDU provides no information on its planning principles in its documentation. Does RDU have a standing policy about about interactions with and impacts to its biggest neighbor, Umstead? If not, then now is the time. Its the first logical step in the planning process. Further, If RDU is interested in exchanging property with Umstead State Park, then it should be reflected in this master planning process. The inventory of RDU lands should immediately be expanded to include land, water and biological characteristics appropriate for consideration of inclusion to a State Park. The maps I have seen as part of SB 486 leave out the most appropriate properties for inclusion to the park.</p>
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7/30/2015	<p>@rttriangle @rduairport Uber, Lyft, and other ride sharing services. replied to rttriangle</p>

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10/6/2015	Stop the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority from turning one our local natural jewells into an office park/strip mall. Tell your friends and sign the petition! @torc_nc @flyrdu #savethecrab #greenspace #rtp #rdu #newraleigh #durham #wakecounty #townofcary #townofmorrisville #morrisville #mountainbike #bike #trails #hiking #conservation #dtr #hiking #hikingadventures #trees #outdoors #biketrail #triathlon #lakecrabtree #greenway #lccp #parks #countyparks #umstead #umsteadpark savelakecrabtree
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12/7/2015	Any updated to the master plan should include the direct connections to the airport via mass transit (i.e light rail) stations at the airport terminal or more regular bus service to surrounding cities. What does the Airport Authority plan to do to improve alternative mass transit infrastructure at the airport?
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12/29/2015	I would love to see an area that's suitable for families to wait...with vending (healthy) food available but also some kind of structure to let kids get energy out before the flight. They have them in a few airports we have travelled to and my flight is always better because of that.
12/29/2015	@RDUAirport you don't need consultants you need more parking - where do I send my consulting invoice? ;) MilesAbound
12/29/2015	@RDUAirport security line way understaffed. Ridiculous. replied to RDUAirport 16 minutes ago twitter @RDUAirport need 2 improve Self check in kiosks.2 close 2 agents.Folks in line between them. Mayhem.Awful enough I try 2 fly
1/14/2016	@WakeGOV @RDUAirport Hopefully the Master Plan includes more wide bodies at @RDUAirport
1/20/2016	I have head that you are siting another quarry off of Old Reedy Creek Road. Of all of the things that you consider doing with your land, please do not consider another quarry. That land is so rich in wildlife and natural beauty. there is so much destruction associated with quarries. The problem is where it is located. People from all of the surrounding counties use the parks and land for outdoor recreation. Please consider doing something that provides for a better quality of life to residents.
1/24/2016	To the 2040 Team, _x000D_ _x000D_ You had a drill rig and a bobcat on Old Reedy Creek Road on Monday of last week sampling the area for potential quarrying. We are home owners whose property shares a boundary with airport property on Old Reedy Creek Rd. I have to admit, I'm not impressed with the idea of living next to a rock quarry. We can already hear the dynamiting at the current quarry through the forest every day around noon. I can't imagine what this would sound like right next door to our home. We will have no way to avoid the dust, heavy equipment, noise and explosives. We are opposed to the idea of adding a quarry to Old Reedy Creek property, and I'm fairly certain the local users of Umstead State Park and Old Reedy Creek Rd will be as well. We moved here to enjoy the natural beauty of the area and to be close to the park. The peacefulness of our lives will be ruined. Our property value will plummet. The noise and dust will create an unhealthy living environment and the natural beauty of the area will be destroyed. _x000D_ _x000D_ I truly hope what I've heard is a terrible rumor not based in fact. My understanding was the 2040 plans were going to attempt to be conscious of the the environment. How is one more rock quarry next to private property and near a main vein into the state park being cognizant of the environment and those who live and play within it?

1/26/2016	OUR version of @RDUAirport's #rdu2040 plan. #ncbeer #beerandsausage #Cheers #drunktown #yourewelcome https://twitter.com/Adam12Sweathog/status/692485871606571009 1007WRDU
1/26/2016	The availability of information on the Vision 2040 project is shameful. It consists on only dates/venues, and no information of substance i.e. draft plans for review, etc. I could find no history of past planning, presentations, etc. such as the meetings last year. _x000D_ For a publicly funded study a better job of Outreach and information delivery should be expected. This should be the responsibility of the RDU agency, not media after the fact.
1/27/2016	Lose the moving walkways, replace 'em with more bars serving more beers. Cheap, easy, doable by #rdu2020! RDU Int'l Airport @RDUAirport Learn more about #rdu2040 at bit.ly/1KG4D7q . If you can't come out tonight, we'll be at 711 Hillsborough St. tomorrow at 6p. Adam12Sweathog
1/27/2016	Any information about RDU should be made available to adjacent landowners - Some of us are not computer savvy.
1/27/2016	I will not be able to attend the workshops but would like to be included on future mailing and meetings.
1/28/2016	@RDUAirport are there plans to link the two terminals and allow exchange behind security rather than strolling outside and re-entering TSA?
1/28/2016	@RDUAirport Don't forget pilots of those Cessna planes. We love RDU too! N1221W
1/28/2016	No Comment Given
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1/28/2016	In Terms of land use on the airport property, please consider preservation of Lake Crabtree County Park as an amenity for the community. It is virtually irreplaceable due to location/ proximity to RTP, Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. Thank You!
1/28/2016	Shouldn't we be worried more about the increase in emissions from more traffic to the airport which will lead to more flights? How do we offset all these emissions? Is that RDU's responsibility?
1/28/2016	Planning for future public transit expanded services should be a priority in the plan. Not only bus services, but also for future connection of commuter rail. The public wants easy transit access (and frequent).
1/28/2016	Land Swap - -Last legislative session -Why will this come up again? -What was trying to be achieved Use of Authority property as park - -Extend the land lease terms beyond 1-year -Maintain park and water access as-is or -Sale to municipality -Recreation facilities - "build buildings somewhere else" Please for the love of God run multiple busses to the airport - I want to take public transportation to and from this airport. I would happily give up all roadway and parking improvement and rental cars. Right now you have no choice but to drive and that is embarrassing.
1/29/2016	@paddy2me The study has not progressed to that point as of yet. Development alternatives are being discussed & will be presented in Spring. an hour ago @RDUAirport it is a "pretty" PowerPoint slide. Doesn't tell me
1/29/2016	I read in the Herald-Sun newspaper that Mr. Landguth said that engineers have determined that the runway "5L/23R" has reached the end of its "useful life" and RDU was considering reconstruction. Is this a mistake or a typo? Don't you really mean runway 5R/23L which is the original runway built in the early forties? Please clarify this for me. Thanks
2/2/2016	Please explain why we have to renovate 5L/23R which is 30 years old. The concrete has deteriorated that much? And will the RDU-LHR flight (or RDU-CDG for that matter) be able to take off on the shorter 5R/23L on hot summer afternoons?
2/19/2016	Clean transportation to the rental car area and extended to on site hotels would be great. Sustaining current lakes, parks, trails, nature on the property and even expanding them as a key component and attraction is very important. Expansion into unused areas and undeveloped tracts makes sense but not at the expense of existing parks!
2/22/2016	Is there a plan to add a "Global Entry" office at RDU?
3/4/2016	Please consider a rail connection from the airport to Durham and Raleigh in your long range plans.
4/7/2016	Why are there no adjacent landowners serving on your PAC Board? We are very much stakeholders in anything that happens at RDU. When are the next public hearings scheduled? The bike trails continue to be built on the RDU property...For the past two weekends I have observed chainsaws. and many bikers who appear to have been working in your woods.. I have also observed a bike trail development company parked close to these trails.
4/27/2016	I hope that RDU is looking at environmentally friendly options like these airports - http://aviation.about.com/od/Facilities/tp/6-Eco-Friendly-Airports.htm . Perhaps there might be places for such as electric vehicle charging stations in long term lots (http://cleantechnica.com/2015/08/19/portland-airport-gets-record-number-of-ev-charging-stations/) and green shuttles (http://www.solarevco.com/content/page/america%E2%80%99s-first-solar-electric-shuttle). I'd love to see a more aggressive recycling program http://aviation.about.com/od/Facilities/tp/airport-waste-management-5-ways-to-be-eco-friendly.htm . Another option or vegetative green roofs (http://www.flychicago.com/OHare/EN/AboutUs/Sustainability/Vegetated-Roofs.aspx) or solar roofs (https://www.faa.gov/airports/environmental/policy_guidance/media/airport-solar-guide.pdf). Thanks.
5/2/2016	I think rdu should have some connection between terminal 1 and 2 past security. For passenger to easily connect to airlines in other terminals and so passengers and employees can enjoy the food and shopping in both terminals without the hassle of going through security again.

5/2/2016	Dear Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority, I just found out about the existence of the Master Plan - Vision 2040 for RDU and I am really excited to participate to the debate, from a deeply individualistic perspective. I would bring two points to your attention, both really simple and both arising from personal needs: First: would you consider opening new routes towards Italy, possibly Rome? Second: if Ryanair is trying to making it to the US, RDU would probably be a perfect choice. As a frequent flier, Ryanair would surely be my first choice too. Would you consider attracting the company to RDU? Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
5/5/2016	Planning should include a light rail line running through the airport such as exists at ATL, ORD, DCA or JFK.
5/8/2016	Will any footprint be available for tail tracks of a possible passenger rail spur into the terminal complex?
5/27/2016	RDU needs a third runway and LOTS more space for its privately owned companies to operate. Especially with the upcoming, multi year closure of 23r/5l, RDU will be a madhouse.
5/30/2016	As a relatively frequent business flier from RDU, one thing that has worked well for more than 10 years is airport parking--in that period I NEVER had difficulty finding an on-site parking place. However, the recent "improvements" added, with three tiers of parking left me almost missing my plane when i and many others were surprised to arrive and find the "entire deck full" and had to spend nearly 30 minutes going to and returning from "economy". I am puzzled as to how such an event could happen, and why the changes were necessary. In thinking about the future on-site parking is critical.
5/31/2016	RDU is a great airport and a tremendous resource for this area. I appreciate the effort to make long-range plans for the facility. However, I am also a user of the Lake Crabtree County Park and especially the wooded trails areas. Please do not develop the wooded trails of Lake Crabtree County Park. Green spaces like this are a big reasons why people like this area. If we pave and build over every wooded area we will lose the very appeal that has led to our successful growth and prosperity.
5/31/2016	Would like to read all the comments sent back to RDU. I cannot get to the blog. Have requested how to do this several times and have had no response on how to get information from the blog. How do I comment on Vision 2040?...When I visit your site there is no way to comment. I am 70 years old and may not understand your way of commenting but as an adjacent landowner I want to make sure you hear from me. I came to a PAC committee meeting this past week and spoke to Mr Sawyer your webmaster and told him there are others that do not know how to twitter or answer via the internet. Public hearings needs to make all citizens have a way to speak their opinions. I am concerned that those of us that are computer competent are being left out. In 1972, public hearings were announced 30 days ahead in public notice. I am am a long time resident of this area and want to know how to comment. My husband and I have lived at this residence since 1972 and our land is adjacent to airport property and have not been informed of changes that mostly effect our property. When I attended a PAC committee on May 26th, I spoke to your webmaster about this problem for me and he indicated he would allow me to view the blog comments. I have not been able to to view these comments yet.. What do I need to do to see all the blog comments?
6/1/2016	Hi there! I would LOVE to see a lactation room for traveling moms who are breastfeeding. This is a huge issue in many airports, but I would love to see RDU do something about it and give us moms privacy to pump or to nurse our little ones. Thank you for your consideration! #rdu2040
6/1/2016	As an international traveller, I was very disappointed to discover there are no lactation rooms at RDU. Please include a space for a lactation room (not a family restroom, or restroom) in the master plan for RDU. Thank you
6/1/2016	Please include a lactation room in the future plans for RDU. Most airports have them, and a bathroom is not a suitable location. Thanks!
6/1/2016	Please give consideration to the following: 1) Lowest possible impact on Umstead State Park; 2) Minimize the noise to nearby communities, especially late at night; 3) Don't make the traffic on I-40 any worse at rush hour. Thank you!
6/1/2016	Prefer Alt #8 with 14/32 removed and parallel to 5R/23L NE of RDU vortac; Also liked Alt #2 if new development is used for G.A. and cargo - It will make getting to the FBO easier (Less traffic)
6/1/2016	I would like this sustainably developed, with as little impact on green space as possible. Our parks and open space are our assets. Go up and not out with buildings. Include public transportation to and from airports.
6/1/2016	Please incorporate more family-friendly and working women facilities, including: Dedicated lactation facilities not in bathroom; Play space for kids near gate areas
6/1/2016	Lake Crabtree County Park is a huge part of this area's equivalent of "Central Park." Please keep it as open space! Both Lake Crabtree County Park and all land between Umstead and Lake Crabtree
6/1/2016	Please factor public transportation options for nearby neighborhoods. It would be nice if Bus 100 stopped on Glenwood Avenue.
6/1/2016	Please incorporate more public transportation into plan (light rail, buses, not just more parking). Expansion north of terminal 2 is preferred. Less expansion toward Umstead (that is the reason why we love this area.) More sustainable building and planning (environmentally friendly planning and construction)

6/1/2016	A room for breastfeeding mothers would be very beneficial for nursing mothers or mothers who need to express breastmilk while traveling. This would be a small investment with large returns. And I am surprised an airport this size does not already have these accomodations.
6/1/2016	Key thoughts: Keep rental cars in core; Use extensions to existing terminals to "sweat assets;" try and connect T1 and T2 for passengers
6/1/2016	Having a single terminal be helpful.
6/1/2016	Space for families should be a priority, particularly lactation spaces. Family restrooms are not acceptable for expressing milk with a breast pump or for private breastfeeding. A private clean space with comfortable seating and a table with a nearby outlet is needed. No toilet should be shared with this space. Further, clear signage and educated staff should be able to direct mothers to the designated stations. Lactation spaces could be for individuals or larger rooms with partitions for multiple mothers. Over 400+ women have used the Mamava map on their website to indicate the need for lactation space now, not for 2040. I would be happy to facilitate communication with mothers who are lactating if the team would like input from this demographic. Thanks.
6/1/2016	Play areas for children in the terminals would also be wonderful. We do love observation park outside already.
6/1/2016	Would like to have a representative on the planning for master plan that is an adjacent landowner. I am one.
6/1/2016	I wish I could have attended. Please keep informing us on the upcoming meetings; I will make sure to take time off work to be there! Thank you @flyrdu
6/2/2016	Please consider a space for nursing mothers to either feed their babies when travelling or to have a space to pump in private in all terminals.
6/2/2016	Open space next to Lake Crabtree County Park is important and that parcel should not become office/hotel. There is a ton of office/hotel/apt space with 1.5 miles of current airport foot print. I think it would be better to put hotels and office around Pleasant Grove Church Rd. And Alternative #2 is bad.
6/2/2016	I think the end of Terminal 1 where the baggage claim should be renovated so airline passengers should wait inside for either airport shuttle buses or their families or taxi cabs.
6/2/2016	I think the other end of terminal 1 should be renovated just in case new airlines start flying in to RDU airport like TWA Midway US Airways Eastern Airlines Northwest New York Air More additions restaurants airport shuttle pick ups hotels and motels
6/2/2016	Funding future expansion seems like one of the RDU Airport's most significant challenges which in turn has pushed the airport to consider land development for non-aeronaual purposes as a potential source of funding. Development of Lake Crabtree County Park and areas surrounding it and Umstead State Park would be a significant loss to the community. I would like to hear about funding avenues for future expansion at future planning meetings. While airport revenues may have been exhausted, alternative souces could be considered to minimize the need for non-aeronaual land development. Reducing operating costs through self-supporting projects such as LED retro-fits of roadway and parking garage lighting, central utility plant upgrades, and retro-commissioning should all be considered.
6/2/2016	The central core of the landside area is already crowded. Plans to move more parking and rental cars to a remote location with a people mover or consolidated shuttle is great. A consolidated rental car center is definitely necessary. Options that put the rental car terminal near I-40 will allow for connection with future light rail, bus rapid transit or commuter rail. Please increase speed limits on Brantley Blvd at areas not directly at the terminal. A distinct Terminal 3 with separate parking, roadway, check-in, etc. seems excessive given forecasted demand. T1 seems underutilized (gates/surface area) and less crowded, so additions to both T1 and T2 should be used rather than solely expanding T2. The observation park is by far my favorite thing about RDU. Consider building an indoor observation tower in a future terminal expansion if possible without obstructing control tower views.
6/2/2016	I strongly believe in RDU having a museum or public exhibits on the history of North Carolina aviation. I do not feel currently, that the airport that serves the capital emphasizes our status as "First in Flight." RDU, and the state, has a rich history. Also, let's keep RDU hobby friendly with observation decks in all alternatives...with clear viewing. As a plane spotter hobbyist, and aviation lover, RDU has always been a haven and I'm proud to call it my home airport. I hope with and decision made that RDU keeps its "park" atmosphere--as opposed to the concrete jungles that many airports are. Looking forward to an extension of T2's apron. Fingers crossed for more international destinations. Also, it'd be great to integrate T1's old tower.
6/2/2016	Airport authority board and individual board members should be advocates for Triangle-wide rapid transit/light rail. Let's join other first class airports in major communities.
6/2/2016	As a director at an area pharmaceutical company and an outdoor enthusiast I am aware of the necessary balance between convenience and land use. I fly a fair amount and the airports I tend to like are compact. Airports I don't like are spread out in one way or another. For example Denver is too hard to make a connection in and the rental facility is too far from the airport. I prefer an airport like Heathrow which is much more centralized. On a separate note, many of my prime staff (young, educated, technocentric) employees use the area surrounding the airport for mountain biking, running, hiking and kayaking on Lake Crabtree. The proximity between Research Triangle Park and Umstead and Lake Crabtree are attractive assets when selling my company to potential employees that could move to Boston, San Diego, DC, or other areas. Any negative impact to the recreational use for the surrounding land would be objectionable and have a negative impact on the demographics of the area. I like the plan that leave the current areas that are used recreationally untouched and removed from the airport changes proposed.
6/2/2016	Really like the ideas that have been generated for the RDU Airport. Would like to see land use integration, especially a hotel. Would be interested to learn about the air cargo forecasts for the RDU airport. The Airport Blvd exit is extremely busy during peak commute hours and is a chokepoint for the RDU airport. Need solutions along I-40 and the Airport Blvd exit to eliminate the chokepoint. I never take the route to go to the airport.
6/2/2016	Topics to consider: Promotion of mass transit/bus to terminals, conflicting land uses/noise.
6/2/2016	RDU may get an underground transportation system. Do you believe this will help alleviate traffic problems? ht.ly/ZWn3300RjkP
6/3/2016	@RDUAirport How about walkways for pax to walk to/from terminals w/o crossing traffic? Standard at most airports for 20 years.
6/3/2016	@RDUAirport I think you need to toss out all options that place a runway other than where you guys said one will be the last 20 years.

6/3/2016	@RTATriangle @RDUAirport Reschedule 6/28th meeting. Not enough notice for folks,date just announced at public hearing
6/7/2016	A detail to think about as the Wake County Transit Plan moves forward. Tunnels and low emission buses/vans can successfully cohabitate. There is still a footprint around Park/RDU Central which could have this dug in. Especially when the old Terminal C garage is taken out. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downtown_Seattle_Transit_Tunnel?wprov=sfsi1
6/7/2016	The @RDUAirport is making some changes and needs your help to figure out where improvements are needed. http://buff.ly/25KbJHr
6/8/2016	I would like to add more comments. I plan to attend the June 28 meeting to see more of your plans for the surrounding airport land. I work at SAS, I live in Cary, I use the airport, but I also heavily use Lake Crabtree, Umstead State park, and the surrounding green space. I would love to see as much of the green space saved as possible. This land should be developed in a way that showcases our beautiful land, not just shops, offices, stores which everyone has. One idea is an IMBA (International Mountain Bike Association) ride center that could be built adjacent to the airport. People would fly here for that and it would bring lots of people to the area. There is nothing like that in this state yet. We need to maintain Lake Crabtree and the trails that go with it. It is the most heavily used park in the Wake County system. Please consider doing something out-of-the ordinary that benefits the quality of life here. Another quarry is not what we need. Getting rid of an existing park is not either. The airport has been a wonderful steward of the land and the community. I hope that will continue.
6/8/2016	As a resident of Chapel Hill and Durham for most of my life, I've gotten the pleasure to see the area grow tremendously over the last 30 or so years, including our airport. I currently live in Durham and work in Raleigh, and my family uses RDU Airport several times a year, mainly to fly to the west coast. Of the alternatives provided in the Master Plan, none by themselves stand out as a clear favorite. However, there are concepts within several of the alternatives that I like for various reasons. Alternative 2 is the only option that allows for complete post-security connectivity between all commercial gates. Most other airports allow for connectivity between terminals without having to leave secured space. By allowing this, RDU would put itself in a more flexible situation in regards to airlines availability to use gates in multiple terminals, and would remove potential barriers that are currently blocking airlines from expanding their service even more to RDU. Alternatives 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 provide the most commercial-length runways, since Alternatives 2 and 9 would construct a replacement runway for 14/32, which is considerably smaller than commercial aircraft can use. I think that having more runways that are serviceable to commercial flights would provide the most opportunity for growth. Alternatives 4, 6, and 7 integrate the rental car facilities with the public parking and transit, which is very convenient when I experience this at other airports. It also consolidates the overall plan to the immediate terminal area, which allows for other ventures to be realized in the other areas of the property. To conclude, each alternative has aspects that would be of substantial improvement to the current facilities. My suggestion would be to utilize the terminal and gate configuration shown in Alternative 2, and construct the runway and parking/rental car/transit facilities shown in Alternatives 4, 6, or 7.
6/9/2016	@TriangleBIZJrnl I am now scared that @RDUAirport will get too big
6/10/2016	1996) I have seen many changes at RDU. I have not spent a lot of time reviewing the plans in detail but wanted to make a few general comments first: 1) Please add a cell phone lot; 2) Passenger Pick up at Terminal 2 needs substantial improvement – especially if adding gates; 3) Add a right turn lane for the back exit onto W. International Drive to keep traffic flowing more efficiently; and 4) Please consider the addition of Free Wi-Fi (many airports have it now). Regarding the plans, I favor expansion on the Terminal 2 side. As an avid supporter of Umstead State Park and our green-ways, I strongly oppose any development that moves closer to the park since you can already hear the airport noise when you are hiking and trying to remove yourself from the cityscape. I specifically favor Alternatives 6, 7, & 8 for the plans presented. Expansion is preferred over building a new terminal and in my experience, less confusing for travelers to have one long terminal rather than having to take a tram or bus (horrible option!) to another terminal. I hope to attend the 28JUN2016 meeting. Again, thanks for the presentation and I do hope to see that public input is taken seriously in the decision making process.

6/10/2016	<p>June 9 2016 To: RDU Airport Authority Re: Nine Alternatives, Vision 2040 Master Plan , presented to public June 1 and 2 2016 From: The Umstead Coalition, info@umsteadcoalition.org</p> <p>In 1980 and 1994 The Umstead Coalition, with active participation from citizens and local/state governments and other stakeholders worked to ensure the Master Plan does NOT put a runway closer to William B. Umstead State Park. And, most importantly, no increased 'taking' of Park land by noise generated by the RDU Airport.</p> <p>Please accept these comments as preliminary feedback on the 9 alternatives presented at the June 1 and 2, 2016 Public Meetings. The land use/development plan will be integral to how the RDU Airport interacts with the community and its surrounding land owners, including William B. Umstead State Park. As such, it is difficult to give a full evaluation of the alternatives without the land use/development plans associated with each alternative.</p> <p>Our recommendation for the 9 alternatives presented is NOT to include any aviation or land use alternative that increases noise for William B. Umstead State Park users. For example, it appears that Alternatives 1, 2 and 9 may be detrimental to William B. Umstead State Park due to construction of runways closer to William B. Umstead State Park.</p> <p>The relocation of the General Aviation Runway such that it does NOT point aircraft over William B. Umstead State Park could provide decreased aircraft noise to William B. Umstead State Park users and should be considered in the selected alternatives.</p> <p>William B. Umstead State Park is protected by several State and Federal laws and regulations. These include: Precedent from the Agreement between the U.S Department of Transportation and the Department of the Interior. In 1970, an agreement was reached between the U.S Dept. of Transportation and the Department of the Interior that noise levels in the Everglades National Park, " shall not be greater than a Composite Noise Rating (CNR) of 90 (equivalent to 55 LDN)." We have been concerned that the 55 LDN line penetrates far inside Umstead Park. We would request that any RDU Airport Master Plan strives to DECREASE aircraft noise to Park users, not increase.</p> <p>Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1965, Section 138 of Title 23, USC states: "It is hereby declared to be the national policy that special effort should be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside and public park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites. The Secretary of Transportation shall cooperate and consult with the Secretaries of the Interior, Housing and Urban Development, and Agriculture, and with the states in developing transportation plans and programs that include measures to maintain or enhance the natural beauty of lands traversed.....The Secretary shall not approve any program or project which requires the use of any publicly owned land from a public park, recreation area or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national state, or local significance....unless (1) there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of such land, and (2) such program includes all possible planning to minimize harm to such park..... resulting from such use."</p> <p>Section 4(f) can be invoked either by the physical taking or the use of land. In the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the Brook vs. Volpe case (March 2, 1972), the court held that the introduction of noise levels into a recreation area is a "taking of land" and is subject to Section 4(f) requirements.</p> <p>Section 6(f) of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (PL88-578). Umstead State Park also falls under the conditions of Section 6(f) of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965, which stipulates that no property acquired or developed with LWCF Assistance shall be converted to other than public outdoor recreation without approval of the</p>
6/11/2016	<p>Having recently moved to Raleigh from .the Baltimore area we would like to recommend the parking system used at BWI. The system uses lights to identify open parking spots. If the spot is occupied the light is red. If the spot is open the light is green. It is so easy to find a parking spot with this system. Our brief experience with RDU has been very positive with the exception of inadequate parking signage over the holidays. Having given up on finding a spot in the garage we opted for long term parking. After driving all the way over to the lot we found it was full. Signage at the terminals should have informed us that the lot was full. Enhanced parking would be a plus.</p>
6/13/2016	<p>On May 25 I was at Sycamore Group Camp Mess Hall, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. (Wm. B. Umstead State Park). My morning was Not peaceful and quiet due to all the aircraft taking off. It reminded me of time I lived at Incirlik A. B. Turkey and the build up to the 1st Gulf War. I lived next to the main runway and the constant air traffic taking off and landing. That is part of living on a NATO airbase during war time. Not something I'd expect while visiting Umstead State Park early in the a.m. for some quiet time away from everyday life noise, traffic and hub-bub.</p> <p>We want a Reduction of air traffic over the park, Not an increase. Changing runway 14-32 to be parallel to other runways would be progress towards this. And a major runway should not be built closer to Umstead State Park if that would result in increased noise in the Park.</p>
6/13/2016	<p>I will have to say that I am a bit concerned with the way this process is playing out on a few fronts. It seems like meetings are not announced very far in advance, at least in I any public forum and that it is not clear how public comments will be taken or if they will even be considered in the process at all.</p> <p>For instance, as of this writing on June 13 there is no mention of whe the 4th meeting if hit be where the non aviation operations land will be talked about. I have heard through another source that this meeting will be held June 28 possibly, which is just two weeks away. For a public meeting that does not seem like enough notice. Also, is there any official forum other than this web submittal for comments?</p> <p>Also, I am quite concerned that 3 of the 9 plans shown have additional or replacement runways shown Southeast of current runway facilities. For at least 20 years, all that has been talked about and shown has been a third runway to the Northwest of the current facilities. People have been able to rely on this information published by the airport authority and have made decisions based upon that. To now potentially turn around and do an about face is not exactly engendering good feelings as how the rest of this process will go and how friendly it will be to the general public.</p> <p>I call on the Airport Authority to abandon all plans that add runways in any location other than where it has been shown for two decades.</p> <p>Thanks</p>

6/14/2016	<p>As a valuable part of the community, RDU must take a leadership role in protecting our unique natural resources. Umstead Park is an historic treasure and a natural resource that is unparalleled in other metropolitan areas. Any development plans must protect Umstead and not impinge on it with development or aircraft noise.</p> <p>RDU not only has a chance to protect Umstead, but is also uniquely positioned to enhance the park. For instance, by protecting the corridor along Old Reedy Creek Road that connects Lake Crabtree to Umstead along the banks of Crabtree Creek. The banks of Crabtree Creek in this area are a sensitive microenvironment with species that are only common a few hundred miles to the West. Moreover, this provides a continuous passageway for wildlife stretching for miles from Morrisville all the way to North Raleigh.</p> <p>Lake Crabtree County Park is a cherished location providing recreation opportunities in a quickly growing and increasingly dense part of the Triangle. With near complete commercial development of the remaining banks of the lake, this park provides recreation access to the lake as well as mountain bike and running/hiking trails, picnic areas, wide grassy fields and so much more.</p> <p>There are countless users of these resources and we will remain highly involved in this process. We only hope that RDU will show itself to be an ally of the residents in the Triangle area.</p>
6/17/2016	<p>We live in the New Light Creek area of Falls Lake and wondering if the plans for Vision2040 will change the flight paths for our area. Right now it is hard to hold a conversation outside while planes are overhead. Also it is a major distraction while trying to enjoy the serenity of the lake and wildlife.</p> <p>Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank You</p>
6/26/2016	<p>I would like to express my desire to have RDU sell the land occupied by Crabtree County Park to Wake County. I also hope the frequency of flights over original Cary will not continue to increase. Fortunately I am close to a position of being able to relocate my residence if I feel the need.</p>
6/27/2016	<p>I use RDU. I think it's development has been managed well. It's a regional resource with a positive contribution to our quality of life.</p> <p>I also use Umstead State Park, which is indeed also an important feature of our quality of life. I was at Umstead this past Sunday, and when I left - at 10 am - the parking lot was completely full and cars were parked along the edge of the entrance road.</p> <p>I urge you, in your development planning, to be considerate and respectful of your neighbor. I urge you not to develop in a manner which negatively impacts the value of your neighbor's property.</p> <p>Cary, NC</p>
6/28/2016	<p>Please keep me informed as to the plans and meetings go forward.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
6/28/2016	<p>Greetings, I am a 21 year old who has a passion for aviation and have always enjoyed being around RDU, my home airport. I have watched the airport expand throughout the past ten years, from the construction of Terminal 2 to the new Paris flight, I cannot be any prouder as an aviation geek to watch RDU grow the way it has. As soon as I saw the 9 alternatives released from the public workshops, I was eager to see how RDU may grow and through my suggestions out there, to be more specific, a combination of some of the concepts in the alternatives brought up to the public.</p> <p>I really like the "wrap-around Terminal 3" proposal and the "future aviation development" section to the east of runway 5R/23L in alternative 2. A new runway parallel to runway 5L/23R would be good to complement Terminal 2 ops as mentioned in several of the proposals, ideally a runway with a length of at least 8,000ft with flexibility to grow to 10,000 ft like the current 5L/23R runway.</p> <p>As far as the rental car facilities and the ground transportation center, I like the proposal in alternative 3, seeing those consolidated into a new facility on National Guard Drive, ideally connected with a people mover connection similar to the one in alternative 8 going out along John Brantley Blvd. on the eastern side, down Aviation Parkway to the new Ground Transportation Center on National Guard Drive. The people mover can have a terminus somewhere where the current ParkRDU Central garage is to allow convenient access to Terminals 1, 2, and the new wrap-around Terminal 3. Lastly, should a time come where if even more capacity is needed, possibly due to an airline starting hub operations at RDU or "more than expected growth", they could be placed in a remote terminal similar to the one in Alternatives 3, 4, and 5.</p> <p>That being said, if I could only chose one of the nine alternatives mentioned, it would be alternative 2, but with a parallel 8,000 or 10,000 ft runway to 5L/23R. I am very excited to see how RDU will grow in the future, especially with the new Paris flight and a possible Asia flight to Beijing to accommodate the travel needs of Lenovo. Thank you and I look forward to seeing my home airport grow!</p> <p>Regards</p>
6/28/2016	<p>Is the old control tower going to be torn down? I think it should be preserved or moved to the Observation Deck. I think visitors, especially children, would enjoy a view from 'the' control tower.</p>
6/28/2016	<p>As a frequent visitor to Lake Crabtree I want to say that the best use for the airport authority land south of I-40 is green space. This is a buffer to the intense development of the airport and an active public space. It is very successful. Keep it as it is and the airport authority will be well loved for doing so. Sell the green space that is now trails and bike paths to developers and the authority will be seen as a poor steward. Please do the right thing for the Triangle. Human outdoor activity can be measured in good will and happiness. Commercial development can only be measured in return on capital investment.</p>

6/28/2016	I wasn't able to attend the public meeting about the area surrounding RDU because of a work trip to New York, but I wanted to go on record saying PLEASE don't take anything away from Lake Crabtree/Umstead Park! That whole area is so important to the community, and there is really nowhere else in the Triangle to get the same experience; you really have to drive much further than I and many of my friends have the time and money to drive regularly to get what the park offers. In the next couple of years I'll be making a decision about where to settle down, and trails like that are going to be a huge factor for me; please don't make that a reason that I decide not to come home. Thanks for considering what we have to say!
6/28/2016	1)The value of Lake Crabtree is base on the park, aka as central Park adds value to New York City or as Cary adds a central park to its downtown. 2)And if this land is sold to generate revenue for RDU and its goal to save tax payers, then any business locating or buying into this are should not be allowed to receive and tax breaks or incentives. 3) Local area should be allow to raise the money to buy the area throw a bond referendum 4) When was the land value set, this year or prior? The business climate, especially in NC has changed. How many corporations still interested in NC?
6/28/2016	One of the best things about the RTP area is that we have greenspace. It's a factor that attracts top notch talent to this area. By eliminating the existing parks and surrounding areas to RDU, you are taking away one of the most important treasures we have. There are a number of existing industrial and office complexes that are sitting empty right now, so the need to build more only serves to benefit the builder, unless the airport authority is planning on using the empty space as a tax write-off. Shame on the airport authority for even thinking that the best path forward would be to bulldoze and build. If it's more money that the authority is after, perhaps more on time flights and more efficient use of existing dollars would be more beneficial. Ripping out acres upon acres of trees isn't the solution. I vehemently oppose bulldozing a single tree on the proposed parcels. The parks and natural areas are an immensely valuable resource that I believe the airport authority should leave as is.
6/28/2016	Losing the green space around Lake Crabtree and north of I40 isn't what the people want. This can never be undone. Please reconsider.
6/28/2016	I do not agree with development of Lake Crabtree Park area and it should be left alone. There is no reason the airport needs to develop that area, economic or otherwise.
6/28/2016	The green space that Lake Crabtree bike trails and Old Reedy Creek are a significant asset. Please DO NOT DEVELOP this area and eliminate these areas. People come here for quality of life. Don't take that away. It's big money and a big mistake. Thank you.
6/28/2016	Please remember that people come to this area because of our amenities, especially our parks--For family fun, exercise and mental health. Please designate all of present Lake Crabtree, the corridor linking Umstead and Umstead as land for recreational use. The county and business have invested great sums of money in developing this park and water front. The bike and hiking trails are used by thousands every week--Contact Wake Parks Office for user counts. People come to Lake Crabtree when they have long holdovers between RDU flights--Really. Companies have built around Lake Crabtree for its scenic views and to be close to recreational facilities for their staff. The park holds events that draw participants--bringing money to our area and likely to RDU. The value to the Triangle economy, health and appeal of these parks is more than monetary or more than any hotel could bring to this area. The Triangle strives for connectivity of trails and parks and these parks are a big hub for the whole area.
6/28/2016	Please! Retain the trails at Lake Crabtree Park! They are vital to the Triangle's green space and quality of life! And, important revenue generators for local bike shops, tourism, etc.
6/28/2016	Designate the entire Lake Crabtree County Park as recreational only, as well as corridor connectng Lake Crabtree and William B. Umstead State Park as recreation only. This needs to be in Master Plan due to the money invested by Wake County taxpayers into the park, the dam for Lake Crabtree, the greenways that give people quality of life. There are other properties to develop for revenue. The community buys the tickets for planes and want this recreation to remain. The property would not have the market value it does without the recreation. This is what makes Wake great. Thank you
6/28/2016	I ride bike every week and Crabtree Park is a ride I do at least once a week. I think this park adds to the attraction and economic success of our area and it would be a negative impact to allow it to be developed.
6/28/2016	The area of Crabtree Park, the area wear [sic] the quarry and the portion of land east of Park and Ride 3 should all be designated for Future Recreation!
6/28/2016	You have an opportunity to be creative in how you raise money and develop this land. But you have not. More building office/condos do not benefit anyone. Neither does a quarry. Green space is tremendously important to the people here. These plans do not serve anyone well.
6/28/2016	We are homeowners on Old Reedy Creek. We are extremely unhappy with the plans to industrialize a beautiful, natural environment. The planned development will severely impact our quality of life and devalue our property. We are incredibly unhappy with the planned rock quarry and commercialization of the area.
6/28/2016	Potential land uses that are unacceptable: 1. Office/Hotel/Recreation 2. Parking/Aviation Support 3. Industrial/Quarry Airport should stop accepting FAA money and scale back ambitions. This 2040 plan is harmful to airport (long term) and community. The current 2040 plans are too extreme. Too expensive and over ambitious. Economy is slowing. To maintain service levels operate more efficiently and change more for services. Airport should sell land to local municipalities or state. If this requires law changes then assist with changes.
6/28/2016	It was dangerous to introduce the four alternatives without mentioning the huge land use/land grab for non-aeronautical development. With large swaths of open land for limited value commercial development is justified only be money. If money is the deciding factor, then money raised by other means is just as valuable, and moreso if the benefit to the community as a whole can be shown to be greater.
6/28/2016	Thank you for your presentation. Please do not underestimate the value of community amenities to potential users of flex, industrial and office spaces.

6/28/2016	I would like to understand how Lake Crabtree Park was leased previously but you are saying that the FAA won't allow you to lease under fair market value. What can we do to open discussions (or have they already occurred) where Wake County could lease Crabtree Park for fair market value or we could raise bond money to pay for it. What is the timeline for development of Crabtree? I lived in Orlando during its period of growth and attended numerous meetings like the one tonight. When all of our greenspace assets were gone, myself and many of my friends moved. I came to Raleigh because of the assets it had to offer. If these assets are removed, the reason people choose to live here will be gone. The trust that exists (scientists, engineers, doctors, entrepreneurs) will find better places to live. We need to decide what our values are and what kind of a community we want to be. Lake Crabtree is a social asset.
6/28/2016	The best use for community of the land south of I-40/Aviation Pkwy interchange is park. Paving the entire Triangle is bad for business.
6/28/2016	We use Crabtree Park on a weekly basis. Its value cannot be viewed strictly from a money standpoint. We have between 15-20 people every week and would like to see our access continue.
6/28/2016	I am concerned that by eliminating a great swath of our area's natural beauty and recreational opportunities, the RDU Airport Authority will substantially impact the growth of this part of the state adversely. This would reduce the need to prepare for substantial growth long term.
6/28/2016	Please keep Lake Crabtree County Park!
6/28/2016	With all that is going on in the city of Raleigh around the preservation of park and the general valuation of recreational lands, I am very disappointed with the decision to eliminate an established, centrally located, heavily utilized, multi-use area. The replacement cost would be prohibitive, let alone logistically impossible. In an area that continues to grow and draw the educated creative class that values outdoor space and recreation opportunities. This decision makes no sense. As Raleigh and the surrounding area continues to infill, these spaces become more and more important. The city of Raleigh is investing taxpayer money in developing new tools and open space while you are choosing to destroy the best existing trail system in the area that is already connected to the greenway system and benefits area businesses. In addition to my dismay at this illogical decision, I'm furious that you would invite the public to learn about this decision that's already been made without a true public comment period. The airport authority is not showing itself as a good neighbor if it allows this loss to occur.
6/28/2016	Presentation implied that non-revenue uses were incompatible with FAA regs. If so, I would like to see a cite to a specific and binding legal authority. Please use proper legal citation format so that the public can access the authority. It is difficult to square this implication with other parts on the property of other, much larger airport, e.g. Des Moines Park at SEATAC.
6/28/2016	The airport uses federal funds to maintain itself as such it does use income from the public. Where do you think federal grants come from? As such it has an obligation to consider the greater public and community benefit when considering land usage plans. I urge the RDU authority to consider trail usage at LCCP and other non-paved trails that allow public to exercise and recreate. A healthy population makes from an attractive place for people to live and consider relocating to. Best Regards
6/28/2016	Alternative D - the runway should not be closer to Umstead Park. Umstead is just as valuable to the Triangle as the airport and needs to be protected in the long term from noise, etc.
6/28/2016	I have used the trails at Lake Crabtree Park for 20 years and feel that it is best that those trails are preserved for community use. Selling the land for development is not a sustainable income for the RDUAA since it would amount to a one-time payment.
6/28/2016	Not only am I an avid biker of these trails, it's where my family goes to fish, for birthday parties and to play Crabtree adds great quality of life to this area that no amount of airport revenue or cheaper tickets and parking can replace. Please save the trails and this wonderful park!
6/28/2016	Extremely disappointed to see that Lake Crabtree Park is planned for development
6/28/2016	Where and how to the environmental extrnalution(?) fit into expansion plans?
6/28/2016	Alternative A is the least favorable!
6/28/2016	I feel that the needs and benefit of the community are being deliberately ignored. Land use through development and rented office space benefits very few people in the community. The fact that RDUAA is very aware of the interest in preserving the trails, and yet NONE of the presentation made the slightest mention of these concerns speaks volumes. While the 4 existing plans are fortunately minimal impact on the 20 year old trail system, there is every reason to believe that the bid will be used for limited community benefit as soon as financially possible.
6/28/2016	After hearing the presentation, I get the sense you are hiding behind federal regulations that have been in place since 1940s to justify these economic changes. I don't understand why suddenly these federal guidelines have become a focus. The community will not appreciate the loss of park and green acres many people use the Crabtree Park and adjacent Umstead. The proposed changes will greatly impact the community in a negative manner such that many people will leave the area for a more community oriented place to live.
6/28/2016	Better transit to the airport is vital given existing and expected pressures on the roadway system. I'd like to see consideration of other transit alternatives, including a commuter rail stop and shuttle program in the long-term plan. Given the focus of surrounding cities/towns on transit, this seems like a major gap in the plan. Also, recreational uses should be provided in undevelopable areas to benefit surrounding communities and better integrate the airport w/those communities. Trails!
6/28/2016	I would like to stress how important Lake Crabtree County Park is as a recreation hub and connection point to other parks and greenways. The amount of taxpayer money and volunteer labor represented in this site is significant. The lake's dam, the park facilities and the mountain bike trails. It would be a huge loss to the community if this was developed or otherwise lost.

6/28/2016	Will the local community be given the opportunity to raise funds via bond referendum to lease or purchase the Lake Crabtree Trails System? How will fair market value be determined? When will an appraisal be conducted?
6/28/2016	Please do not develop Lake Crabtree Trails and any surrounding trail systems. The community needs these areas for personal and mental health benefits for people of all ages. Young kids up to old people use and enjoy these trails. There has [sic] to be other options. I moved down here from MI because of the trees, trails, and community that is here. If these trails are developed, I will consider moving away and others may do the same. Plus, parks and trail systems attract folks to live here. So, if they are developed, that will negatively affect that. So many people across the area use these trails. Please, please do not develop them.
6/28/2016	Provide noise contour information as it pertains to proposed changes. This is a very important topic to the public and information provided to date does not address this issue. Thank you.
6/28/2016	I like plan B and C as there are the least environmentally impacting to undeveloped wooded open space. I am very disappointed that I never once heard about the health and well being the current open space provides. Do we really need to add to our prolific and quickly growing concrete jungle. The status quo of large tracts of open wooded areas are a major attraction and asset to the community. Be careful as once this beautiful land is turned to asphalt and concrete it will be gone for good. This in turn will cause the area to be less attractive to live in.
6/28/2016	Alternative A should be avoided, it encroaches on free space that is used by the local community.
6/28/2016	KEEP THE OPEN SPACE! Too much concrete already
6/28/2016	Expansion/commercialization of adjacent land to the existing terminals should be limited to air traffic requirements only. Use of other existing green space should not be further developed but rather retained for recreational use and value. Notably existing growth by attracting young urban professionals requires additional attractive qualities. The value of attracting this subset far outweighs that of developing hotels and parking lots.
6/28/2016	I have lived in this area since 2000. The only space that allowed me mental clarity is running through Crabtree Lake trails. I am infuriated [sic] that I see a Walgreens/CVS package at every corner of this town and RTP area. The green space matters. The forefathers are turning and sweating in their graves due to the massive destruction for RETAIL!! How selfish. Last thing I want to see in these spaces are parents leaving a dirty diaper because they are too lazy to dump in the trash a foot away. I have viewed the map. We need green space to let the future generations what matters...Not buying a Starbucks coffee for \$6. Not plugging in your phone at a cell phone lot Not checking-in to the local Courtyard Marriott to procreate. Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to voice. Thank you.
6/28/2016	High attendance at this presentation is indicative of importance to the public of preserving Lake Crabtree County Park. With regards to "fair market value" of the park property, the demand capture analysis appears to justify the current arrangement, with no demonstrated market need before 2020. Please carefully consider the value to the public and provide us an opportunity to preserve before developing. Thank you.
6/28/2016	The Ricondo and Associates presentation did not address the interests of the community in attendance. We expect a plan that encourages recreational opportunity, not one that destroys one of the few precious mountain biking parks in the area. Please listen and address our concerns at the next meeting.
6/29/2016	<p>I have attended several of the meetings that RDU has held concerning the future development of the airport. I understand that the facility needs to grow and also to generate revenue to abide by its agreements with the FAA. Because I am a frequent user of the trails at Lake Crabtree County Park and Umstead State Park, I have remained interested in the development of the site and surrounding areas.</p> <p>Last night I saw what I feared most, the destruction of LCCP and surrounding trails on the site plan presented by the airport authority. It's not clear when LCCP will become an office park, but it is definitely on the agenda. It seems particularly short-sighted to place an office park on recreational land that is heavily used by Wake and Durham county residents. Office parks near the airport have a wealth of office space that lies empty. There is a nearly abandoned shopping mall just off Airport Blvd. that needs to be redeveloped. These sites are well within driving distance of the airport. I just don't see why a commercial developer would take the risk of building on land that is wholly owned by the FAA. It's much wiser for them to put their investments in property that could be resold easily.</p> <p>The area near the airport is growing with commercial and residential development. As more people move into the area, having a natural refuge like the parks at LCCP and Umstead become more important for quality of life. To destroy them for short-term economic gain shows that the FAA and the RDU Airport Authority care more about profits over people. Please reconsider developing these recreation areas. Do it to help maintain the quality of life that the Triangle is famous for. Do it for the park users. Do it for the people that have moved here yet, but will become citizens in the next 25 years</p>

6/29/2016	<p>I would have really liked if they had displayed an aerial view showing the land that the airport owned/controlled. It would have given me a better visual of things.</p> <p>The speakers did a very good job of letting people know the rules and regulations that RDUAA operate with. There were noticeable groans at the mention of something like "all airport land has to serve an aviation purpose" or something like that. I guess the trails issue was the #1 idea.</p> <p>What I didn't understand was why the RDUAA cares and controls the small piece of land that the bikers use. My thought was that it's between a County park and a lake, so why does the airport own it? It wasn't until after the presentation, when I was small talking with an older guy from the Board, that he told me that Park itself is on leased land from RDUAA. I didn't know that at all. Maybe most did, but I had no idea. He mentioned that there are "many" parks that we think are county parks but are really on leased land.</p> <p>So, now the trails issue makes sense. No I can understand why that piece of land is under concern.</p>
6/29/2016	<p>The Land Use meeting yesterday (6/28) set the tone for why RDUAA will develop the property that currently situates Lake Crabtree County Park and the property adjacent to it that has been utilized for mountain biking trails- the reason being FAA regulations. Has anyone spoken to the FAA and asked if these two land parcels can be leased indefinitely to Wake County Parks & Recreation?</p> <p>I don't believe the reasons for ground leases/selling land/land use are legitimate given that BWI airport has a biking path/greenway that goes around the airport (on airport property) and is solely for recreation use. So in that case, the FAA is okay with BWI's recreation use of land but RDUAA is trying to tell us it's not ok here in the Triangle? The citizens of Cary, Morrisville, Raleigh, Durham, Wake Forest and surrounding areas are heavy users of the trails and park. By destroying these trails, RDUAA will be responsible for a decline in property values and quality of life in the Triangle. What is the point of living here and traveling to the Raleigh area if you remove a significant portion of greenspace that over 300,000 people use on yearly basis?</p> <p>I am disappointed that RDUAA did not attempt to work with local and state government to find a solution that would be amenable to both its citizens and airport economic needs. Instead RDUAA has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on paying consultants who do not live here and who do not care about the repercussions that will be felt well beyond 2040.</p> <p>I do not support RDUAA's land use proposals for these two tracts of land and will be speaking to my senator and will be contacting the FAA to understand what can and cannot be done.</p>
6/29/2016	<p>I appreciate the work you put into the presentation and materials provided last night, and I fully support the idea of having additional nonaeronautical land uses at RDU. However, I would like to see more emphasis on transportation in your land use plans - how do you anticipate people will come in and out of the airport and access the new land uses you are proposing? I would encourage you to place the transit facility close to the terminals where it makes it really easy to take the bus/shuttle/light rail in, thus allowing folks to leave their cars at home. As a regular transit rider, having to make multiple connections is a big deterrent from taking transit for a trip over driving a car. I would also like to see explicit inclusion of the planned Brier Creek Greenway, which is proposed to run along the western edge of the RDU property. This would provide a critical transportation connection between Brier Creek and Morrisville/Cary, allowing people to bike to work and shopping rather than drive. In addition, having trails around the new land uses would provide recreation options for the employees in the new buildings. Trails such as these do not require a lot of maintenance and are low-impact uses that are compatible with the aeronautical and other uses of RDU land. I realize that you're still in the early stages of the master planning process, but it is not too early to identify locations of possible greenway connections, just as you have done with airport facilities and land uses.</p> <p>You can see more about the bicycle and pedestrian network in the area around RDU in the CORE Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, available here: http://www.tjco.org/core-reports-downloads.aspx</p> <p>The shapefile data can also be viewed online here: http://arcg.is/2907uvD</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
6/29/2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was stated in the presentation last night that the RDUAA is prohibited by the FAA from "land banking." Can you elaborate on this and explain how the RDUAA has been able to hold large amounts of undeveloped land for many years and it not be considered "land banking"? 2. It was stated in the presentation last night that any real estate transactions, including ground leases, must be negotiated at market terms, as required by the FAA. The land lease to Wake County for Lake Crabtree County Park is not reflective of current market terms. Can you further elaborate on this arrangement and how RDUAA reports these terms to the FAA? 3. Is the RDUAA in discussion with Wake County to find a solution to preserve the long term viability of Lake Crabtree County Park? 4. Is RDUAA interested in preserving any amount of undeveloped land as green space (aside from the Lake Crabtree parcel that is in a flood plain)? 5. Does RDUAA have any comment regarding the long term preservation of Lake Crabtree County Park? 6. Does each individual lease or land sale require approval from the FAA? 7. Will RDUAA seek counsel/advise from local commercial real estate experts regarding highest and best use? 8. Is RDUAA owned land subject to county zoning restrictions in addition to FAA restrictions? 9. Is RDUAA looking at NC State's Centennial Campus' method of long term ground lease as a model for its future development?

6/29/2016	I was disheartened to see that your consulting firm is still recommending to develop the land that is Lake Crabtree County park and surrounding area. There is tremendous economic value in the trails and green space. I would urge you to please consider options that keep those in place.
6/29/2016	Alternative A- meh Alternative B- yay Alternative C- yay Alternative D- boo
6/29/2016	I have lived in Wake County for all but 2 of my 45 years. I am a proud North Carolinian who has traveled all over the world for business, but still boasts about the beauty of our state to everyone that will listen. I have hiked and biked with friends and family on the Lake Crabtree County Park trails for over 20 years. They were some of the first trails my kids rode when the training wheels came off their bikes. I implore you to reconsider the destruction of this wonderful park that has been an oasis and home to so many over the past several decades. We need these spaces, they are in fact the very reasons so many people want to move to our area, least we become just another concrete urban landscape. "In every walk with Nature one receives far more than he seeks." - John Muir
6/29/2016	Hello. As an avid user of the many wonderful recreational areas in the proposed changes region, I feel it necessary to comment. This area is a great boon for visitors and residents alike with its vast green space and proximity to a large urban area. In a time of rapid development and loss of highly valuable green space, any further loss will lead to less economic growth in the area as the attraction to these areas will be greatly diminished. One thing that attracted me and my family to the Raleigh area was the large amount of green space for recreational use. The loss of the vast majority of Lake Crabtree County Park will be a loss, not only for those who actively use those trails, but also for local economic benefits afforded by these uses. Also, removing the buffer areas around Umstead State Park will reduce the quiet nature of the trails inside the park. As with everything, the quiet and green areas will continue to disappear. I, for one, will never use any of the proposed hotel or retail spaces proposed if either of these parks (LCCP and Umstead) are diminished in the proposed manner as I will have no use to be in the area. I will also consider moving out of this area if this goes through. This goes for many others who currently use these spaces. Please be very aware that the idea that these will increase the money gained from these areas will not be seen as the attractiveness to these areas will decrease and the loss of these valuable spaces will lead to less migration to and greater migration from the Raleigh-Durham region.
6/29/2016	Taking away green space that thousands of people use weekly to build more and profit more is ridiculous. Big business isn't worth losing the outdoor recreational space that thousands of people enjoy. Businesses thrive because of the people who come to utilize the outdoor spaces. It is frustrating to thousands upon thousands of people that trails will be lost, space for children to play in a safe area in nature will be lost. But yep, go ahead, build your buildings, seek a profit, it isn't your families that will lose out so we know you don't care.
6/29/2016	We do NOT need anymore buildings, offices, mixed retail, etc. We need more parks, bike trails, greenways, and the like. One day we are going to look around and wonder where are all of our trees and parks have gone.
6/29/2016	I've been riding bikes at LCCP since the mid 1990's. I still travel to Raleigh to ride this trail 25 years later. This has been a great area bringing riders from all over to spend their time and money in Wake County. Please don't allow this small but appreciated parcel of land be developed; it would be a shame to lose such an outstanding example of coordination between RDU, Wake County, and the citizens on central NC. Companies have built around Lake Crabtree for its scenic views and to be close to recreational facilities for their staff. The park hold events that draw participants --bringing money to our area and likely to RDU.
6/29/2016	After looking at the 4 alternatives that were shortlisted, Alternative C seems to be a more clean design in terms of efficiency and utility. Extensive additions to Terminal 2 and limiting additions to Terminal 1 would definitely be more convenient for people that might be transiting through the airport. Although, the number of passengers transiting through RDU is not significant at this time, Alternative C definitely positions the airport to be in a better position to handle significantly more transit passengers as air service increases. Also, this alternative makes an "International concourse" a possibility. The extra space at the end of the terminal near the International gates can also be used for something like duty free retail. Concentrating the gates in Terminal 2 would also be a pitching point to attract more and maybe better dining and retail options as it would generate more foot traffic compared to splitting the new gates between the two terminals. Also, in Alternative C most of the gates are on the side of the airport that have two run ways. I think this will reduce airplane traffic moving around the airport on the taxi ways.
6/29/2016	Sorry I wasn't able to attend last nights Workshop. Regarding Airfield Facilities Alternate A would be the most cost effective as it involves extending the two existing runways and adding a third where as the other alternates involve in some way or another extending one existing runway and adding two new runways. My concern would be interfering with day to day operations as one runway would have to be down in order to extend the other. I assume the plane would be to construct the new runway first and then modify one of the existing runways at a time thereby always having two runways available all the time. Is that correct? Regarding Terminal Facilities again Alternate A would be the most cost effective with minimum impact on terminal 2. I am confused with Alternative B and C as to what is shown on the north end of Terminal 1. That facility is currently under demolition and would be available for terminals in those two alternatives lessening the impact on Terminal 2. Regarding Landside Facilities I am confused why Alternative has a new offsite ground transportation/rental area. The same space is available for use as shown in Alternative B and C. Why not use it? Regarding General Aviation one of the alternatives had a general aviation runway. Is the intent to ultimately separate general aviation from commercial? I am a "rusty" private pilot who 30 years ago flew out of KRDU. I am again current but not sure KRDU is the place for a Cessna 172 any more.

6/29/2016	<p>Lake Crabtree is by far the most visited park in the triangle. Hikers, bikers, paddlers, bird watchers, children for camps, other people waiting for people to arrive from the airport. To take it away, you are essentially are taking away a place for people to escape the business life we are immersed in daily. Money will come and go... since RDU Airport owns over 5,000 acres, why would even consider taking the green-space first? Develop the property north of the airport. It's a major hub near 540/40 Briar Creek.... you have a lake over there too for the aesthetics of land. I live in Boone, NC and frequent the Raleigh area often to take part in the outdoor activities at Lake Crabtree. Canoe rental, hiking, biking, cook-outs. It is more than just an area to hang out with my family, it is an area that 300,000+ people go each year. I understand RDU is growing rapidly however, with the growth comes new families that choose a city based on parks and green-spaces. If you eliminate parks to make more money, you would be foolish.</p> <p>This park is an opportunity for people who are obese. Tons of businesses have lunch walkers that go to Lake Crabtree. Again, to destroy our park, Lake Crabtree to generate revenue is foolish. Please consider all the people that do not want this to happen. We want to Save the Crab!!!!</p> <p>Remember, you are taking away a park for your and my children to enjoy.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
6/29/2016	<p>Please don't take away our mountain biking trails.. I fell in love with mountain biking at lake Crabtree and it has saved my life. It is my happy place, my workout, my community and so much more. Crabtree is a favorite to so many cyclists and hikers. Any afternoon that the trails are open you will find full parking lots and busy trails. I have made more friends there than anywhere else in the triangle and would hate to see our happy place taken away. I work in the construction industry and understand the need for the land but I just wish you could consider an alternate.</p> <p>Please.</p>
6/30/2016	<p>Alternatives A or D seem to make the most sense, as it would seem like you would want both terminals to have a relatively even number of gates to distribute the traffic and parking.</p>
6/30/2016	<p>Dear RDU planning board,</p> <p>I write to express grave concern over the potential possibility of developing Lake Crabtree park into office/retail space. The park currently affords thousands a recreational greenspace consisting of single track mountain bike, and hiking/walking trails. Many in the area have no other alternative to such spaces and if eliminated will only devalue the attractiveness of the area. Furthermore, there are a multitude of local bike shops which are dependent on legal access use of trail systems for their customers. Without these trails, surely they will suffer losses, as well tax revenue generated from bike sales.</p> <p>Please do not look upon the property as merely what can be gained financially from developing it but what the local population will loose without it.</p> <p>Regards</p>
6/30/2016	<p>I feel that the FAA would be best served by setting aside the land on which the Lake Crabtree multi use trails sit, as well as the section of land which connects Umstead State Park to Lake Crabtree as a permanent park. This would markedly improve public relations. There is still plenty of other land available for the airport to develop. RDU needs to be a positive influence in the lives of its neighbors and setting aside a small fraction of their land for public use would be concrete proof that RDUAA is working toward that goal.</p>
6/30/2016	<p>Why would anyone wish to destroy a park? This is ridiculous. So, your wonderful plan is to build office buildings and hotels. How is that airport use? Who at the FAA do I need to contact?</p>
6/30/2016	<p>I strongly support keeping Lake Crabtree park intact. It is one of very few mountain biking options that is centrally located near RTP, Cary and Raleigh. Significant effort has been put in to developing and maintaining these trails. It is an important space, since Umstead does NOT allow mountain biking on the trails. It would be a shame to replace this unique space with more hotels and/or retail.</p>
6/30/2016	<p>I would encourage RDU to leave all of Lake Crabtree Park wooded as it currently is - included the bicycle trails portions. Having a wooded area in the heart of a metro area that is growing more and more dense is a quality of life issue. I hope planning officials realize that value to the entire area and preserve something that cannot be replaced or simply moved.</p>
6/30/2016	<p>Keep the Lake Crabtree Park (and/or some of the surrounding additional land) as a natural trail system with access for bikers, hikers, group outdoor play, etc. There are not enough green-spaces in this area and much fewer that are open to biking. Currently many thousands of people enjoy this park every week. It is a huge draw for many families and young professionals seeking a quality of life that includes easy access to nature. Quality of life is what attracts people and businesses to NC, not more office buildings and hotels.</p> <p>If this is about money, then increase the lease rate, if need be. Impose a tariff. Charge at the gate. Sell the land to the state and let Umstead manage it.</p>
6/30/2016	<p>Please find a way to keep all of Lake Crabtree County Park for recreational use. This area is such an asset to our community and it perfectly connects to other trails also located around this area. I understand there is a lot of money at stake when considering options but part of the business reason our area is so enticing is because we offer "play areas". Maybe the answer is to strongly encourage (or possibly force) businesses around Lake Crabtree to commit to keeping this a recreational area.</p>
6/30/2016	<p>Lake Crabtree County Park should be fully converted to recreational use.</p>
7/2/2016	<p>I have personally seen the growth of the Cary/Raleigh area over the past 20+ years from rural areas to a crowded suburban area. The green spaces are dwindling and recreation areas are so needed. You have a jewel in Crabtree park. Don't ruin it with development. The walkways are so enjoyable and the natural beauty of the trees and vegetation are necessary to maintain a peaceful refuge for a weary population. Please leave this little bit of paradise alone.</p>

7/2/2016	<p>Again, as I indicated before after I attended the Durnam presentation on 02JUN2016, I appreciate the information and opportunity to comment on the 28JUN2016 summary of Plans A-D. AS a frequent flyer for business (e.g., 40+ RDU departures each year since 1996) I have seen many changes at RDU. I have not spent a lot of time reviewing the plans in detail but wanted to make a few general comments first:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Passenger Pick up at Terminal 2 needs substantial improvement – especially if adding gates; 2) Add a right turn lane for the back exit onto W. International Drive to keep traffic flowing more efficiently; and 3) Please consider the addition of Free Wi-Fi (many airports have it now). <p>Regarding the revised plans, I favor expansion on the Terminal 2 side. As an avid supporter of Umstead State Park and our greenways, I strongly oppose any development that moves closer to the park since you can already hear the airport noise when you are hiking.</p> <p>In reviewing the new plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I FAVOR Alternative C which seems to meet the above preferences most closely. • I strongly OPPOSE Alternative D due to the additional runway on the east side that would negatively impact Umstead state park and as a resident off of Ebenezer Church Road, I don't want to hear additional planes any closer than they already are. • Alternatives A and B would be preferred over D but again, with additional gates and additional aircraft, I suspect additional noise would result on the East Side which I oppose. <p>Thanks again and we hope that consideration of the value of Umstead State Park is a priority.</p>
7/2/2016	<p>Hello - Thank you again for sponsoring the Public Hearings/Meetings about the future development of RDU. We attended our 2nd meeting on 6/28/16 and listened and learned about the progress and the presentation of Alternatives/Plan A, B, C, & D. After the earlier 6/2/16 meeting, we commented on Alternatives 6, 7, & 8 as our choices. Based on those plans and the combinations presented with Plans A to D, we would like to see the implementation of Plan C. Plan B would be our second choice. Plans A & D are not acceptable for noise considerations on the East side of RDU and the proximity to Umstead State Park. Thank you again for allowing public input to this important future development of RDU and the surrounding area.</p>
7/4/2016	<p>Please leave the trails at Lake Crabtree, along with the land north of I-40 and adjacent, as they are and do not develop the land. These trails are more valuable to our community than any "development" the airport authority would undergo. Personally, I have decided to live around RDU instead of move out of state for these outdoor resources alone. My decision to stay live in the area would likely change if this land is developed.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
7/5/2016	<p>This is to request that the biking and hiking trails at Lake Crabtree County Park be left intact and undeveloped in the 25 year master plan for the property. The park area is an extremely valuable asset and losing the trails would be a huge loss for the Triangle community.</p>
7/5/2016	<p>Concerning Alternative D: Is there reason to believe that relocating runway 5R-23L in order to expand the current Terminal 1 will be economically beneficial to Raleigh? There is no mention of changing/expanding the current ATC Tower - would changing the location of 5R-23L and adding a second western runway require changes?</p>
7/5/2016	<p>It was disappointing to see the land where the Lake Crabtree County Park trails are listed for future office or hotel development. I understand that it would be difficult to sell the land to Wake county given FAA rules; however, I hope there is dialog with the county to discuss a win-win scenario. It seems that a long term lease similar to what was done for Dorothea Dix park would be a win-win, preserving Wake county's most popular park for future generations and providing additional lease revenue to the airport.</p> <p>Has such a solution been considered?</p>
7/6/2016	<p>Please provide me the name and email address of the 2040 master plan project manager.</p>

	<p>In general Alternatives 1,2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are critically flawed and should not be advanced for further consideration. Only Alternatives 3 and 5 (excluding relocated general aviation) meet the stated goals and are the most affordable. Consider the following specific comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New runway: Under no circumstances should a new runway be built closer to Umstead State Park as shown in Alternatives 1, 2 and 9. RDU should be a better neighbor to this irreplaceable resource. A new runway needs to be located to the west of 5L-23R. At 14,000 feet in length to accommodate the newest transatlantic jets it will be one of the longest on the east coast. 2. Existing Runway 5L-23R: Under no circumstances should it be converted to a taxiway as shown in Alternatives 4, 6, 7 and 8. Citizens of Durham and Wake Counties paid dearly for this runway. It was the need for cheap crushed rock to build it that justified a quarry adjacent to Umstead State Park in 1980. Collateral damage after the Federal government prevented a mid 1970's RDU grand plan to align its runways into the state park. Runway 5L-23R at 10,000 ft compares to the largest active runways at any major airport on the east coast today. There is no need to convert a relatively new, fully functioning runway into a taxiway. There exists considerable space for adding new gates around RDU central parking as shown in Alternatives 2, 4, 5 and 6. The replacement cost using Florida DOT transportation costs (January, 2016) has to be considerably more than \$1 Billion, very expensive. 3. Existing Runway 5R-23L: It has not been declared obsolete. Given the cost of building new runways it is difficult to justify building two new runways at a cost of more than \$2 Billion as shown in Alternatives 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8. RDU has to be more cost conscious. 4. General Aviation: Why build new, expanded general aviation infrastructure? Is there not a significant safety conflict between expanded general aviation and expanded commercial aviation at such a large airport? Relocating it closer to Umstead State Park as shown in Alternatives 3, 4 and 5 is also unacceptable. It seems to me RDU should be discouraging general aviation at RDU. There are outlying airports with the capacity and need for more general aviation. Cannot RDU coordinate, even finance these airports to meet the needs of general aviation in the RTP region. 5. Rental Car Facilities: Remote facilities are the trend, but at RDU there is room for such close-in to the terminals. Visitors will most appreciate a bus ride no longer than the current route. Combining remote parking and rental car returns seems like an obvious choice. 6. Terminal T2: Building gate spurs as shown in Alternative 6 will be more disruptive and much more costly than a new terminal in Alternative 2 and 5. Again it means capriciously abandoning 5L-23R. 7. Future Aviation Related Development in Alternative 2 has too many undefined possibilities to be allowed further inclusion at this time. There is no way to evaluate impacts, benefits or costs. 8. Existing Runway 14-32: Close it. Traffic from this runway is routed directly over Umstead State Park. If a new runway is built west of 5L-23R, then 5R-23L can be used for general aviation.
7/6/2016	<p>Conserve our green space!! It's the most attractive thing about our community! Why would you even consider taking it away, especially as it detracts from the desirability of people wanting to relocate here, therefore bringing you more money. Your "Vision" is not the people's vision.</p>
7/6/2016	<p>Who can I contact at FAA for the airport Compliance manual?</p> <p>Comment on Post "Join us Tuesday at... plan. Learn more: http://bit.ly/28YgNOT"</p> <p>Would have loved to attend but too late of notice.</p> <p>Comment on Post "We've got a seat... public workshop for #rdu2040!"</p> <p>Why has RDU got all this surplus land? Just 25 years ago they needed it for airport expansion and now we don't need to expand the airport.</p> <p>Comment on Post "Excited to have a... presentations more here: http://bit.ly/1nIVs7u"</p> <p>Wish this meeting had not been so hastily done and comments are never heard when people write them down. All communications is through technology, but many citizens are not tech savvy to understand how to do this...Please make this easier for people to comment and read others comments..Are you hiding something?</p>

7/7/2016	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to communicate my interest in maintaining the mountain bike trails at Crabtree Park.</p> <p>In the spirit of communicating my understanding of the matter I understand the Raleigh-Durnham Airport Authority (RDAA) faces operational challenges with regard to limited income streams. Specifically, it is my understanding that the RDAA obtains most of its revenue through fees charged to passengers on a ticket-by-ticket basis and this fee appears to be long overdue for an increase.</p> <p>With that in mind, I understand further development will support sustained operations, however, I encourage consideration be taken with regard the value of mountain biking trails to the community.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Best</p>
7/9/2016	<p>I would really love to see EVSE equipment put in for electric vehicle charging. I have an electric car, but I can't drive it to the airport without having to worry about getting charged up after I return. Charging units would allow me to make my trip and be back in the go as soon as I return.</p>
7/10/2016	<p>Please take out the options in your 25 year plan that consider removing or impacting the mountain bike trails at Lake Crabtree Park (and anything adjacent at Umstead park). As a newer resident to the area coming from Denver, Colorado, I'm disappointed in the amount of open space and trail systems available for mountain bikers. The trails at Lake Crabtree are by far the best of the few options within an hour drive radius and always very busy when I use them. It would be a waste to develop this space into an office park or hotels when other options are readily available.</p> <p>Thanks for your support</p>
7/11/2016	<p>If any new terminal buildings are built, design them so retail shops and restaurants are accessible to everyone, before travelers must go through security. The design of present terminal two is a detriment to those businesses.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
7/12/2016	<p>Please find a compromise location for any hotels instead of Crabtree Park. I understand that the stakeholders have to approve plans in the future but can't we leave a valuable recreation area alone? I remember the construction of the lake and was so pleased that the floodplain became a lake and park. I have spent many hours on the water and in the park and appreciate the convenience having used it after work or for a quick walk at lunchtime. This area doesn't have very many lakes and Crabtree Lake is strategically located with easy access from any of the 3 triangle major cities. Potential residents rank areas based on amenities as well as jobs and schools. Let's keep this popular place as a recreational access for everyone.</p>
7/14/2016	<p>I am in favor of retaining Wake County's Lake Crabtree County Park as-is. I do not want to see this area become private property or office/hotel space. In addition, I don't see a need to expand the 5L/23R as it is currently 10,000 ft. Nor do I understand the need to move it farther from the terminals. Therefore, I would go with alternative A from a runway siting view.</p>
7/14/2016	<p>I'm pleased that the airport is planning for future needs.</p> <p>My primary concern is the potential loss of recreation at Lake Crabtree County Park and other open space. As someone who spent many years working in the vicinity, I considered the availability of recreation to be a top amenity for both office workers and those that live in the area. The Lake Crabtree park and nearby open space provide a unique oasis and increase the desirability of working and living in the area. The quality of the area would be degraded by adding more office space, and decreasing that desirability.</p> <p>Regarding the various airport alternatives, as a traveler, having the rental car facility on site makes for a much better experience. While you may be able to claim that the rental car center in Alternative A is on site because it's on airport property, it's really not (additionally, I think one could say that the demise of the Thrifty location indicates that people don't want to go off-site). I would like to see a different alternative chosen.</p> <p>I'd like to see either Alternative B or C, which sound like the ones that are solving the rental car center best. From the short description, it seems to me to be modeled like Salt Lake City's, which makes traveling into that airport a pleasure.</p>
7/15/2016	<p>If possible, please look into a international flights to either Frankfurt, Munich, Amsterdam or Zurich. While Charles de Gaulle is a huge airport, it is a travelers nightmare, certainly not one of the better airports to take a long connection/layover in. Also is there any plan on a look into a gateway to Asia, say Seoul Incheon, Hong Kong or Tokyo?</p> <p>Many thanks for your time.</p>
7/21/2016	<p>I'm sharing a Dropbox link of some thoughts I've had about airports and transit, particularly at RDU. I look forward to possibly hearing back. Please feel free to share it with anybody who might be interested.</p> <p>https://www.dropbox.com/s/m29es90oiam5bq8/Transit%20to%20RDU.pdf?dl=0</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Why can't you just leave the land the way it is? Not everything has to be about money and business. We currently have some beautiful land that people enjoy every day and you don't have to leave the city. Can we please just keep it that way?</p>

7/22/2016	As a local lover of greenspace, I implore RDU to NOT develop Lake Crabtree County Park, along with the lands directly north of I40 (off Reedy Creek Road). The Triangle's quality of live will be further impacted by rampant development. Thanks
7/22/2016	Please don't take our fun away. It's what keeps us going in this messed up world. We need our green space. Please.
7/22/2016	Hi, One of the main attractions of the Raleigh-Durham area for my family is the ample availability of mountain biking trails within the city itself. When looking for jobs (mine is in IT at Cisco, my wife a Postdoc at Duke) we ranked our cities, with outdoor activities (mountain biking, specifically) being one of the deciding factors. The trails at Crabtree and the surrounding area are, in our opinion, the funnest trails available in the RDU area. Removing them would have a negative effect on our quality of life and would factor in to any mid-long term decisions about where we live and work. I would urge you to consider changing your expansion plans (some of the plans included runways on the other side of the airport), or maybe partnering with TORC to create equivalent new trails for enthusiasts. Simply removing the trails is a bad option. Thanks
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7/22/2016	I am deeply saddened and disturbed by the development plan which will destroy out natural spaces including the Lake Crabtree County Park and the green spaces both north and south of Old Reedy Creek Road as it enters Umstead State Park. There are many other places where development can occur that will not interfere and destroy our natural areas that keep Raleigh such a wonderful place to live. One of the most compelling reasons to move to this area is the ability to easily access nature and green space so close to home. If we destroy these areas then this area will no longer hold such great appeal. I know that I use the Lake Crabtree Park trails and Old Reedy Creek Road into Umstead on a weekly basis as an avid biker. The destruction of these areas will definitely make me rethink living in this area as many of the benefits will have disappeared. Regards
7/22/2016	Lake Crabtree park and trails makes Raleigh stand out from other cities. Don't take that from us!!
7/22/2016	Please don't disrupt active park land, recreational green space, and natural areas. I moved here from Dallas, TX and would hate to see the triangle become wall to wall concrete like there. Lake Crabtree park and the surrounding trails are a huge benefit to residents.
7/22/2016	Please do not destroy our parks to build. Crabtree and the surrounding land is loved by many! Used a lot. I mountain bike around Crabtree 2-3 times a week throughout the year. My daughter plays at the park and rides on the greenway close by.
7/22/2016	Keep the mountain bike trails near RDU intact.
7/22/2016	Please reconsider taking away the mountain biking trails from Lake Crabtree County Park. The trails are easy to get to and a great way to encourage beginners to get outside and get on their bikes.
7/22/2016	As a resident and frequent user of the Crabtree park, I would like to see the park maintained and even improved instead of converted to commercial property with little value to the community. The goodwill and civic involvement of all parties is crucial to making the best decision here. Save Crabtree, please.
7/22/2016	I am opposed to development of Lake Crabtree park and surrounding areas. Raleigh is known for its outdoor community and this development would dampen that reputation and eliminate a trail system loved by many from different outdoor communities in the area.
7/22/2016	Keep the mountain bike park. My kids and family love that place
7/22/2016	Don't make Raleigh another parking lot city. This area is a huge draw to the city and you are going to ruin it
7/22/2016	Please do not destroy Lake Crabtree Park. It is one of the best mountain biking parks we have in the area and a great park overall. We need more trees and parks. Less office buildings and parking lots. Thank you for your consideration.
7/22/2016	I am a mountain biker and live in Youngsville NC. The trails around the airport and that would appear to be removed with this plan is one of the few reasons I travel to Raleigh and RTP. It would be a complete travesty to destroy this incredible resource. I really question if you have the understanding of how important this area is to the health of the general population and the overall impact if they were removed.

7/22/2016	<p>My friends, coworkers, and I use the land under discussion for development on a weekly, if not daily basis for outdoor recreation. Indeed, these parcels of land together constitute the top reason I love working in Cary and living in this area. I would see their development not as an economic necessity at all, but rather a betrayal. These lands should continue to be a buffer zone between the land that was granted to the airport authority and the surrounding businesses and homes. The goodwill, quality of life, and economic stimulation that they provide as green space within the triangle far outstrip the temporary and shortsighted gains that their destruction for commercial uses would.</p> <p>Please consider alternate plans for Crabtree and the parcels to either side of Old Reedy Creek road. I'm sure that the land can be transferred to a trust through grants, municipal and state parks systems, and private contributors. Every time I drive around the edges of Durham, Chapel Hill, Cary, Morrisville, and Raleigh I see new housing developments, strip malls, and light industry construction. This growth makes it only more important that we preserve the existing outdoor recreation that we already have in the urban heart of the triangle, before we homogenize and destroy the parts that are unique and special in favor of endless repetition for faceless, private use of land that would be better used by the masses.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Leave our open land and parks as they are!!! They are a huge draw to people moving to Raleigh and a great place for locals to get away from the hustle and bustle without taking a trip out of town.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Just renovate terminal 1 and leave it at that. You don't need to expand into the surrounding area. It will take away recreational areas from local residents. Everything will be turned into a hotel or parking lot. I mean, really, let's be honest you're a regional air port not a hub. Focus on what you have now and make that better.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>I am writing to support the preservation of the mountain biking trails at Lake Crabtree County Park. I understand that this land has been marked for office and hotel development. My family and I use these trails regularly, and it would be devastating to lose this special park tucked right in the heart of RTP. RDU has been very generous in donating this land to our community as park land, and doing so shows that RDU is committed to preserving the beautiful green space in our community that makes the Triangle such a desirable place to live. Let us commit to not destroying our parks for land development. Thank you.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>This plan would take away things that make the Triangle a great place to live and that attract new business. Our great quality of life is one of the key selling points for this area, but this plan would undermine that. Having mountain biking trails close to RTP and Cary, where workers can bike at lunch or after work, is a big selling point when recruiting new businesses and improves our quality of life. This plan would negatively impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Lake Crabtree Mountain Biking trails (it would actually do away with them) - Umstead State Park - having a Rock Quarry and blasting next to the park - The East Coast Greenway - it goes by Lake Crabtree and along Old Reedy Creek Road to Umstead - Cary's new Old Reedy Creek trailhead project.
7/22/2016	<p>I object to the proposed land use.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>I strongly object to any development plans that would harm the biking and hiking trails in the Old Reedy Creek road area. These natural spaces are used by many outdoor enthusiast tax payers. I think replacing them with parking lots or office buildings would be a horrible misuse of public lands.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>I am writing to ask that Lake Crabtree park be left alone and NOT turned into a business park or road or quarry or apartment complex... The people of Raleigh and the surrounding Triangle area need this space to escape and reconnect with the natural environment (nature). Whether it is bike riding walking or enjoying a park bench with the sounds of birds and wind in the trees. I hope there is consideration for this gem in the heart of Raleigh/Cary/Morrisville.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>I am terribly disappointed that development of this amazing community resources, and one of the few public green spaces left in the Cary/Raleigh area is being considered for development. I have been visiting this park nearly 16 years. I have been a resident of Wake Forest, Raleigh, Cary, Morrisville, Chapel Hill and Carrboro during that time and frequently visited that park as a resident of all of these places. Please reconsider developing this space.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Please don't destroy lake crabtree bike trails.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Please don't destroy Lake Crabtree park. My family and I Use the trails every week. It's one of the only places we find peace in our hectic lives. Please please please reconsider what you are doing to this beautiful green space!</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Just want to urge you to incorporate the existing mountain bike trails into the development plans. These trails are an important community resource that should be preserved.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>I use the park/trail adjacent to RDU for biking hiking and running. It is in the best interest of citizens and the community to continue to have access to this site for recreational purposes. Outdoor activities overall decrease early morbidity and mortality in the population and access to such locals offers both safe and fun ways to enjoy nature. Connected to Lake Crabtree this region is ideal for long challenging workouts all while situated in close proximity to neighborhoods and the interstate. Please consider our concerns with respect to this property and keep it green and undeveloped.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Keep 286, rocky road, and lake Crabtree mountain bike trails open. A lot of people put a lot of time into building those trails and they are my favorite part of Cary, NC.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>As a mountain biker myself, this is a terrible terrible terrible plan. Stop taking away all of the Green Space and recreational areas of this area.</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Leave the parks and natural woodlands as they are!!!</p>

7/22/2016	<p>Please help us keep the mountain biking trails around Lake Crabtree and Old Reedy Creek. I am an avid cyclist and one of the greatest parts about living here is that I can ride exciting, well maintained trails within 10-15 minutes of my house. I use the trails when they're open at least once a week and they're always packed with people enjoying the woods. These trails are critical as well since they back up to Umstead State Park, offering a way to ride all terrains in one ride.</p> <p>There is plenty of other space to expand and we certainly don't need any more office complexes in the area. What makes the Triangle such a great place is the quick, easy access to parks, greenways and these trails. Please don't take them away.</p>
7/22/2016	Crabtree park is a place for families and individuals to go to relax, ride bikes, hike and enjoy the area. There is no other place like it. Please do not develop it into anything and leave it as it is.
7/22/2016	We have plenty of other places nearby to build retail, office space and hotels. Green space and natural areas where people can run and bike are a treasure. If you destroy this area, you will be taking away one of the major attractions in western Wake County.
7/22/2016	I consider Umstead and Crabtree parks to be a massive asset to quality of life in the Triangle. Please consider planning around these resources and leave them intact for area residents to enjoy. I personally use both of these parks, for mountain biking and hiking, several times a week. Thanks.
7/22/2016	Please save the green space at Lake Crabtree and surrounding areas! Save mountain biking in Raleigh. Let's grow Raleigh and the surrounding areas into outdoor friendly communities for a healthy living. We shouldn't be destroying these few wonderful areas that we have remaining.
7/22/2016	This area should remain park and open area. Too many use it for trail riding, running and getting back to nature. It should not be developed
7/22/2016	I am against the plans proposed in the Raleigh Durham Airport Vision 2040 plan. The area proposed for development is a beautiful green space that lures in hikers, cyclists, families, and visitors from outside of Raleigh. The loss of green space will both be bad for the environment but also for the many people who love living here because his space is open to mountain biking. The area has a very strong mountain bike presence and this plan would cripple those who love the sport. Unfortunate Umstead park is NOT open to mountain biking on the single track trails. While the Umstead Fire roads are nice for general fitness, they are not mountain bike trails and are not the style of riding that lures so many mountain bikers to this area. There are hundreds of mountain bikers that utilize Crabtree and the surrounding area on a daily basis. Please consider saving this green space and maintaining this area as a space available for all our door users.
7/22/2016	I object to the land use proposal for Crabtree park, Rocky Road and 286. I'd like to see the mountain biking trails maintained.
7/22/2016	That last thing that is needed in an already crowded area is more business parks and hotels. However, the thing that many people, locked in urban locations, crave are more outdoor activities, access to nature and recreation. Why not embrace what's already there and expand the park to cover what's already built on the property? This could increase overall quality of life and draw more users to the area, which in turn is better for the surrounding community.
7/22/2016	Another bummed out cyclist here. Please find a way to keep the trails! They are part of what makes the Triangle a unique, fantastic place to live. We need recreation for all of these business employees too!
7/22/2016	I urge you to preserve the green space of Lake Crabtree County Park. The park and its trails are one of the things that makes living in Wake County so great. It's amazing to be able to ride a bike at lunch or after work on the mountain bike trails at the park, and not have to drive out of the county to do that. It would be a real tragedy if we were to lose the park and would significantly reduce the quality of life in our area.
7/22/2016	Keep Crabtree, 286 and other nearby green spaces open for recreational use.
7/22/2016	We need to preserve these trails and Parks for all to enjoy! Is plenty of other land to build business parks malls and parking lots without having to disrupt natural parks.
7/22/2016	It is a TRAVESTY not to conserve the greenspace of Umstead Park for the current and future residents and wildlife of Raleigh and Cary. I hike in the park with my dog when I come to Cary to visit friends every month. The park is an oasis of green habitat, life, and quiet in the midst of the rush of the city. If the park was not there all who enjoy the park would have to drive considerably farther for the same beauty and relaxation. It is a priceless jewel and so utterly disturbing that there are people who cannot see that and want to destroy it with ugly buildings, pits, and pavement. Please do not destroy Umstead Park.
7/22/2016	<p>I am a big fan of RDU as an airport. RDU is extremely accessible, clean and efficient. I also support plans to continue modernizing the airport. However, I do wonder if expansion of the airport size is necessary. In particular, the total number of annual passengers coming through RDU is similar to the same number today as it was 25 years ago in 1990 (https://www.rdu.com/airport-authority/statistics/#year). Why should the next 25 years be any different? For example, a clear shift of American Airline's flights from RDU to CLT may lead to a further decrease in flight numbers from RDU. I do hope the airport authority moves cautiously over the next few years.</p> <p>Finally, as an avid cyclist, runner and hiker, I can only hope that RDU chooses not to destroy the trails that surround the area by Umstead, Lake Crabtree, 286 and Rocky Road. These trails add tremendous value to the community, and removing them for unnecessary growth or unnecessary office space would be a travesty. Notably, the area already has many airport hotels and a plethora of local options for office/warehouse space, while open green space is at a premium. It is much easier to rebuild an office park than a forest. Finally, I believe going this route would destroy much of the goodwill RDU has built up since opening in 1943.</p> <p>Best</p>
7/22/2016	I'm a biker and naturalist and really enjoy crabtree, 286 and Rocky Road. These are all great places that are well used by a lot of people, and they add a lot to Raleigh as a whole.
7/22/2016	I would hate to see these go. Please look for other places.

	<p>The current expansion plans for the RDU international airport clearly take a toll on recreation spaces that are very valuable to the residents of Cary, Raleigh, and other nearby towns. Lake Crabtree and the southwest access to Umstead park are currently use as biking and hiking hubs for the community promoting healthy options for people to spend time with their families and friends. As a mountain biker, I feel that great trails will be lost.</p> <p>I am also concerned that these expansion projects may be extensive given the current spaces available. For example, Terminal 1 seems to be underutilized although construction is taking place to expand it even more.</p>
7/22/2016	Please reconsider your plans to save Lake Crabtree and the southwest access to Umstead park
7/22/2016	Please leave the area including Crabtree Park to Umstead untouched- it provides one of the most unique juxtapositions of urban and outdoor environments that I have experienced.
7/22/2016	Please keep the parks and bike trails. I object the land use proposal for Crabtree park, Rocky Road and 286. This recreational spaces have a great value for the neighbors and people like me that use them multiple times a week. Please give priority to the benefit of the community over a few private investors.
7/22/2016	<p>I want to express my deep disappointment in hearing the news that this project exists. My family and friends use this space on a weekly basis for recreation. Our parks are a valuable asset to the area and bring in so much positive activity.</p> <p>My wish is for Lake Crabtree area to remain undeveloped and available for recreational use as it is today.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
7/22/2016	I relocate to Raleigh due to their balance of good professional opportunities and mountainbiking trails. I'm engineer and are very happy with the triangle trails and business development's. If the RDU trails disappear this means no more life balance for me. Please don't allow to close these trails. Tnx
7/22/2016	Please please do not pave our park, or develop it, or turn it into and industrial zone.
7/22/2016	<p>I am a mountain biker and moved to Wilkes County NC 2 years ago to be closer to the trails I love. If my trails were to close here I would move. I have friends that are TORC members. I enjoy the Raleigh trails. They promote community, a healthy lifestyle, and support local business. All across the nation, trails and green ways are being created because that is what the public wants. You were ahead of the curve. That should be promoted and celebrated not destroyed. I implore you to find another way. Do not shut down Raleigh bike trails.</p>
7/22/2016	Are you guys trying to destroy the last remaining chunk of green space in favor of more buildings?? Seriously, the greed has got to stop.
7/22/2016	We need more parks, not more concrete. Please preserve LCCP.
7/22/2016	As the Triangle area continues to grow, maintaining natural green spaces like the parks at LCCP and Umstead becomes more important for maintaining our areas quality of life. Once lost and developed, these natural spaces can never be regained. As a lifelong resident, I urge you to please reconsider developing these recreation areas. You have the opportunity to help maintain the quality of life that the Triangle is famous for. Do it for the multitude of residents who already enjoy this beautiful space as well as those who become residents in the future. Thanks.
7/22/2016	I would strongly encourage the authority to protect the existing green-space around the airport, and adjacent to Umstead State Park. The recreation and health lifestyle options provided by those areas, such as Lake Crabtree County Park, is a vital asset to the growing population of the Raleigh Metro Area. Any loss of wooded, protected areas would be a detrimental impact to the people and the environment of greater Raleigh.
7/22/2016	Hello, I'm writing you today to voice my concern and disapproval over the proposed renovation of crabtree country park and the adjacent lands. As you well know, these parks contain some of the best green space and recreational opportunities in the triangle and, as an avid mountain biker, they are a destination for cyclists throughout the surrounding states. Please elect to retain the wonderful trails and parkland which offer so much joy to so many communities in the triangle and beyond. This is all we have, there's nothing nearly as good for us within an hour's drive. Please don't take it away.
7/22/2016	<p>It is sad to see how the best mountain bike trails are going to disappear if the RDU don't stop. Those trail keeps our people healthy and more...</p> <p>I'm very disappointed</p>
7/22/2016	<p>Please consider not disrupting this land that is in use by many residents & visitors providing a venue for healthy activities to promote the good health of residents that live a healthy lifestyle. Even though it is a little bit of a drive for me to ride these trails, it provides a safer alternative than riding on the road. This is coming from a cyclist that was hit by a drunk driver the morning of 7/4/2010, myself, that safety factor is extremely valuable to the cycling community and health conscious residents. Thank for taking my comment.</p>
7/22/2016	You absolutely can NOT build on Lake crabtree, 286 or Umstead at all!! This is such a great area for everyone in the triangle to come together to exercise and enjoy the outdoors!! I 100% object to any deforestation on any of this land!! Please respect the wishes of the community! Thank you in advance.
7/22/2016	<p>I drive out to Crabtree multiple times a week to mountain bike. It's by far my favorite place to bike, because of its proximity to work, the climbing gym (which I often go to either/both after or before my ride), and the quality of the trails. It's the only trail that I truly feel comfortable solo as a beginner-novice. Eliminating the park would take away money from businesses (I frequent the nearby restaurants like Neomonde before going home or to climb -- whenever I don't go via Crabtree park those restaurants are never convenient) and take away vital green space that contribute to the mental and physical well-being of the population of the whole triangle. I live in Durham/Chapel Hill and work in Durham, yet I drive to Morrisville specifically for Crabtree Park. Without Crabtree, I am more likely to visit the North Raleigh climbing gym as it's more convenient.</p>
7/22/2016	Please reconsider saving ALL of Lake Crabtree County Park from development, as well as the land adjacent to Umstead that is currently undeveloped.
7/22/2016	I object to the loss of Greenspace, and blatant disregard for the quality of life of the local residents. Greedy corporations want to pave paradise and put up a parking lot.

7/22/2016	I absolutely love the green space near the airport. My family and I have enjoyed it since my father moved to North Carolina in the 1950s. And it is my source of pride when people come from mega-cities like LA - I get to show off our trees immediately and they can appreciate the beauty of NC.
7/22/2016	Save the green space, not a parking place!
7/22/2016	Don't destroy Crabtree park or the surrounding area. Leave it as green space to improve the quality of life for the residents of the triangle area.
7/22/2016	Leave Lake Crabtree Park and the surrounding area the way it is, we need more places to play outside, not more office buildings.
7/22/2016	I object development on the lake crabtree area. I've been using this park for years and can't imagine RTP without it!
7/22/2016	Please do not remove trails from the area.
7/22/2016	The RDUAA needs to rethink the plans to "develop" much of Lake Crabtree County Park as well as the currently undeveloped land adjacent to Umstead. We need to preserve the green space we have!
7/22/2016	RDU Airport Authority is not considering the best interest of the surrounding community. Their plan to eradicate the green spaces and mountain bike trails at Lake Crabtree and the area around Old Reedy Creek road will hurt the local community who regularly use this land. Turning these beautiful lands into more office parks and parking lots will make Raleigh a worse place to live.
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7/23/2016	There are far too many logical reasons to keep Crabtree Park alive and available as the wonderful natural resource it is for healthy activities for everyone. I, along with so many others, hope you will reconsider plans to destroy this beautiful park and see its true value to not only the local communities, but the many farther communities this park reaches and affects in positive ways as well.
7/23/2016	Please keep Lake Crabtree and surrounding area green! We need more green spaces not more faceless business parks, so many business parks around Raleigh sit nearly empty (for years!) or are run down and add no value to this area. I actually don't mind taking people to the airport (or myself) because, unlike other airports I have traveled in and out, of it isn't massively congested and confusing with various airport, city and surrounding business traffic. I've had so many friends, family and strangers comment on how lovely the surrounding area of the airport it and how nice that the city has kept a green space as a buffer around it. There is value in having these spaces, just as much value as putting businesses there. It adds character to our area and it also shows us as a progressive, forward thinking city to realize when development is and when it is not. We are such a fast growing area and that is why these spaces are so important to have and preserve for us and future generations to enjoy as much as a we do. Don't ruin an absolutely lovely area by destroying habitat for plants and animals (that are already getting sparser by the day) and ruining an area that so many people enjoy.
7/23/2016	I have heard something about a possibility that the Lake Crabtree park mountain bike trails could be closed!? NO!!! I am new to mountain biking. I am a 56 years old man and found only recently this excellent wholesome fitness activity only recently. It is a wonder way to bring people together and to get it nature and get physically fit. However, it requires a place to ride, which can be hard to find. The Lake Crabtree park mountain bike trails are a true gem. I would be extremely disappointed if they closed. That would be a detriment to Raleigh and the Triangle. I dot this that is the direction we want to go in.
7/23/2016	PLEASE PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE GEM THAT IS THE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS AT LAKE CRABTREE PARK !
7/23/2016	I totally object to development of Lake Crabtree County Park. It is such a highly used park, and must remain as a jewel to bikers/hikers/boaters of Wake county.
7/23/2016	I enjoy the trails at Lake Crabtree, and I would enjoy continuing to be able to use the mountain bike trails at that facility. I enjoy the exercise, the convenience and the natural surroundings while biking out there. I hope this trail system is always available for everyone to use in the future!
7/23/2016	I am a 16 year old kid who has been mountain biking for a few years now and the Crabtree trails are the only trails near my house that I can ride. The next closest trails are more than thirty minutes away. These trails get outside and active and removing them would devastate the beauty of the Crabtree lake park and mountain bikers make up a majority of the people who go to Crabtree county park
7/23/2016	ALL the greenspace at LCCP and its surroundings is vital to the area's economy and quality of life. Please do not destroy this resource.
7/23/2016	My family and I live in Weston Manor near the Umstead and Lake Crabtree parks. The habitat is beautiful and loved by many of the local residents for biking, hiking, and enjoying nature. Please reconsider destroying the little bit of natural beauty left in our area.
7/23/2016	Please do not destroy Lake Crabtree park! It is an asset to the Cary and Morrisville communities. It is a phenomenal park that is used for hiking, biking, sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, picnics, volleyball, etc. it is a great park to encourage residents to get out and exercise. Please preserve Lake Crabtree!!
7/23/2016	I am against the RDU authority allowing any commercial development on what is now Parkland. Commercial gain is incongruous with the authority's role as a local governmental unit.
7/23/2016	I object to giving up Lake Crabtree Park to a business area. I use the walking trails daily, as well as occasional use of picnic areas. Please keep this park open to recreational use. Thank you.

7/23/2016	Destroying all of the local mountain bike trails would be a disaster for the traingle community. Please make a compromise to this idea and allow crabtree park to remain untouched from its current form building up only the areas of 286 and Rocky Road.
7/23/2016	I do not support taking away the Crabtree hiking/ biking and other green space to build a business park
7/23/2016	I am a community member, and user of the parks and recreational spaces in Lake Crabtree County Park and Umstead Park. I would ask that you keep these as recreational and green spaces. Keep them as they are or improve them as better versions of themselves. This is an opportunity for you to be a unique airport and one that works with these spaces rather than eliminating them. Please continue to be a positive solution to our area instead of adding yet another strip mall, gas station and drug store. Please have a bigger vision for this area.
7/23/2016	Please keep the Crabtree Park Area as-is. The mountain biking/hiking trails are extensively used by myself and many people in my neighborhood.
7/23/2016	I am one of the more than 300,000 people who yearly use the Crabtree Park including the mountain bike trails. This is a precious resource for the area, greatly adding to the overall quality of life. I encourage you to consider alternative plans that allow for the continued existence of the park.
7/23/2016	Hello, Please keep Lake Crabtree park (and Umsted in case that is being looked at as an alternative) open. By all means build a hotel, just use some existing empty office space or decrepit old strip mall etc. This area is desirable because of the planners who kept Umsted and opened up as many parks as possible. https://www.raleighnc.gov/government/content/PubAffairs/Articles/AccoladesRaleigh.html Thanks!
7/23/2016	Please do not even consider destroying Lake Crabtree in any way. The things that made Cary, Raleigh, and the RTP area so desirable are slowly being removed. The parks and recreation areas are what keep this area from feeling like every other big town/city. There has to be a limit to the change.
7/23/2016	It's unacceptable to consider developing RDU triangle greenspace land for airport goals alone. Any view of developing this land without considering the socio-economic impact to the triangle is insufficient. The greenspace land is too valuable to the triangle to be harvested for airport needs alone. These lands need to be returned to the municipalities of Durham, Morrisville, and Raleigh for proper land management. We don't need an expansive airport to the detriment of the surrounding triangle culture. The development of lake Crabtree park and surrounding lands is equivalent to raping the triangle and is short sighted at best.
7/24/2016	Please preserve the hiking and biking trails at lake Crabtree. People need balance in their lives and the trails in this park help them to keep this balance. Think community. You guys have done an incredible job with RDU. I live close by and drive through the area all the time. We need the wooded areas as much as we need business. I love going there to chill. We have so much stress in our lives, the wooded areas really help us to let go of it. Thank you for your service to the people of this area.
7/24/2016	Keeping the natural areas like Crabtree is very important to our community. I strongly oppose any proposed development in an already crowded corridor.
7/24/2016	Our area is growing and that is a good thing for many. If we consider what brings people to the area, it the recreational opportunities. These choices of trials, cycling, hiking and mountain bike all contribute to well being of a community. I hope that we can keep all of the trials at Lake Crabtree. This area is one great recreational area that the community supports. Thank you for reading
7/24/2016	I have enjoyed traveling to Raleigh to ride the mountain bike trails at Lake Crabtree for many years and I would hate to see those trails go away. The entire Lake Crabtree facility it a wonderful place for all North Carolinians to visit and enjoy. I would certainly vote to maintain the park.
7/24/2016	Please do not destroy Lake Crabtree, the forests around it house some amazing hiking/biking trails that I've been able to enjoy when visiting Lake Crabtree. The park is a wonderful get away, nature in the midst of city, and a great spot for a family gathering. I've met up with my family from all over NC at this location many times and would be devastated to have it destroyed. I feel this park is much more rewarding and better for building community than a business park.
7/24/2016	I would like to strongly object to any commercial or non-recreational use of land that is part of Lake Crabtree Pakr or Umstead State Park. These kinds of green spaces are vital to the quality of life in the area. Over the last 17 years I have lived in the Weston Pointe subdivision is have seen a lot of green areas disappear. I use Umstead Park weekly and use the Crabtree Park monthly. Losing any part of these parks will have a big impact on my life. I work for SAS and happily use these kinds of resources when recruiting prospective employees. A business park or parking lot will certainly not be incentives for people to more to the area. Please maintain the parks. Have the vision to keep our quality of life and not turn woods, used for recreation, into parking lots. Regards
7/24/2016	There is absolutely no benefit of taking any of the Lake Crabtree State park land area and converting it to land use proposal for Crabtree/286/RR. A business park to take the place of a forested natural green space is not a way to support the community! We have enough hotels, restaurants, commercial business space, ect. I have been a resident of Cary for 20yrs and as a Realtor I know the value of green space and parks. This is a natural resource that needs to be protected and cherished not paved over in the name of progress. One upset citizen!

7/24/2016	The plans to take over Lake Crabtree County Park and Umstead, please DO NOT! A big part of the charm of NC and a reason to live here and fly in and out of RDU is because of the beautiful greenways and parks. Please find somewhere else to put your upgrades.
7/25/2016	Please do not develop the Crabtree County Park or the other mountain bike trails in the area. The mountain biking community is hearing that there are plans to develop these areas with business parks. This is one of the only areas in Wake County used for mountain biking. The county needs more green space, not more business parks. Please let the County continue to use these areas to provide a park for outdoor recreation. Thanks.
7/25/2016	I have a hard time understanding how destroying Crabtree Park which is a huge asset to the entire community helps meet aviation goals especially since the intentions for the space are a hotel and offices. Our parks in the RTP area are a huge asset and part of what draws families to the area. If these are destroyed in order to accommodate more development, our community becomes just like any other and we loose a huge perk to living in the RTP community.
7/25/2016	Please don't develop Lake Crabtree County Park! It is an invaluable asset to the community. There is plenty of space elsewhere for office and hotel development.
7/25/2016	Leave Lake Crabtree Park as it is now! Have the fortitude to want to preserve that which serves the community the greatest It doesn't take "vision" to want to turn a natural preserve into a commercial zone..... DO THE RIGHT THING
7/25/2016	Hello, I moved to Cary just over a year ago to pursue my studies at NCSU. One of the unique qualities about Raleigh that brought me to the area was integration between a city and natural landscaping. There are times when driving through the city that you can almost forgot the city surrounding you underneath the canopy of trees amidst the fields of wildflowers. There are numerous parks within the city that afford its residents the opportunity to escape and one of these parks that is near and dear to my heart is Lake Crabtree. Lake Crabtree offers a unique combination of canoeing, fishing, hiking, and mountain biking to its visitors. For me personally, the mountain bike trails are the biggest draw. Since I started mountain biking (2013) I have never seen a trail so well preserved and maintained by group as the ones maintained at Crabtree by the Triangle Off-Road Cyclists (TORC) group. TORC's dedication to their trail system really serves a pivotal role in making Crabtree a wonderful for the everyday person to escape the city for an afternoon. It would be a shame for the city of Raleigh to lose such a valuable piece to its culture and community. The cost of a growing and expanding city is that things must change, land developed, and open spaces lost. However, I think it would be a true tragedy to sacrifice Lake Crabtree for the growth of this expansion. After reviewing the development plans, it appears that Crabtree has been selected for the development of a hotel and this would come at the loss of its mountain bike trails. I truly hope that an alternative location can be selected for the development of a hotel and that Crabtree can be spared so that future generations may continue to enjoy the beauty it has to offer.
7/25/2016	FOIKS, This letter is in opposition to Vision 2040, and in support of protecting 286, Rocky Road, and Crabtree Park. As a local business owner, I understand the desire to add more business parks, expand existing operations, and utilize land available. That said, I am also a mountain biker -- and we have ceded enough of our land to demolition in the past few years. There are no good parks left in the area for riding other than 286, Rocky Road, and Crabtree -- with 286 coming first-and-foremost. They're all important, though, and they're clustered tightly in a way that attracts riders from neighboring cities and counties. It is time to make these trails legal and to protect them. Crabtree -- already legal, of course -- is important for its ability to draw-in new riders and get them outdoors, enjoying Wake County; 286 offers the best multi-purpose trail system for miles, and is far superior even to Beaver Dam (a paid trail); Rocky Road offers some of the best tech for a bit of variety, and has immediate access to the creek system for a beautiful view. Protect these trails. There is nothing left in Cary to ride. Seriously. Try to find something good. 286 appeals to riders of all skill levels, something which no other trail can claim around here. Crabtree appeals to newcomers and folks who just need an easier ride, or something to do with their SO. STOP Vision 2040.
7/25/2016	PLEASE do not allow development in Lake Crabtree county park! The trails and greenways there are of much more benefit than another business park would be! Think of all the loss of kids exposure to nature, all the wildlife that would be pushed out, etc. We have business areas already nearby that sit empty. Don't take away one of the nicest community areas that we have! Thanks in advance
7/25/2016	Stop RDU Vision 2040 and protect the Lake Crabtree trail system, 286, and Rocky Road. Nobody wants another vacant business park or a rental car facility, we have PLENTY of these already.
7/25/2016	I'd like to offer my opinion to NOT develop the land on which Lake Crabtree County Park and the surrounding areas. These areas provide key access to the outdoors for the RDU/ Triangle area. I personally spent most weekends of my youth exploring these woods on bike and on foot and was hoping to share the experience with my 2 young children one day. The area does not really need another mall or office park, especially when the down town areas of both Raleigh and Durham are becoming such business and technology hubs.
7/25/2016	I object to land use proposal for Crabtree park, Rocky Road and 286. Please build the businesses some place else. Keep the land as the park. Thanks

7/25/2016	As a member of OSAPAC I would like to make sure that our Committee and the Staff of Wake County Parks and Recreation are at the least be an integral part of the process especially as it pertains to the 148 acres that adjoin the Lake Crabtree Park. Several things come to mind? 1) Lake Crabtree park is the largest user within the Wake County system with some 300,000 visitors annually. Of the number about 100,000 are mountain bike users of the 13 miles of trails that are currently on the 148 acres in question. The sport of mountain biking is one of the fastest growing outdoor sports and will be for some time. 2) Is the consultant you've hired familiar with the Urban Recreation Center and Ride Center concepts? 3) With the aid of MetLife we have just built the 1st 4 Bay Low profile Universal Accessible Canoe and Kayak Ramp in the country to support the disabled citizens of Wake County. This facility will also be used as part of the Dept. of Veteran Affairs Valor Games Southeast. We will again in May of 2017 host 115 wounded and disable Active Duty and Veterans.
7/25/2016	I firmly object to the intention of destroying forest and trail areas to make way for more unnecessary development. The area surrounding RDU Airport is unmatched for it's beauty, natural resources, and recreational facilities. So many people use the area on a daily basis and it's disheartening to learn that this situation is even a possibility. Developing this land as planned will be highly damaging and irreversible to both the natural and human environment. I sincerely hope that the decision makers involved take a deeper look and listen to those who actually use the land now and will be long after the economy inevitably changes leaving empty office buildings and office parks.
7/25/2016	STOP RDU 2040 PLAN! Preserve the land for community recreational use! We need this to attract young people to live and work here.
7/25/2016	Comments to RDU 2040 Master Plan, June 28 Alternatives Only Alternative A meets the stated goals. Alternative B needlessly abandons the runway 5L-23R and thus requires two new runways. Alternatives C and D are also critically flawed and should not be advanced for further consideration. Consider the following specific comments 1. New runway: Under no circumstances should a new runway be built closer to Umstead State Park as shown in Alternative D. RDU should be a better neighbor to this irreplaceable resource. The new runway needs to be located to the west of 5L-23R. 2. A quarry on publicly owned land as shown on the June 28 planning maps is unacceptable. Is RDU so desperate for income that it will cannibalize a precious, publicly owned natural resource? A quarry has to be the lowest and worst possible use of this exceptional tract of riparian forest. There have to be other uses that would benefit the community that RDU serves and also provide RDU some income. Would this parcel not in the long term be better suited for park and recreational uses? Perhaps there is a way to swap this parcel for another from the park more suitable to airport needs. The boundary between RDU and Umstead could be realigned to better serve both park and airport. The master plan should make such cooperation a strong recommendation. 3. That RDU even considered mining the parcel between Umstead State Park and Lake Crabtree Park shows a gross insensitivity to the values Umstead provides to the same region that RDU serves. Perhaps current RDU management does not remember that Wake Stone Quarry bordering Umstead was justified on the grounds that cheap rock was needed to build the RDU 5L-23R runway back in the early 1980's over strong objections of park supporters. This June 28 plan unnecessarily opens old wounds. Did RDU even consider its impacts to the park as part of the master planning process? RDU and Umstead should have a formal agreement recognizing the values each brings to the region and at a minimum commit to limit impacts to each other. The master plan should make such agreement a strong recommendation. 4. Finally, introducing the quarry at the last stage of the master planning process undermines the integrity of the entire master planning process. It is as if RDU did not want the public to be able to mount opposition to the quarry.
7/25/2016	The loss of Crabtree and nearby areas would be bad for local business and the many different outdoor retailers. This is a local resource invaluable to all that regularly use these areas.
7/25/2016	Stop RDU Vision 2040 and protect the Lake Crabtree trail system, 286, and Rocky Road.
7/25/2016	We are against any reduction of Crabtree lake and bike path,these natural areas are wildly used by the community. We hope that RRU airport appreciate the support and goodwill of its surrounding community that it can keep the park as it is. Thank you for your concern
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7/25/2016	My family and I want to voice our objection to any decrease in Crabtree Lake Park land and it's trails and surrounding forested area. As your neighbor, we want to let you know that we are thankful to the RDU Airport Authority and consider them a moral partner in making our community a viable and healthy area. We ask that as such, the Airport Authority look to INCREASE green space for community citizens by enlarging Crabtree Lake Park and allowing continued access to trails and land. The public relations and marketing aspect of such an action are valuable to RDU Airport. We look forward to many years of continued mutual respect.

7/26/2016	<p>First, I appreciate and recognize the economic value of continued development of RDU airport. It is a critical link between the triangle and the rest of the world and continued modernization of RDU is so important in representing what our region is all about; a nice place to visit, a great place to live and work. The redevelopment of terminal two has been a shining example...it is truly a beautiful facility and makes my home airport a pleasure to fly out of. And I'm excited by the continued work on terminal 1 as well. Keep up the good work!</p> <p>Part of what makes the triangle a great place to live and work has been our commitment to green space. Unfortunately, as the area has grown our commitment to green space and recreation areas is wavering, which in turn is lowering property values and reducing our quality of life.</p> <p>Lake Crabtree park, and those portions of the airport authority land that directly adjoin with Umstead State Park (those parcels west of the quarry and east of the Aviation Parkway exit to I-40), are prime examples of green space/recreation areas that need to be protected. While the airport authority has a responsibility to develop RDU airport to keep pace with the growth of our community, it also has a responsibility (as do we all) to help ensure that this growth is managed to ensure that we don't lose sight of the fact that our area is so popular because of our commitment to our citizens and the quality of their lives.</p> <p>I beg of you, keep those parcels of land green. Donate those small parcels north of I-40 to the State so that it can become part of Umstead State Park; it's a natural fit to the current land use of the area. Donate Lake Crabtree park to the county with the caveat that it remain a park for visitors to and citizens of our area to enjoy. It's these investments in the quality of life of our area that made me move my family here to the triangle over 20 years ago. The area can't continue to grow without such investments and the airport authority has the opportunity to make a difference.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to share my views.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
7/26/2016	<p>As a resident in Cary, living not far from Lake Crabtree, I am deeply concerned about green space being used for more hotels or office parks. Part of the draw of living here and also what keeps our home values up, is that we have this wonderful space that thousands of people use and enjoy each day. There are empty shopping malls and lots where certainly those hotels or office parks could be constructed, without the teardown of space that is so enormously valued by so many residents.</p> <p>RDU is a wonderful airport and I realize that business is business. But community matters as well. People matter as well and quality of life for all of us in this community matters. Cary is slowly becoming one big strip mall, over crowded, too much traffic and I fear that soon all that drew us to it, will eventually move us out of here. I use RDU almost weekly for work, so am hoping that Cary won't be so overbuilt that we are forced to leave the area.</p> <p>Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my thoughts as well as the thoughts of many of my concerned neighbors.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
7/26/2016	<p>As a long time NC resident, it's very disheartening to hear about the proposed plan to sell off land adjacent to Lake Crabtree for use as a business park. While I understand growth is important and necessary for the health of a city, I feel (along with many others) that the opportunities and beauty provided by the forested areas being considered for destruction are far more valuable than any business park that could utilize the land. We have so many other options for business park locations. Please continue to preserve this land for recreational outdoor use by the citizens of the area, as well as for the native wildlife that call it home. I enjoy mountain biking in the Umstead/Lake Crabtree area, as do so many others. To have this wonderful natural place in the middle of a city is so unique and beneficial to us all. We need areas like this for people to reconnect with nature, and to enjoy the simple things. Please don't take that away from us, and from the future generations that will call Cary home.</p>
7/26/2016	<p>The proposal to develop Crabtree Park/286/RR is totally unacceptable. The Crabtree park area that is part of RDU Authority land should be preserved for community recreation and left as green space and natural areas. What makes Raleigh Durham a good place to be is the trees, and large community parks, including the adjacent Crabtree/Umstead Recreation areas should continue to be the first thing that visitors to our community see when they fly into the airport.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I am a resident of Cary, NC who lives close to Umstead State Park and Lake Crabtree. My family uses the trails often and to see this area turned into a business park would be detrimental to the health of our community. We rely on green space for recreation and peace. The view at Lake Crabtree is already marred by the tall business buildings that have been built beside it. Please do not build any more buildings in the vicinity of Umstead and Lake Crabtree.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>When is the next workshop / public meeting scheduled? Thank you.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Stop RDU Vision 2040 and protect the Lake Crabtree trail system, 286, and Rocky Road.</p> <p>These are the only parks in Cary that are halfway decent for hiking and riding alike, and the only ones that simultaneously offer a challenge and easy learning for mountain bikers.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I STRONGLY oppose the current master plan involving planned future development in the current area of Lake Crabtree Park. The for profit destruction of park land that provides outdoor recreation for thousands of local residents is not acceptable. I am an avid mountain biker as is the rest of my family. We are strong as a community and will make a stand against this proposed master plan until any and all proposed changes to Lake Crabtree Park are removed.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Please do not destroy this peaceful park. It is a great place to come bike, kayak or hike. I use it 2-3 times a week. Getting rid of it means a 30 minute or more ride to another park.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>My family and I are completely against any development of the land next to Lake Crabtree and Umstead Park. Families like mine use and respect the trails next to the Lake and I think it would be a disgrace to develop these spaces.</p>

7/27/2016	<p>I live in Hillsborough NC but frequently go to Lake Crabtree park for hiking with my family and mountain biking with my friends. While we are there, we tend to eat lunch or dinner as well as doing some shopping. Destruction of this Lake Crabtree or Umstead Park would take away our main reason for heading east on Hwy 40. I sincerely hope the greenspace, forests, county and state parks can remain. There are many examples of how natural spaces can be incorporated into cities and towns while still generating revenue for the land owner. Richmond VA, Danville VA's Dan River Park, Charlotte's Whitewater area just to name a few.</p> <p>Please consider other revenue sources besides developing the natural areas around the airport and changing one of the best parts of the Triangle.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I object to the conversion of Lake Crabtree County Park into a commercial development. The land is heavily used for recreation and has a positive impact on the community. Over the years, I have visited the park and hiked, biked and done some boating. I know many others that visit this park. Please consider the needs of the community when making plans for this land.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
7/27/2016	<p>These plans are completely oblivious to the large and wonderful community of bicyclists that frequent this area for the excellent and well maintained biking trails @ LCCP and ORC. I am appalled that finding a way to include these trails as a part of these plans was not considered as a part of the plan. This is one of the most visited parks in the county and quite a draw for the triangle. I am an avid mountain biker and I absolutely treasure having these trails so close to the city. To ignore this is a great disservice to community. Please consider working with TORC and other advocates for these trails to find some way to include these trails in your plans. The last thing that we want is to drive a wedge in the community that has come to love this area and trails so much.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I use Crabtree Park and Umstead 5 to 6 days a week, and find this forested area extremely valuable to providing a balanced lifestyle for the Raleigh-Durham residents. This is where, like hundreds of other parents, I taught my daughter how to mountain bike. We NEED this space.</p> <p>Please figure out better alternatives for revenue.</p> <p>PLEASE do not destroy these forested areas!!!!!!!</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I understand that there are economic imperatives. However, in this case the common good, both for this generation and all generations to come, so clearly outweighs economic considerations. This area is the oasis in the heart of the triangle. Implementing development would strip tens of thousands of people their primary green haven. Thanks</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Lake Crab Tree is an awesome park. destruction of the park would be a travesty.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>As an avid hiker and biker, I strongly urge RDU to reconsider its development plans for Lake Crabtree park and the trails/greenspace adjacent to the Umstead gate on the north side of I-40. What makes Raleigh (and the Triangle) great is the ease with which residents can access park land and trails in less than 30 minutes by bike from downtown, please, please, please don't ruin this by developing this beautiful, heavily used land.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Don't allow rdu to destroy lake crabtree. Greed always wins short term, but NEVER ends up a long term success, never. Think beyond your nose please.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>It is with absolute disbelief to learn that RDU plans to destroy what is and has become an irreplaceable natural recreation area in the heart of the Triangle and all for the sole purpose of profit. My wife and I moved here, healthcare providers at Duke, because of the wonderful balance the Triangle area provided between work/ life and nature/urban living. We spend many days at Lake Crabtree and in Umstead running and riding bikes, and to think that at some point these beautiful and life sustaining forests will be bulldozed and never enjoyed by our children, all for yet another strip mall and hotel. I would have hoped that the architects in such a proclaimed progressive area could do better. I hope that RDU will consider other opportunities that not only will benefit their profits but also the community they are a part of.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
7/27/2016	<p>As a longtime Triangle resident I've witnessed the explosion of growth in the use of bike trails at Crabtree County Park, Umstead Park, and the adjacent forested Airport Authority properties that are nearly indistinguishable from Umstead Park lands. I believe my first times riding the Lake Crabtree trail network were back in the mid-90s ! If you go to the Old Reedy Creek bridge and parking area on a fine spring or fall day, literally hundreds of cyclists, joggers and family pleasure riders are using these green spaces. Visitors and newcomers frequently comment about what a fine amenity these forested places provide for all of the surrounding communities. Further evidence of the pride and enthusiasm these networks of trails engender, is the cleanliness and almost total lack of rude or disrespectful behavior I witness in the groups who use them. There are plenty of places to build another office park or hotel in the area. In fact, these kinds of uses will benefit from the greater density offered in so many other locations.</p> <p>Preserve the trail network created by the Crabtree Creek and Black Oak Greenways, the Umstead Park and County Park trails and the Airport Authority forest. Nothing can replace these mature, natural forests that will serve our citizens better or make our community more appealing.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I with a lot of other off road(mountain) bikers wish to express my concern about the development of Lake Crabtree County Park(LCCP) which would remove our trail at the said park. We hold 2-3 rides a week at LCCP and this is a major, centrally located facility allowing other rides there throughout the week. Also we host 2 races a year at LCCP. I'd also like to mention that the single track trails are dual purpose allowing hiking too. There are several vistas along the trail beside the lake that many folks on foot enjoy. Please do not take away our trails at LCCP!</p>

7/27/2016	<p>Hello - please do not develop Lake Crabtree or the surrounding area. It is much more important and economically viable to keep them as parks for the area. If there are no parks or places to be outdoors, then there is no reason for people to visit or live here in the first place.</p> <p>Better yet - improve the current park facilities at lake Crabtree, providing scheduled shuttle airport transportation to and from the park as an additional airport amenity. What other airports offer an outdoor park and lake for your long layover?</p> <p>Durham native</p>
7/27/2016	<p>My family has used the Crabtree mountain bike trails for years now as its easily the best beginner trail system for mountain bikers in the Triangle. Please do not take away this highly used resource from our community!</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I believe the best use of this land is to leave it a natural recreation area as it is now. TORC has proposed an Urban Trail Center, and while I'm not sure exactly what that means, I could see an excellent opportunity to create an outdoor recreation facility that preserves as much of the natural areas as possible. The area in question is a gem, and need not be sullied with more hotels/office parks/etc. Looking forward to posterity, green spaces for outdoor recreation are going to be so much more important than the current proposed development.</p> <p>It is of course understandable that the airport bring in more revenue through exploiting the lands it owns; however, what makes sexier advertising for the airport/region? "New! Super boring office park and another hotel for you to choose from!" -or- "Need to stretch your legs after a long flight? Come take a hike, ride a bike, paddle a canoe, get some fresh air in our unique Urban Forest Oasis literally less than a mile from our gates?"</p> <p>I mean really...this ought to be a no brainier folks. Money is great, but beautiful natural areas that so many in our community love is priceless, and they don't make more of it. Be smart, find other ways to generate revenue. (I'll bet I can come up with 15) and preserve the beauty and amazing gem we have here in the Triangle by letting it stand as a natural area sans office parks etc.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I don't like the idea of reductions in open space - this is really one of the greatest things about the triangle, that there are so many areas with trees and lakes and trails, all preserved, not simply a lot of cookie cutter developments.</p> <p>Lake Crabtree must be preserved. This is an area full of lots of wildlife, but also a great place for trails, walking, and boating. The county doesn't have many parks with lakes like this nearby, and I've been going to Crabtree to many years.</p> <p>It is one of the few beginner/intermediate mountain bike areas in the area that is still legal, which is a great way for many of us to get exercise among nature, many other trails being of greater difficulty and further away.</p> <p>Lake Crabtree advances land value for everyone around it, and is a resource. Please do not destroy it!</p> <p>I would like to see more trails created, but do not want to see more office buildings and development.</p> <p>Please.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Please reconsider the land usage aspect of this proposal. Lake Crabtree park is an immensely popular recreation area, and will continue to be into the future. It is a vital resource for the residents of the Triangle, as it provides accessible trails for hiking, running, and cycling. As a major influence and investor in the Triangle, it would be in RDU's best interest to preserve the recreational facilities that have made the Triangle so desirable to live in. Bulldozing Lake Crabtree park will set a precedent for re-purposing recreational land for commercial development, and will undoubtedly drive away the community in which RDU intends to serve. RDU must hold paramount the concerns of the community. Removing assets makes the Triangle less desirable to live in, do business in, and travel to.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>It would be a real shame to loose the Crabtree & "286" trail network. This area is one of the few central locations in the triangle that has led to families, coworkers, and friends coming together to enjoy the outdoors. Of all the areas I ride, this is one of the most welcoming and community-supported (from the races to the trail building). As the Triangle-region grows, there will be lots of land that gets developed for various uses, we can work together now to ensure that large parks like Crabtree, Umstead, and Dorthea Dix remain open for all of the public to use. Please consider my thoughts as you debate altering the land in and around Crabtree.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Please reconsider the development of the lands around Lake Crabtree County Park and Umstead Park for commercial purposes. The destruction of public park lands to build more commercial property would hurt the draw of Western Wake County for families and other users of the park system in the area, especially since alternative locations are available. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>One of the first parks I visited when I moved to North Carolina was Lake Crabtree County Park. My family and I enjoyed hiking all the way around the lake. We've returned many times over the 20 years we've lived here and always find something new to explore in that small patch of nature surrounded by asphalt and buildings (though it wasn't always). It would be terrible for this amazing recreation area to be lost to more development. There are plenty of spaces around the airport to build more offices and hotels. Why would you tear down a park?</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I object to the land use and the destruction of the trail systems in and around Lake Crab Tree Park and Umstead. if it is possible to relocate the projects and preserve the park land and trails it would be hugely positive for the local community. This green space is one of the great draws of the city and something that makes Raleigh special and inviting to young people looking to settle and work in and around RTP and the Raleigh area. Please don't destroy this space if it's possible to retain it.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Conrad Faust</p>

7/27/2016	<p>I do not support the idea of developing that amazing land that is Lake Crabtree and Old Reedy Creek. I believe the land is truly a gem of the Triangle, and can think of countless amazing experience I have had in the area. The close proximity to nature and land like Lake Crabtee is a huge draw to the area and is one of the reasons we have stayed in the area. If it were developed, moving out of the state would seem far more attractive.</p> <p>Please listen to the local communities! Please start working on alternative plans that embrace this gift from nature instead of just taking a great big greedy shit on it.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I would like to voice my objection to the potential loss of the trails located in lake crabtree county park. The park provides an important recreational area for triangle residents with no legal+local equivalent available if this area were lost.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>In the twelve years I've been here, I've never heard anyone say, "I love the Triangle region because of the growing number of office parks."</p> <p>However, I have heard countless people say how much they love the green spaces and forested areas in and around the Triangle. In fact, that was what brought me here and why I and so many others love this place.</p> <p>That's why it's so critical to preserve the forested land that would otherwise be destroyed by the implementation of these plans. We need to protect these invaluable -- and irreplaceable -- green spaces.</p> <p>While generating revenue for RDU is important, there are already many existing alternatives -- so much unused, already-developed land in the Triangle region. We don't need to tear down vast swaths of beloved forested land. It is exactly these centrally-located green spaces that make the Triangle region so attractive -- not only to current and future residents, but to businesses.</p> <p>Implementing these plans would literally destroy a big part of what people love about Raleigh.</p> <p>Specifically, the Lake Crabtree County Park (the most heavily used park in Wake County), Umstead Park, and the adjacent recreational trails offer cyclists, runners, hikers, adults, children, and families a retreat from the growing urban environment of the Triangle. Every day, hundreds of people visit these trails and outdoor spaces.</p> <p>We have a responsibility to the community and future communities to foster a place that protects the best of what we have to offer.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I am concerned that the current plan threatens many valuable recreational trails in the RDU area. These trails are unique in such an urban environment, are a huge reason why the quality of life and property values are good here and should be protected and maintained.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>My family and I frequent lake Crabtree County Park's hiking/biking trails and object to the proposed land development plan.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Please reconsider developing the areas of Lake Crabtree and old Reedy Creek. The mixed use and mountain bike trails are a valuable asset to the triangle area.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>The plan drastically impedes into several of the area's outdoor gems, Crabtree and Umstead. Study after study reveals the importance of getting outdoors for adults and children. These parks are well loved and utilized by both locals and tourists...which has an economic impact to the area as well. Please save our parks, hiking trails, bike paths, horse trails, birding, geocaching, heck - even the Pokemon Go app getting young adults off the couch to catch imaginary images on their phones, etc. Our kids deserve more than concrete, our kids need to be more active, our kids need to connect with nature...and not all kids are under 18 years of age! This 40-year old kid's mental health depends on getting in miles on the trails! I hope that you will fight to save our area of natural beauty.</p> <p>Can you invest in re-vitalize an area that is already concrete?</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Please consider the value these recreational spaces bring to this area! It's why so many I know chose where we live, it's where we take friends, out of town visitors etc to introduce them to our awesome location and all there is to enjoy here.</p> <p>Keep in mind Lake Crabtree County Park is the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system! The area also provides a needed buffer between the airport and Umstead State Park. While commercial development is important, preservation of all the existing forested lands, trails, and green space is heavily desired amongst the folks who enjoy what we have offered here. The alternative of the creation of an Urban Trails Center within this property could create business opportunities for new and existing hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, bars, bike shops etc. Please, please, please consider our wants and needs!</p> <p>thank you!!</p>
7/27/2016	<p>The trails at lake Crabtree are some of the most used mountain bike trails in the area and a vital part of the cycling community in the Triangle. I would hope that consideration is given to their importance when planning to build on top of them.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Please do not destroy lake Crabtree park for the sake of a few more buildings and concrete. What a special place and resource is to our community and its visitors. The plan drastically impedes into several of the area's outdoor gems, Crabtree and Umstead. Study after study reveals the importance of getting outdoors for adults and children. These parks are well loved and utilized by both locals and tourists...which has an economic impact to the area as well.</p> <p>I taught my daughter and several other kids how to ride a bike in that park. We should all fight for such a precious resource.</p>

7/27/2016	<p>I attended the last public information session at the Airport Authority regarding the future of the RDU land. I wanted to provide my comments.</p> <p>I am a 47 year old woman that works in RTP. I regularly like to visit Crabtree for mountain biking, typically alone, partly because of convenience, but mostly because it is a safe environment for me. As a woman, being alone in the woods can be a pretty scary thing. Crabtree has the advantage of being one of the more visited Wake County parks, with plenty of bike and foot traffic. As such, when I am at Crabtree, I never worry about being isolated and at risk. Further, mountain biking does include an element of danger and if I were to fall, I know that someone will come along shortly and help.</p> <p>Previously, I was involved with Trips for Kids-Triangle and we regularly brought at-risk kids out to Crabtree to mountain bike. It is an ideal location for people of all skills to mountain bike. They always had an amazing experience. Given the proximity to so many children, Crabtree is ideally suited for similar mountain biking trips in the future. Driving out to the other parks, such as Harris and Beaverdam, takes more time and there is less variety for kids.</p> <p>I noticed in the last public hearing that the real thrust of the final decision will be about money. My question is, what price does the Airport Authority put on the safety and well-being of women who enjoy the outdoors? There are so few places that we can go alone without worrying about our safety. Further, Crabtree's central location to a growing metropolis is important. As the Triangle region continues to expand, less green space will be available for use by a much larger population. There is already this lovely green space that suddenly you want to parcel out so that people with money can make even more money. I understand that the Airport Authority has to consider it's growing needs, and how to fund them, but won't the growing population that will be using the airport fund the growing airport? Why is there suddenly a need to cut down all of the trees and build more offices and hotels?</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Lake Crabtree County Park and it's trails are a precious resource to our area. I'm not sure how RDU would even consider leasing and developing the lands that make up the park and trail. If the park and trail were not under utilized I'd understand but this park is well used and loved.</p> <p>Everyday myself and several other hundreds of thousands of people in the Raleigh- Durham - Chapel Hill area make the trek along I-40 /540/147 to get to work or home. Schedules are hectic, time is limited, and for quite a few people have access to the LCCP is a saving grace. Countless times I've been short on time but was still able to get to LCCP for a short run/bike. Or the times I pick the kids up from daycare and rather than sit in the parking lot called I-40, we run around for hour and enjoy the green space.</p> <p>RDU, please be a good neighbor... listen to the community. We don't want this area developed. Lake Crabtree County Park should be preserved, it's an asset!</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I love the biking trails at Lake Crabtree. My sister introduced me to them and we spend lots of time together riding our bikes out there.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I think that taking away the Triangle's premier Mountain Bike park is incredibly short-sighted. These trails, if marketed properly, which they are not, could be a catalyst to drive more and more adventures to this area., many of which will come back, and possibly make roots in our fabulous community. Another benefit of keeping the trails, is keeping an area for our local community to stay healthy and fit, in a family friendly environment, that is central to RDU. To take this away would be a blow to a lot of the values that we families hold dear in the Triangle.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>The Crabtree / Umstead trail system is an absolute jewel in the crown of the Triangle's open spaces - it's heavily used by runners, dog walkers, trail walkers, mountain bikers, cyclocross riders, kids, adults and families. It would be a travesty to consider turning any of this important land into offices and quarries merely to generate revenue for the airport. That is not an essential need for the airport - it's an airport; not a property company.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>It would ultimately behoove RDU to preserve greenspace and wooded land for use by the community. There is significant revenue potential if the land is preserved. It will take only slightly more creativity than feeding the land to developers. Natural spaces attract affluent outdoorsy types who enjoy recreation and consider it part of their identity. These folks are often more than ready to spend dollars on retail items related to outdoor recreation, food, and alcohol. If natural space is preserved, business opportunity will present itself. Furthermore, should the volume and quality of walking and bike trails increase at the rate it is now, the area in question will be on its way to earning a reputation as destination worthy. Please reconsider plans to destroy some of the best utilized and ecologically significant land in the Triangle metro area. Our children will be grateful.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I am submitting this comment with regard to the Lake Crabtree County Park (LCCP) and Old Reedy Creek (ORC) trail systems. I am a Raleigh resident and Wake County tax payer. I would not be exaggerating to say that I partake in mountain biking or hiking on the LCCP and ORC trail systems on average 3-5 times per week. Riding and walking these trails adds quality of life that I have come to rely on for pleasure and health. Not only do my family and I partake in using these trails, but I also ride quite often with a dozen or so friends.</p> <p>One of the great things about living in the Triangle is the valuable resources we have for hiking and biking and LCCP and ORC are the heart and soul of those trail systems.</p> <p>It would be greatly disappointing to lose those trails and it would reduce the quality of living and health for a large percentage of the population who live in and around the Triangle.</p> <p>I implore you to reconsider leasing this land for commercial use thus resulting in the loss of these heavily used trail systems.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I'm opposed to the proposed plan to use the recreational forested area (i.e. Crabtree Park) for commercial development. I frequently use the park trails for hiking and mountain biking, and it would be a horrible loss to allow this land to be developed.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>I am opposed to developing the green space around lake crabtree which is currently used for recreation and cycling and a refuge for wildlife. The deforestation in this area is out of control- we need to keep green space and parks in order to maintain this as one of the great places to live. Additionally traffic is getting to be a real issue here and further development will only add to that headache. I am OPPOSED to this development initiative.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>Don't do this!!!! You Re ruining a quality of life. All or Raleigh and suburbs are bland an without anything like Umstead. Please leave it alone</p>

7/27/2016	Reedy Creek has some of the best trails of all of umstead park. It has made many people much better athletes and helped many people lose weight as it is one of the nicest trails in the whole park.
7/27/2016	Strongly opposed to the plan to remove the current mountain bike trail areas especially the area commonly known as Lake Crabtree Park to become commercial space. This space has been listed for many years as part of the Lake Crabtree Park in maps and documentation. The community knows this park as both the trails and the lakefront. The conversion to commercial space will permanently remove this gem. The bike trails are very popular and are an oasis in the business park jungle that is the RTP area. When I worked in RTP I would routinely ride the trails before or after work, and I currently ride the trails on weekends.
7/27/2016	Since I've been old enough to ride a bike, the Crabtree trails has been my second home. Weekend bike rides with my mom at this beautiful place are some of the most cherished memories I've been lucky enough to create. these trails are where I built the courage to speed over the humps, to take chances and ride the ramps, to never slow down, and to live life on the wild side! please don't take this amazing place away- the world needs more risk takers!
7/27/2016	I'm hoping that this plan equally balances both tremendous growth with a possible rail commuter line and future development that will be beneficial for the entire region for generations to come. This should happen all while protecting the nature trails and other open space (future park space) that can possibly be incorporated into the future plan to give our airport a unique and forward thinking personality different from all other airports. I understand money, number of travelers that come through RDU, and need will be key factors but I encourage the board members to find a good balance that makes our region stand out while answering future needs and enhancing this region's quality of life. What ultimately gets done will directly and indirectly affect our region's economy for years to come.
7/27/2016	I sincerely hope that you will give strong consideration to the alternative plan proposed by Save The Crab and TORC leader David Houskeeper in regards to an Urban Trail Center. This is just plain good business sense. Thank you in advance for the consideration.
7/27/2016	Please do not adversely impact any current parks.
7/27/2016	I would like to voice my objection to the expansion plans which will consume some greenery around Umstead and Reedy St
7/27/2016	i strongly recommend you keep the area currently used by the Lake Crabtree park in essentially the same condition as it currently is, rather than convert it to office space or other commercial uses. I use the park only occasionally, but know that RDU needs both buffers and public support, and any future potential airport expansion- whether more runways, flights, or hours of operation- will definitely need public support. If RDU proceeds with converting the current park into office spaces, it might very well find that (as we used to say in the Army) you might very well win the battle but lose the war. In other words, if you focus on the short-term gain but ignore the long-term cost, you will have a much harder time ever getting public support for some expansion you might need even more. Your call.
7/27/2016	If you bulldoze part of umstead park, not only will you be harming the environment, but you will also be destroying a great place to workout that showcases North Carolinas scenery.
7/27/2016	Alternatives to the destruction of LCCP are available as well as the ability to improve and expand the current trail system into a more profitable recreation area. I would urge the committee to take advantage of these opportunities. Please don't destroy LCCP and the trails. Thank you-
7/27/2016	Please do not take away crabtree lake and portions of Umstead Park for monetary gain. Again, there must be another way or alternative to the perspective plan with destroying the parks system. Thanks
7/27/2016	The Green Space near the airport provides recreation for people of all incomes and brings together the entire Triangle community in a common space. Everything should be done to maintain this space for the future. We also need to help the airport commission be financially viable but there are more creative ways to do this than destroy unrenewable park space.
7/27/2016	Destroying mountain bike trails is wreckless. Think of other ways to grow your revenue without discouraging people from living in Raleigh.
7/27/2016	Unfortunately, I will not be able to make the public meeting tomorrow, but I think it's vital that the Crabtree County Park trails are left intact. I just started mountain biking there a month ago and it is by far the most used bike trails in the triangle. Everytime I'm there I see 20-25 bikers in about an hour. I understand that people don't pay for this land like new office buildings would, but this is an amazing escape for us bikers in Raleigh.
7/27/2016	RDU to bulldoze popular hiking and mountain biking trails on Reedy Creek side of Umstead. I OBJECT

7/27/2016	<p>As a Councilman for nearby Clayton (2004-2012) I would like to draw an analogy to your predicament at the Airport Authority with its master plan. ---Parks are in the top three selling points for people looking to live in and around Clayton. Several developments were halted during the real estate decline in 2008. It's back now, however Clayton has East Clayton Park; dog park; and the former YMCA land is now a multi field soccer complex. This adds to the already four plus parks for tennis, mountain biking, greenway, volleyball, you get the point.</p> <p>So what does this have to do with Crabtree Park and Adjacent areas to Umstead such as 286 and Rocky Knob trail systems? Everything! Thousands of people go to these parks everyday from within and outside of Wake County! This brings revenue, and positive economic impact to this unspoiled area in the heart of Wake County. If the Airport land is developed I guarantee people will seek out other counties in North Carolina to spend outdoor time and activities. Rumors will start about the lack of park space for varying activities unique to this area such as mountain biking. Even Clayton has Legend Park, which alone attracts people to Clayton from all over the area.</p> <p>I ask that you consider the values of this unspoiled land at Crabtree Park and Umstead, and its importance to Wake County and the Airport Authority to maintain it in its current condition.</p> <p>If you have any questions please feel free to call me at...</p>
7/27/2016	I would like information about your expansion into Umstead Park area. Thank you.
7/27/2016	<p>I would like to officially voice my objections to your plans to remove the mountain biking trails at Lake Crabtree. There's thousands of individuals that rely on these trails for riding, hiking and running. It's a prime reason to work and live in the area. To simply destroy it for the sake of making room for more pointless properties would be an outright travesty. Not to mention the affect to the local mountain biking industry. To which I'm heavily involved in and own a mountain bike apparel brand. To lose even more precious and dwindling riding trails in the local area would have a far greater economical affect then just inconveniencing local riders and outdoor enthusiast. I urge you to reconsider before we lose more reasons the Triangle area is such a great place to be.</p> <p>Let's do our part and keep it that way.</p>
7/27/2016	<p>So you have plans to bulldoze a beautiful area at Umstead, I hear.</p> <p>Well that's just sad. I travel around the country quite often. I am an NC State alum, and called Raleigh my home for 15 years. It is with pride I tell people I am from Raleigh. And it is with love and joy that I beam when people praise the beauty surrounding RDU visible from planes coming in for landings. It never fails. Everyone appreciates what RDU has managed to keep at bay. There aren't many airports with a view like the one RDU has to boast about. There aren't many airports that can display the autumn colors of Umstead's deciduous forest to incoming visitors. There aren't many airports that can display the gray and haunting architecture of naked trees. There aren't many airports that can display the spring green renewal of emerging leaves. And there aren't many airports that can display the lush, verdant green of summer in NC.</p> <p>Don't destroy that which draws visitors in, welcomes people home and whispers a wistful goodbye to those of us who depart.</p> <p>That's just sad.</p>
7/27/2016	I am writing because I am very unhappy with this plan. The forest areas near umstead and lake Crabtree have long been used for various recreational activities. Taking away these areas would greatly reduce the amount of available space for recreation, which is extremely important many of us in the triangle area
7/27/2016	Please do not take beautiful park land for an airport extension. It's unnecessary.
7/27/2016	<p>Always love coming out and riding these trails. I would hate to lose a spot where my family and close friends and I can go to have a good time and enjoy nature for another strip mall or parking lot to be put in.</p> <p>Please consider revising this plan to allow families to continue enjoying the parks and trails.</p>
7/27/2016	Please leave these trails for the 1000's of people who love these trails and green spaces that are used daily! We need safe trails to hike and mountain bike where dogs can hike with us!!
7/27/2016	I understand that recreation it outside of the normal land use types and interest of the airport and FAA. However, recreation does have a precedent at this airport and I would like to see this airport find a way for everyone to win in this situation. I would like to see the trails and parks because these amenities are proven to add value to adjacent properties. However, I would encourage thinking about a perimeter corridor trail that could incorporate mountain biking and opportunities for connectivity of trail systems, especially if the Lake Crabtree Park is transitioned into more buildings without consideration of the existing trail system. (Although a hotel or office in a park setting would be especially appealing if planned and designed to be just that) Most of the perimeter of the airport appears to be open to the public in terms of land use or lacks a land use designation at this time. Would a 100' foot wide easement and corridor trail be an amenity to the other proposed future development?
7/27/2016	<p>@raleighchamber @RTATriangle @RDUAirport if you need to generate revenue for FAA rules how about selling land back to the county?</p> <p>@raleighchamber @RTATriangle @RDUAirport please help oppose the destruction of Lake Crabtree Park. It's a great park & it's not right.</p> <p>@RDUAirport please please please don't destroy Lake Crabtree county park. Our parks are a huge asset to the region.</p> <p>Don't let Lake Crabtree be destroyed! Read & comment here and www.newsobserver.com/news... and complain here: vision2040.rdu.com/commen... #rdu2040</p> <p>2 days ago in North Carolina, USA</p>

7/27/2016	I am writing this review because RDU wants to take away 142 acres of hiking and bike trails that are used daily by families and friends. They need to be encouraging outdoor activities like these, for people's health. We live in a country with too many obese people who should have had a place like these parks to exercise. I live in Johnston county and my family and I make this drive just to use these trails. I have also, used the RDU Airport and it was a great experience, but for you to take away these parks is unacceptable and unreasonable. Please reconsider!
7/27/2016	RDU is an awesome airport to fly from/to. That said, RDU's commitment to the community is seriously lacking. The plan to take away the surrounding green space (Lake Crabtree and land surrounding Old Reedy Creek) is not beneficial to the Triangle in any way. It is a selfish plan, that will indeed get them the money they are looking for in the short term....but in the long term, destroying the beautiful parts of this community will only hurt the RDU airport. I am surprised those making these decisions can't see that!!
7/27/2016	As a member of the community impacted by the Airport's Vision 2040 I would like to say how disappointed I am with the Airport's upcoming land use plans. I am a frequent flyer and previously have always appreciated the efficiency and comfort of our Airport, but the upcoming land use plans are WRONG for our community. These are my objections: At the June 28th Public Workshop #7 the Airport's land use plan was unveiled. This plan slates several naturally forested areas for commercial development and this development would result in the destruction of irreplaceable, centrally-located forested recreation areas and trails. The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park. This is the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. These lands have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, hikers, and runners. This land allows parents a centrally located place to share the joys of nature with their children. It is heavily used by boyscouts, church groups and families. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary. In addition to the loss of forested recreation space, development of these lands would remove an important green space buffer between the airport facilities and the very popular Umstead State Park and could negatively affect the hundreds of acres within the Crabtree Creek watershed. This watershed is already monitored for pollution and the increased sedimentation guaranteed by this plan will negatively impact our water quality in the area. The Airport's master planning process revealed that none of these lands are required for runways, terminals, parking, or any other facility directly related to passengers or aircraft at the RDU facility. The planners propose to use these lands for the sole purpose of generating revenue for the airport by leasing these lands out to developers to build office space, hotels, and a quarry. For all of these revenue-generating items, alternatives are available, there are several office parks and retail strip centers in the area that cannot keep their locations rented, adding additional retail space will negatively impact these local businesses. There are three new Marriott properties under potential development at Weston and Harrison so additional hotel space where Lake Crabtree County Park is located is unnecessary. The destruction of the forested recreation space and forested green space that buffers Umstead not only need not occur, it's undesirable. This space allows not only a place for our community to enjoy outdoor activities, it also allows those visiting or working in our community a local resource to get outside. This makes the area even more desirable to those traveling. STOP RDU VISION 2040!
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7/27/2016	In no way do I support the plan to remove the green space and biking trails from Crabtree Park and surrounding Old Reedy Creek. My family and I have been using the trails for 20 years and seeing them destroyed for the sake of development is sickening.
7/27/2016	The airport itself is fine as far as airports go, but their recently-revealed land-use plan is absolutely unacceptable. They plan to destroy a whole bunch of natural woods, including a large number of recreation areas and trails that are really integral to the area to create office space (not to use in necessary airport operations). The plan is not beneficial to the area; rather, it is counterproductive, and will hurt RDU and the whole Triangle in the long run.
7/27/2016	The airport is great, but I am concerned about their concern for the well being of the people of Raleigh. RDU owns great outdoor land that is used by many for hiking and mountain biking and the current plan is to make this land into a development area. Don't let this happen! Please!

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7/28/2016	Do Not touch our local parks. There are plenty of development opportunities between Sheetz and the airport and national guard station. Please do not impact the local community by bulldozing our parks and trails!
7/28/2016	C'mon isn't there a better alternative?
7/28/2016	this is such a unique trail resource that is very rare in the triangle. it is very accessible to many communities. it's continued use in recreation should supersede the desire for revenue generation of the airport!
7/28/2016	Don't bulldoze the trails!! We need more natural areas, not less!
7/28/2016	Please adopt the land use proposal submitted by TORC. An outdoor recreation center would greatly benefit the triangle area. Thanks!!
7/28/2016	Please keep the wonderful Crabtree park and trails as they are - both for current citizens and future citizens!

7/28/2016	I just read an article regarding the airport expansion and decimation of mountain biking trails in the Olmstead Park region. Before moving forward with this airport expansion it would be who've the airport to look into expansions and other airports such as Chattanooga Tennessee Richmond Virginia and see how they became partners with the community to maintain green space around the airport all to use physical activity and help the environment . I've been at the airport for 20 years working I've seen the expansion over the years it's not all about the money although you folks seem to believe it is this airport should be a crown jewel other communities in other states to model after if we do it smartly there's no reason to destroy the environment surrounding the airport just for commerce
7/28/2016	I hope that you will NOT get rid of the legal biking/hiking trails at the crabtree lake. They are a real benefit to the local community as they are one of the places that people can ride safely. Add to that the local community of cyclists works to maintain these trails.
7/28/2016	As a Wake County home owner I utilize several parks in the area and Lake Crabtree trails is among my most used. Mountain biking with friends, or just a casual walk is a healthy lifestyle that helps make Raleigh a great place to live. Removing these opportunities would detract from our quality of life. Please seek other avenues for growth and protect the Lake Crabtree greenspace. Thank you
7/28/2016	Any plans that intrude into the space of Umstead or Lake Crabtree park, run a runway right next to it, or remove the small buffer area outside it are completely unacceptable to me. I understand that as a thriving area Raleigh needs airport access. But professionals are drawn to Raleigh and Durham because of the incredible work-life balance here, including the trail systems and natural recreation. Large tracts of land are necessary for there to be any significant wildlife, and bikers don't get excited about a 2 mile ride. Are we trying to compete for professionals from Greensboro? Then maybe this makes sense. But if we are trying to attract professionals and businesses from Seattle, NYC, Portland, Chicago - then we need to have a city hasn't sacrificed it's uniqueness for incredibly modest gains. Raleigh doesn't have world class museums or cultural attractions yet (it's getting there!) but the trail system, the ability to leave it all behind and quickly get to a truly natural area, is our gem. The plans suggested by the Umstead Coalition are worth another look.
7/28/2016	I propose to develop the green space adjacent to Umstead for recreation. The Triangle needs to create a livable city environment. Airport expansion will support growth, green space will drive growth. Look at Memphis, Pittsburgh, and the Outside magazine best places to live. Not best places are fastest growing
7/28/2016	Please help maintain NC as the land of the pine. As planes land into RDU, passengers are welcomed home or given a welcoming visitor welcome by seeing lots of natural areas, not overdevelopment as seen near many airports. Lake Crabtree County park is a wonderful natural resource to the community. There are several other parcels of undeveloped land nearby which can be developed or empty office areas which can be refurbished so this already established park can be preserved.
7/28/2016	Please develop a new plan and/or find a way to keep the excellent mountain bike trails so many of us have dearly loved for years and years. The trails on the edge of RDU's property are the best ones in the region and are an important feature of the area. Don't take this away from us, please!
7/28/2016	I would like to voice my concern in regards to the proposed expansion/destruction of LCCP. Growth is good if done responsibly. In order to continue to grow and attract talent to the area we also need to maintain a quality of life. The current park destruction would be nothing short of destroying a key asset directly linked to quality of life and a perk to all living in the area. I strongly hope you continue to consider all options and re-think the current plan Thank you for your time
7/28/2016	Please do not demolish the popular hiking and mountain biking trails on Reedy Creek. The options for mountain biking and hiking activities in that area are extremely limited and many enthusiasts enjoy these trails with their family and friends. It is more than a hobby; mountain biking and hiking is a lifestyle that promotes healthy living and strengthens community bonds. Many people volunteer their time to help maintain these trails. Please let us enjoy the beauty of nature as it is now.
7/28/2016	I really hope that there is an alternative to clearing the land that is now crab tree park and the other trails in the area. Since moving to Raleigh in 2005 I went from being an occasional bike rider to an enthusiast I hope to be able to pass that along to my son as he gets older. Being a small business owner I understand that it comes down to the bottom line and in the end money has to be made but I believe with how much these trails are used by bikers, hikers, bird watchers and other outdoor enthusiasts that there may be another way.
7/28/2016	My family and I are avid users of Crabtree Park and surrounding hiking/biking trails. We strongly object to the reduction of park/trail area as part of RDU/commerical expansion.

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7/28/2016	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. These lands have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, and runners...both adults and children...groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary.</p> <p>My family, friends, and I are frequent users of these recreation areas and strongly urge you to reconsider this plan. There must be a way that the Airport and interested groups of citizens can work together to accomplish both groups' goals and not destroy these valuable resource.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>More development? Seriously? Take a kid to the trails and you'll see a sense of wonder and excitement in their eyes. Take a kid to a hotel or shopping plaza and you'll see... boredom. Give families a reason to put away their phones and get some healthy exercise. My family and I ride the trails more than once a week (during some parts of the year on a near-daily basis). We need more natural spaces and places for recreation in this area. I frequently mention the Crabtree MTB trails when chatting with my fellow millennials who are considering a move to the area. Look at successful areas like San Francisco, Boulder, and Austin - they've all gone to lengths to protect their recreational areas and give residents a place to escape and exercise. Think carefully about what you're doing and what the people want.</p>
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7/28/2016	<p>I object to the June 28th Public Workshop #7 plan make use of forested area used by our community for running, biking and walking to generate revenue. The greenways and parks spread throughout Raleigh/Cary/Morrisville are an important part of making this area such a great place to live. Once gone, these areas will never return.</p>

7/28/2016	<p>Dear Attn: Master Plan Study</p> <p>I have lived in North Carolina for 25 years, fresh out of college moved down with my job at IBM/RTP. The reason I loved NC was because of all the green space, bike trails, parks and gorgeous weather. Through the years I have seen more and more forested green space torn down and buildings built up while at the same time older buildings becoming vacant. This makes no sense!!! For example the Morrisville Outlet mall - years ago that was the only place to go for lunch and now it's down to just a few stores. Why not tear that down and rebuild there? Developing buildings over Crabtree park will be a disservice to everyone - the traffic on Aviation Blvd is already at max capacity in the mornings and evenings. Are you planning to make that a 4 lane road? The only way to do that is to widen it into the lake but I see a lot of local people fish there because it's easy access. Making it wider or adding more buildings will equal more traffic and be more dangerous and not benefit local residents.</p> <p>Then there are the environmental effects, as more and more land is trampled over where do you expect the wildlife to go, they are all ready jammed up in our backyards in Cary, with Foxes, Deer, etc. And then there is the watershed issue, Crabtree lake and creek already flood with a heavy rain, Evans road flooded out last week with that heavy rain. If Crabtree park is buildings vs land and trees, the water will have no where to go and the flooding will be worse!</p> <p>Lastly the proximity of this forested recreation space to the urban area only increases property values and positively affects the quality of life in the Triangle region. This benefits not only existing residents, but also helps to attract future businesses and employees.</p> <p>From what I've read this is all to generate revenue, and I believe there are far better alternatives available than the destruction of yet another forested recreation space.</p> <p>Thank you for the reading my letter and I hope you will consider alternatives.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>Green space, biking trails (single track and greenway), and hiking trails are very important to me and my family. In hearing that Crabtree Park mountain bike trails might be taken from the community, I wondered if any amount of pleading could halt the urban development on this fantastic resource for outdoor enthusiasts. It is the only place in the triangle that provides easy access for the beginner mountain biker (as well as the more seasoned) and his/her family. We have spent many, many days over the last 20 years in Crabtree park with the whole family enjoying the multi uses of the park. Please keep Crabtree Park's mountain bike trails available.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>Please keep the acreage currently utilized by outdoor enthusiasts and casual patrons alike to remain as it has.</p> <p>There have been a few examples of private land that has been appropriated to part of public access, and has bolstered public interest in land preservation. A notable example is that of the Kingdom Trails in northeastern Vermont. Keeping the land open and wild will be great for the area, and will enhance the quality of life for those in surrounding areas - if the alternative of suburban or commercial development is considered.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>I was not able to attend the latest public workshop on June 28 but wanted to provide feedback on the material that was presented online.</p> <p>It appears you have presented 4 options for land use development for airport services. I'd like to voice strong opposition against 'Alternative A'. I'd like to voice my concern for the potential destruction and commercial development of the existing green spaces, trails and park areas near route 40 as shown in the "Potential Land Use Concepts" chart.</p> <p>Umstead & Crabtree Park and the surrounding areas are a gem to a large and growing number of residents, hikers and outdoor sport enthusiasts. Although there are a number of small park areas and green spaces around Cary, nothing comes close what Umstead Park, Crabtree Park and the the Crabtree Creek and the surrounding area provides for runners, bikers, hikers and families due to the vast trail network, proximity to both residential and business areas of Cary (which allow people to enjoy exercise and outdoor activities as well as a respite during off-hours at work) and accessibility through greenways and roads.</p> <p>I personally utilize this area at least 2-3 times a week and have seen a growing number of people using the area trails year after year. I am an avid trail biker and there are very few options for trail riding in and around Cary, and the existing trails in this area attract trail riders and runners from all over the region. I have seen attendance and utilization of this area grow significantly year after year and interest continues to grow.</p> <p>Green spaces have a value that is often overlooked or missing from spreadsheets and accounting books. Not only do green spaces provide a space for recreation, these spaces also provide a public benefit in the form of mental and physical health. Additionally, Umstead Park and respect for nature parks and spaces is part of what makes the Cary area a desirable place to live. This value is indirectly reflected in the property values and businesses in the area. (What is New York without Central Park? Or Washington DC without Rock Creek Park?)</p> <p>Industrial use or the destruction of trails to build another hotel or industrial area (there are many other areas close by that could serve that purpose) eliminates or diminishes the health and community benefits for many for the benefit of fewer individuals. The tradeoff in this case is not comparable nor is it worth the price.</p> <p>You have an obligation to make sure that the needs of the RDU airport are met for many years to come. You also have the opportunity to make choices that will impact residents for many years down the road. Industrial or Commercial development in RDU areas will only limit possible expansion in the future and add to traffic and transportation headaches, and will eliminate a fantastic green space that is becoming increasingly important to residents.</p> <p>Looking at the other Alternatives, it appears you have the opportunity to make decisions that support both the needs of the airport and the preserves existing green spaces and trails. I hope you make the right choice.</p> <p>Thanks for listening.</p>

7/28/2016	<p>Hello, I feel compelled to write and express my strong disapproval at the thought of developing any of the land currently included in Lake Crabtree park. This park is the only multi-use nature park in the central area of Wake County that is reasonably accessible to I-40. No other park that isn't on the outskirts of Wake County has the full scope of activities available at Lake Crabtree. It's also clearly one of, if not the most used park in the Triangle area, by a wide variety of people in many different ways. I'd suggest you strongly consider alternate metrics when evaluating the value of this land, such as quality of life, and residential access to natural areas. Our area's children do not, and will never need to see more hotels and offices, but they do, and will always need easy access to parks and recreation.</p> <p>The Airport Authority still has a huge amount of land available to develop on the north side of I-40. With good planning and vision(!), it should be able to create additional revenue sources on that side as needed. Developing Lake Crabtree would be a shortsighted money grab that would leave us all poorer in the long run.</p> <p>I'm a 25-year resident of this area, and I love living here, but we've already lost way too much of our natural areas to development. If we continue to lose them, I can't see spending the rest of my days here. I doubt that I'm alone in that way of thinking. Other towns and cities in NC and around the country have been able to find a good balance between development and natural/recreational areas- I hope we can do the same here.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>I am heart broken. I remember flying into RDU for the first time thinking.. YES! this is where I want to raise my daughter. As the plane approached the terminal it was nothing but green! Something that my husband had told me about . But when we were flying over it it was breath taking. As we kept coming back with the intention to "look around" the greens turn to ocher, yellow, orange, reds. We started hiking in between real state appointments fell in love right away. I have been here for 10 years now and I can't believe that you are blind to the real value of LCCP and the surrounding ORC green space. This will be just another city, just another airport. This green space might not be the reason why people come here, but it is a great part of why people don't want to leave.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>Regarding the property currently being used by Wake County for Lake Crabtree County Park, I request that the Airport Authority work collaboratively with Wake County, Triangle Off-Road Cyclists, and other conservation, academic, and community development organizations to protect this high value natural and recreational resource. The proposed idea of creating an Urban Trail Center is one alternative that would provide a wider and greater array of public benefits, and likely economic benefits, than the short term and limited benefits of typical commercial/office and/or hotel development. There are likely many ways to craft such a center, with finance models that could greater benefit RDU in the long term, as well as boosting the reputation of RDU, and the Triangle as being a fabulous place to work and visit.</p> <p>I purchased my first home at 284 Beechtree Drive in Cary for the express purpose of it's location nearby to the Lake Crabtree Park Trails, Black Creek Greenway, and Umstead Park. Many studies show that housing values are higher nearby conserved lands- this may not benefit RDU directly, but does benefit the community beyond short term profits found with typical development that can be located on any parcel. I'm happy to share these if desired.</p> <p>To summarize, conserving and highlighting the forested land adjacent to Lake Crabtree, and the recreational opportunities within, provide a tremendous value (and opportunity) for the immediate and regional community, and I'd propose, a chance for RDU to make itself a lauded national leader in sustainable community development. You have an opportunity to be the good guys here, why not take it?</p>
7/28/2016	<p>LCCP is the single best park for daily use in the triangle for my family. It would greatly detract from our quality of life if the hiking and bicycle trails were not available to us. It is one of the things I brag about to friends in other states when discussing our communities. Please do not remove one of the few recreational activities that my whole family can take part in.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>As a Wake County resident, I have enjoyed using the Lake Crabtree Park and trail system since moving here to attend school in 1998. The forested trail system, built and maintained by local residents is an invaluable and irreplaceable resource to the citizens of Wake County. While we all invite growth economic development to the area, we also feel that it can and should be done responsibly and with consideration for the preservation of outdoor recreation areas, of which we already have precious few. I feel that it is incredibly short-sighted to consider the development of retail and office parks at the expense of decimating a vital woodland retreat from the increasingly sprawling urban setting in which we find ourselves, and which has become increasingly difficult to escape over the last 18 years. While it may be a difficult concept to put a price-tag on, quality of life none-the-less is critical to attracting and retaining the very people who this plan supposedly aims to attract. Places like Crabtree Park that allow urban citizens to get out into the quiet of nature are a critical element to my quality of life, and I will be incredibly sad to see it go.</p> <p>Please hear the complaints of those like myself, and consider other sources of revenue that don't cause us to lose so much.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>The trails at Lake Crabtree County Park are more than just trails. They are an escape from the fast paced life we lead in the Triangle Area. They facilitate our ability to stay healthy and focused. It is an understatement to say the trails are important to the citizens of this area. The benefits are so vast and numerous, it would be difficult to get them all in one sitting. Please leave the trails for the thousands of people who use them on a regular basis.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>It would be deeply disappointing if the airport property was used for commercial business. Deeply disappointed may even be an understatement. I am from Kansas City where the city is growing and urban trails are an important aspect of the growth. Raleigh is up-and-coming but adding some commercial space does nothing for the city. It is a step back and not a step forward.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>The current RDU 2040 plan is unacceptable! Destroying natural woods to make office space is not progress, and taking away a place where families and athletes alike can enjoy cycling, hiking, running, grilling, fishing, boating, and so many more things will greatly decrease the value of the area. Lake Crabtree Park is the only trail centre of its kind in the area, and the benefits to the whole community are incredibly important; don't make the mistake of destroying that.</p>

7/28/2016	<p>If you are interested in saving our green space, please read below for more info: Triangle Off-Road Cyclists (TORC) (www.torc-nc.org) is a 501-(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring the future of mountain biking in the Triangle area. At the June 28th Public Workshop #7 the Airport's land use plan was unveiled. This plan slates several naturally forested areas for commercial development and this development would result in the destruction of irreplaceable, centrally-located forested recreation areas and trails. The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. These lands have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, and runners...both adults and children...groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary.</p> <p>In addition to the loss of forested recreation space, development of these lands would remove an important green space buffer between the airport facilities and the very popular Umstead State Park and could negatively affect the hundreds of acres within the Crabtree Creek watershed.</p> <p>The Airport's master planning process revealed that none of these lands are required for runways, terminals, parking, or any other facility directly related to passengers or aircraft at the RDU facility. The planners propose to use these lands for the sole purpose of generating revenue for the airport by leasing these lands out to developers to build office space, hotels, and a quarry. For all of these revenue-generating items, alternatives are available, so the destruction of forested recreation space and forested green space buffer to Umstead need not occur.</p> <p>Triangle Off-Road Cyclists urges the preservation of all the existing forested lands, trails, and green space within the Airport Authority's project area which is located to the South and East of National Guard Drive and Aviation Parkway. We further suggest that the Airport work with surrounding municipalities to investigate the creation of an Urban Trails Center within this property. This Urban Trails Center would create business opportunities for new and existing hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, bars, bike shops, and recreation outfitters.</p> <p>The proximity of this forested recreation space to the urban area only increases property values and positively affects the quality of life in the Triangle region. This benefits not only existing residents, but also helps to attract future businesses and employees. The Triangle region should look at the work which has taken place in Richmond, VA, and Chattanooga, TN to preserve trails close to population centers. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists strongly believe that the benefits from an Urban Trail Center to the community far outweigh any benefits to the community which might be realized by creating a few new offices, a hotel, and a quarry. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists recognize that RDU Airport is important to our area and has funding challenges it must overcome, however, we believe an Urban Trail Center is a far better solution to the community than the land uses proposed by the Airport's plan. By working with the surrounding municipalities, Triangle Off-Road Cyclists firmly believe that we can craft a solution that not only brings necessary revenue to the airport, but also enhances the communities which the airport serves.</p>
7/28/2016	Do not get rid of the land surrounding Umstead. Do not harm the awesome mountain bike trails that we have. You will be hurting Raleigh more than helping it, if more space is developed.
7/28/2016	<p>Hello, Crabtree is true resource for those living in Raleigh and still seeking the excitement of "singletrack" hiking and biking. I live downtown and drive to Lake Crabtree several times a week to use the trails. I am also a heavy user of RDU airport for my job. The combination of having both close means I can hit the trails within 20 minutes of getting back to my car. Hard to find that anywhere else in the USA.</p> <p>Please reconsider the option of developing Lake Crabtree from its current state. There are more suitable sites for commercial development within the RDU property.</p>
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7/28/2016	<p>I have recently learned of the plans to develop Lake Crabtree Park and the areas near Umstead park, thus taking green space from the triangle area.</p> <p>There is a growing amount of evidence of the importance of green space in urban areas for the health and well being of the residents. These include everything from evidence that exposure to nature helps mental fatigue and thus improves work performance and satisfaction; helping reduce obesity by providing areas for physical activity; better cognitive, emotional and behavioral development in children who have more exposure to nature; and alleviation of symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's.</p> <p>The new development plans for the RDU area would take that green space from the residents of the area, but to what end?</p> <p>There are already empty shopping and office spaces in the vicinity of the airport, so demand for such spaces is low - especially compared to the use these spaces get already. The hotels in the area are not overburdened, and more are being built in the Crabtree Valley Mall area, so demand for such facilities is also low.</p> <p>Taking away green space that is used to the benefit of the residents of the area to build buildings that are not needed is doing a disservice to the RDU area as a whole and not acting as a good neighbor to the community at large.</p>
7/28/2016	The Trails at Lake Crabtree County Park are well used and well loved part of Wake County. Please leave this lovely wooded area alone.

7/28/2016	log me as against the extension that will impact crabtree lake park
7/28/2016	My family and I, our neighbors and friends strongly object to the proposed non-essential development of several naturally forested areas for commercial development as this development would result in the destruction of irreplaceable, centrally-located forested recreation areas and trails. The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. These lands have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, and runnersâ€ both adults and childrenâ€ groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary. Please do not destroy this wonderful area unnecessarily.
7/28/2016	Developing the Lake Crabtree area for RDU will destroy not only trees, parks, picnic areas, kayaking, animal habitats, biking and running/walking trails, it will devalue the Town of Morrisville. Aviation Pwy is already an eyesore with the dump being right there. The town has been talking about revitalizing the area for the past 10 years. The new townhomes being built on aviation are an attempt to make that area appear homey and livable, but adding more RDU space....hotels, quarry, etc.... will make that whole stretch uglier and more congested than it already is. NO !!! Keep Lake Crabtree as is.
7/28/2016	Don't destroy the urban trails!!
7/28/2016	I strongly oppose the development plan for the area currently containing Lake Crabtree County Park. The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. This land have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, and runnersâ€ both adults and childrenâ€ groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary.
7/28/2016	Is there more information on clear cutting part of Umstead State Park?
7/28/2016	I object to the plan of the rdu airport authority.
7/28/2016	Is it true that this plan will eliminate the Crabtree Park, and if so, are there any plans to replace it with something else?

7/28/2016	<p>I'm 100% in agreement with the following from one of the triangle's best organizations:</p> <p>Triangle Off-Road Cyclists (TORC) (www.torc-nc.org) is a 501-(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring the future of mountain biking in the Triangle area. At the June 28th Public Workshop #7 the Airport's land use plan was unveiled. This plan slates several naturally forested areas for commercial development and this development would result in the destruction of irreplaceable, centrally-located forested recreation areas and trails. The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. These lands have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, and runners—both adults and children—groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary.</p> <p>In addition to the loss of forested recreation space, development of these lands would remove an important green space buffer between the airport facilities and the very popular Umstead State Park and could negatively affect the hundreds of acres within the Crabtree Creek watershed.</p> <p>The Airport's master planning process revealed that none of these lands are required for runways, terminals, parking, or any other facility directly related to passengers or aircraft at the RDU facility. The planners propose to use these lands for the sole purpose of generating revenue for the airport by leasing these lands out to developers to build office space, hotels, and a quarry. For all of these revenue-generating items, alternatives are available, so the destruction of forested recreation space and forested green space buffer to Umstead need not occur.</p> <p>Triangle Off-Road Cyclists urges the preservation of all the existing forested lands, trails, and green space within the Airport Authority's project area which is located to the South and East of National Guard Drive and Aviation Parkway. We further suggest that the Airport work with surrounding municipalities to investigate the creation of an Urban Trails Center within this property. This Urban Trails Center would create business opportunities for new and existing hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, bars, bike shops, and recreation outfitters.</p> <p>The proximity of this forested recreation space to the urban area only increases property values and positively affects the quality of life in the Triangle region. This benefits not only existing residents, but also helps to attract future businesses and employees. The Triangle region should look at the work which has taken place in Richmond, VA, and Chattanooga, TN to preserve trails close to population centers. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists strongly believe that the benefits from an Urban Trail Center to the community far outweigh any benefits to the community which might be realized by creating a few new offices, a hotel, and a quarry. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists recognize that RDU Airport is important to our area and has funding challenges it must overcome, however, we believe an Urban Trail Center is a far better solution to the community than the land uses proposed by the Airport's plan. By working with the surrounding municipalities, Triangle Off-Road Cyclists firmly believe that we can craft a solution that not only brings necessary revenue to the airport, but also enhances the communities which the airport serves.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>My family flies many times a year and we love the improvements to terminals and RDU is our favorite airport in the country. I've lived all over the country including Hawaii and Santa Barbara, CA and have traveled all around the US and there is no place I'd rather live and call home, than Chapel Hill, NC. Two main reasons are the weather and number of outdoor activities. Although I don't live that close to Lake Crabtree County Park I've done numerous things there including: adventure racing, mountain biking, boating, photography, and picnics.</p> <p>Looking at the latest ALP, it's looks like the majority of the park is going to be replaced with office/hotel/recreation. My concern is that the recreation portion is going to get left out and we'll lose a major resource to this area and a big reason why many people choose to live here.</p> <p>Do you have any more information about the exact use and office/hotel/recreation seems pretty broad?</p> <p>Thank you very much</p>
7/28/2016	<p>I must object to the RDU Authority's plans to develop the land under its control for financial gain. I don't know the details, but it seems that the Authority should be the steward of the land and reserve it until needed by the airport itself, and should rely on the airport for financial support. Also, the proposal of a quarry in the area seems absolutely incredible; this is a heavily populated area visited by many people from the US and different countries. One of their first sights landing at RDU will be a tremendous hole in the ground. I speak from experience, having grown up in IL near quarries, which generate a lot of heavy truck traffic and are plain unattractive. No amount of fencing can hide them, especially as they age and the fencing falls into disrepair. Also, fly into Chicago and depending on the route, you can see these tremendous scars. I really feel that the Authority seems to be doing something that will be regretted for years to come.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>Please take action to amend the plans to bulldoze the hiking/biking trails near the Reedy Creek area of Umstead Park. As an avid Raleigh mountain biker, I visit these trails at least once a week. These trails are the best in the Triangle, including all the other "state sanctioned" trails made for biking. Removing these trails would deprive many many families the opportunity to get exercise and fun through bike riding. I even know people who travel from other states to ride these trails, so they are a source of income for the region.</p>
7/28/2016	<p>I strongly oppose commercial development of the green space around RDU if it adversely affects the recreation and natural environment this space provides.</p>

7/28/2016	I do not support this plan, these forests and trails are essential to what has made Raleigh a beautiful place to live. I urge you to reconsider. Lease the space to develop a center like the White Water Center in Charlotte to preserve the land yet still bring in revenue since you are obviously money driven and not worried about quality of life for citizens. That would be a win win.
7/28/2016	I donot support airport trying to eat up parks to generate revenue. There could be other alternatives. We already are eating up lot of greens, now if we loose parks too where should a person go for recreation and fresh air.
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7/28/2016	The Triangle's natural resources, like Crabtree and Umstead, are a major contributor to quality of life here. Developing them for commercial use would dramatically erode the dynamics of what makes the Triangle unique and a special place to live.
7/28/2016	We partly stay in Raleigh because we are still offered beautiful parks and recreation, though still live in an urban environment . Please respect the amount of citizens that utilize this area for healthy living and exploring of this great area.
7/28/2016	Airport is okay, but please rethink your land use plan to preserve the land and trails of nearby Crabtree County Park.
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7/28/2016	While we love your facility the thought of RDU developing the Lake Crabtree and ORC trail systems would be a detriment to our area and a misstep in the wrong direction. These natural spaces are more valuable to our area left undeveloped and a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. We vehemently oppose the proposed plans to raze this great park and outdoor recreation area.
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7/28/2016	The airport itself is fine as far as airports go, but their recently-revealed land-use plan is absolutely unacceptable. They plan to destroy a whole bunch of natural woods, including a large number of recreation areas and trails that are really integral to the area to create office space (not to use in necessary airport operations). The plan is not beneficial to the area; rather, it is counterproductive, and will hurt RDU and the whole Triangle in the long run.
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8/1/2016	I strongly oppose the destruction of park/forested land, especially for purposes that that are not critical to aviation. The airport is a public (or quasi-public) institution, and the lands that it has been entrusted with should be used for the public good. Given the rapid rate of population growth in the Triangle Area, and limited public lands, protection of existing natural lands is critical to the maintaining a high quality of life for area residents.
8/1/2016	I strongly oppose development of the Lake Crabtree area. It is a beautiful and convenient green space and should remain as such. Please do not allow this development to ruin the area.
8/1/2016	I live the glenwood side of Umstead Park - off Ebenezer church road - and use the trails in and around Umstead DAILY alone and with my family. We decided to move to this specific neighborhood due to the access to the park and the serene forested area that allows recreation. I love being able to have the large forested area in my back-yard and to think that there is consideration to make drastic changes for commercialization is just heart breaking. Urban parks are not the priority they should be and I would be definitely disheartened if the changes proposed to remove the bulk of the Lake Crabtree area parks/trails goes through. Please consider that this area is sought out by every day folks, athletes, families, near and far etc. and we really do need these green spaces kept and maintained in our area!
8/1/2016	I live in Greenville, NC about 1 hour, 40 minutes away from Lake Crabtree County Park (LCCP). Any time I am traveling to Raleigh or through Raleigh, I always try to make a stop at LCCP to ride my bike. If my sons, age 7 & 10 are with me, I will take them to the trails as well. My wife enjoys just sitting by the lake and reading while we ride. A lot of other trails are too hard for my kids to ride and LCCP has really gotten them excited about the sport of mountain biking. We always stop for drinks prior to the ride and eat lunch at a nearby restaurant after the ride. Often my wife drags us all shopping afterwards. So our trips to the area are good for local businesses. Without the park we would have no reason to stop in this area. Last year, I picked up a work colleague from the airport and we went directly to the LCCP trails to mountain bike. He was in town for a 2 day conference and flew in a day early just to mountain bike in the area. Again this was revenue for the area for extra hotels, meals, etc. The loss of these trails would be a loss to the city of Raleigh as a whole. The city is growing rapidly and more and more green space is being lost. NC has been behind the times in viewing green space and parks as an asset to healthy urban life. Please reconsider your plans and keep LCCP a green space and park for the benefit of all the residents of NC. Thanks
8/1/2016	Raleigh's population is growing very fast and buildings are going up everywhere. Less and less are places that are covered with trees and wildlife where folks can go and relax and enjoy themselves away from the heat, noise, and pollution of the developed areas. The land around the airport is really all we have left. Once we go down the road of development, it is gone forever. Let's work to keep this area the way nature intended. Thanks!
8/1/2016	I ask that you please preserve all of the existing forested lands, trails, and green space within the Airport Authority's project area which is located to the South and East of National Guard Drive and Aviation Parkway. I want my children to enjoy the forest as much as I have over their life time.
8/1/2016	I am a long time resident of Wake County & a regular user of Lake Crabtree County park, in particular the wonderful trail system. I was deeply saddened to hear that parts of the park may eventually be developed & not be accessible for use by hikers, runners, walkers, & cyclists. This would be a tremendous loss on a personal level as well as for the community as a whole. Given the stresses of modern life, it's critical for our psychological & physical well being to have natural spaces where we can get away from it all. The LCCP trail system is a huge boon to this area & one of the things I love about living here & reasons I stay. I feel so privileged to have a place so close by to ride my bike in nature with friends. It is a huge quality of life enhancer. Please consider the negative impact destroying the trail system would have on the community as you go about your decision making.
8/1/2016	I am writing to express my opposition to the elimination of the Lake Crabtree County Park by the RDU Airport Authority in order to develop this land for related airport services and businesses. This park is an ideal example of an urban park that gets used by numerous groups for convenient outdoor recreation. The idea that this would be eliminated so that development can take over this land is very depressing. There are surely ways for development to happen while allowing the land the park occupies to be maintained in its current state so that it continues to enrich the lives of those that live nearby. There are also many individuals that drive into the area to use this park and even commute through RDU and take the opportunity to use the park as they are close by. As the park can draw recreation users from a significant distance it also enhances the tourist population who further benefit the local economy (I am one of these users). I would encourage the Authority to consider alternate development plans that do not eliminate this land but instead ensure its continued protection for years to come.

8/1/2016	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I just wanted to send a quick note voicing my concern with the proposed Airport expansion, specifically the land adjacent to Umstead State Park and Lake Crabtree County Park. As I'm sure you are aware, these areas create a buffer between the airport and Umstead State Park and also provide great recreational opportunities such as hiking, biking, and water sports. I have really enjoyed biking on this property over the years and look forward to taking my children there when they are old enough. Clearing these areas for development would deprive RDU of this fantastic, centrally located recreational facility that helps promote healthy, active lifestyles in RDU's residents. Furthermore, replicating these trails in such a convenient location to many of RDU's residents will be impossible. I completely understand the need for the Airport to expand and maximize it's income potential, but I hope you will consider the intangible benefits of keeping Lake Crabtree County Park and the surrounding trails intact.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>Please (please!) keep Lake Crabtree County Park and the surrounding green-space as is. After a large initial investment, development may become a money maker for the RDU but I would argue the land in more "valuable" to the community as it currently sits.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>I strongly object to plans that call for reducing the recreational space in Lake Crabtree County Park and adjacent areas by developing these areas for hotel, retail, or industrial use. As the population of Wake County and the surrounding areas continue to grow, it is important to maintain existing parks and plan for recreation areas as part of new development. Developing new commercial or residential real estate projects within the Umstead-LCCP-RDU land block would be a mistake impacting the quality of life for triangle area residents now and in the future.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>I am in complete opposition to the RDU master plan to develop the surrounding green space currently preserved for recreation and buffer zone. This space is irreplaceable and lost forever once developed. Our community needs these green spaces close to urbane settings to provide quality of life recreation end preserve dwindling riparian corridors supporting area wildlife. The value of these preserved areas are rarely if ever part of the calculus used in commercial planning. Such shortsighted views on immediate gains miss the longer range vision needed to create a truly special space valued by generations within the community. I support TORX's vision of what could truly be a fantastic and lucrative venture.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>Let it be...leave our trails alone. Go another direction.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>Adding additional parking and mixed use development off Old Reedy Creek road not only changes the tenor of the space but takes away valuable environment for wildlife in the area, running space for multiple area races, and robs us of more quiet scenic space in the hectic Triangle. Please reconsider.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>Triangle Off-Road Cyclists urges the preservation of all the existing forested lands, trails, and green space within the Airport Authority's project area which is located to the South and East of National Guard Drive and Aviation Parkway. We further suggest that the Airport work with surrounding municipalities to investigate the creation of an Urban Trails Center within this property. This Urban Trails Center would create business opportunities for new and existing hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, bars, bike shops, and recreation outfitters. The proximity of this forested recreation space to the urban area only increases property values and positively affects the quality of life in the Triangle region. This benefits not only existing residents, but also helps to attract future businesses and employees. The Triangle region should look at the work which has taken place in Richmond, VA, and Chattanooga, TN to preserve trails close to population centers. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists strongly believe that the benefits from an Urban Trail Center to the community far outweigh any benefits to the community which might be realized by creating a few new offices, a hotel, and a quarry. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists recognize that RDU Airport is important to our area and has funding challenges it must overcome, however, we believe an Urban Trail Center is a far better solution to the community than the land uses proposed by the Airport's plan. By working with the surrounding municipalities, Triangle Off-Road Cyclists firmly believe that we can craft a solution that not only brings necessary revenue to the airport, but also enhances the communities which the airport serves.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>I want to voice my opinion as a triangle resident who uses Lake Crabtree County Park and Umstead State Park. I strongly object to the plan to deforest land for the purpose of development. This land is an important green space for our community, and as an active mountain biker and runner, I would be hugely disappointed to see it go to commercial entities for profit.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>I would like to voice my objection of the land use plan that calls for the development of the Airport Authority land where there currently mountain biking/hiking trails. As a 60 year old avid mountain biker, I have experienced the many benefits of riding the local trails as well as the explosion of interest in biking over the last 20 years. There are precious few opportunities for true mountain biking in the Triangle. The Crabtree/ORC trail systems are a rare gem for fitness enthusiasts who don't have a lot of time to drive longer distances to access legal trails. It would be a shame to lose those wonderful trails to expanded urbanization of such increasingly rare open space. I am imploring you to consider the incredible benefits that natural areas such as yours provides to so many people and modify your land use plan to allow long term protection of at least a part of the land for recreational use. The decisions that are made now will affect future generations. Please look beyond the monetary benefits of developing that land and give more weight to the physical and emotional benefits that playing on the trails provides to me and my children and so many others like us.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my thoughts.</p>

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8/1/2016	I am an avid mountain biker and have been biking at crabtree park since 1998. I currently ride the trails 3-4 times a week and race there occasionally. I don't really think you can put a price on the activities and good health that a park like that generates over the years for thousands of people. Please, please get creative about generating money another way besides developing the area which will destroy the green space and take away the hiking/biking trails! There is already too much deforestation around the planet decreasing our oxygen giving air cleaning TREES! Don't add to it!
8/1/2016	stop RDU vision 2040 in favor of protecting mountain biking trails. These trails are a beautiful way to experience the NC forests. or whats left of them. please don't take them away.
8/1/2016	Losing the mountain biking and hiking trails at Lake Crabtree Park would be a devastating loss to the outdoor community in the triangle. These are the very few trails that are easily accessible to the vast majority of people in the triangle and they are the only trails we have that are good for beginners just getting into the sport. Also, the loss of a boundary (buffer) zone between the airport and the trails at Umstead would greatly diminish the beauty and solitude of this park as well. No one wants to go on a pleasant hike in the woods only to come across commercial real estate along the way. Please keep our green spaces as they are and intact.
8/1/2016	I strongly object to the deforestation and development of the land adjacent (west) of RDU airport and Crabtree Park. The land between RDU and Umstead serves as a crucial greenspace buffer between the RDU and the park.
8/1/2016	As noted, Lake Crabtree County Park is the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. I have ridden and hiked those trails countless times over the years--they are irreplaceable.
8/1/2016	Please do no demolish our parks and trails !
8/1/2016	It has been brought to my attention that the planning commission for the RDU Airport Authority has made plans to eliminate the most popular park within Wake County as well as green space that buffers the airport and it's facilities from Umstead State Park as well. I have to express my strong objection and disappointment in such planning for this area and it's surrounding community. Raleigh has been know for it's green spaces, park system and community planning in the past and this would eliminate the most popular, centrally located area in our entire community. Countless hours of volunteer work, public and private funds, and endless hours of enjoyment by the residents of Wake County and the surrounding areas have been had here; development for commercial purposes should not trump such a treasure. There is a revenue stream from the lease of the property by Wake County, and I understand that developing this area would provide a greater financial return for the Airport Authority. If the park was not being used, I could totally understand the desire to use the property in a different manner. However, just because you can build does not justify moving forward with it. I am an avid mountain biker and I ride this area tenfold more than any other trail system due to quality and accessibility. I suggest you visit the park on a weekend, or even after work one day (when the sauna like heat has subsided a bit) and I assure you that you will find plenty of young and old, business professionals and students enjoying the trail system and unwinding from a stressful day or just enjoying the great outdoors. Change is inevitable, but I ask that you reconsider your plans and think of the greater good provided by having outdoor recreational space available to so many residents in our community.
8/1/2016	While I applaud RDU's effort to expand the airport--goodness knows we need an expanded international airport in this area--destroying the hiking and mountain biking trails in Lake Crabtree Park will destroy habitats for plants and animals as well as much-needed recreation and greenspace that draw people to the area. Many people choose to live and work in Cary rather than in surrounding areas because of the ready availability of outdoor recreation options (although I live in Durham now, I used to live right off the greenway that goes by Lake Crabtree). Tearing down our greenspaces will ultimately hurt urban development and the environment.
8/1/2016	Please consider how important hiking is for quality of life and health. My partner and I regularly home the Reedy Creek trails. We explore and grow to our fullest selves under the trees. It is a substantial asset to our quality of life. Without these trails why not move to Asheville? Keep the beauty. Kind regards
8/1/2016	Talk about GREED!!! I've lived throughout the states during my life and when I moved over here in 2010 and fell in love with this area once I found these trails. Now RDU is basically being greedy by taken this land/trails back so they can just basically make more money which is part of business/life but why do you need to take the whole riding/hiking area and why aren't you opening up some other riding/hiking area since you have so much land around the airport not being used. Don't understand why you don't use the land of Aviation parkway between the airport and 540 which is also pretty nice.
8/1/2016	What about the traffic congestion off Aviation parkway coming from Morrisville which is already causing issues during basically the whole day?!?!?
8/1/2016	Please do not destroy the natural land for commercial development! That land is enjoyed by the entire community and it would be a travesty to destroy it.
8/1/2016	I object the future plans for RDU sprawl and expanding the quarry off of Harrison Rd into Umstead Park and particularly Lake Crabtree County Park!
8/1/2016	Both areas serve as prime recreation areas, drawing residents to our community and maintaining health. They also are ecosystems we need to sustain for environmental Health!
8/1/2016	Leave the forests alone in lake Crabtree and Umstead. There are lots of places already cleared in that General area for retail along the highway corridors. Tired of hearing that everything is for profit...look off of Airport Road, a whole mall sitting empty with failed profits. Can't get the trees back once they are gone.

8/1/2016	The trails near the airport are a few of the last unclaimed pieces of land in the Triangle. Please keep them natural and wild!
8/1/2016	Hi. I wanted to let you know that it would be a terrible move to bulldoze any of the trails near Umstead. Our area is becoming well known for fostering healthy lifestyles and tons of physical activity. It's pretty awesome! Umstead's central location makes it a destination for walkers, runners and cyclists from across the Triangle. Even for visitors to the area, the easy answer when they're looking for a place to exercise is Umstead. I encourage you to look at how heavily the trails you're considering removing are used, and find a way not to disrupt the continuity of the trail system. Thank you, Chapel Hill
8/1/2016	Preserve the bit of nature and ecco system that's left especially Lake Crabtree. Traffic is already congested that way. Why add more traffic nightmare with developments? Who needs more shopping store front locations? Save time and money by shopping online.
8/1/2016	Please save lake Crabtree trails for mountain biking, hiking, and walking. I take my kids there and we ride our bikes together. Please do not take a way a great nature space that many enjoy.
8/1/2016	The commercial development of the green space buffer around the airport and its impact on Umstead and Lake Crabtree Parks would be a tragic loss of some of the most heavily used recreation land in the Raleigh area. Loss of this green space would have a definite negative impact on the quality of life of local citizens. It's unfortunate that you don't consider balancing the tremendous negative environmental impact a major airport has on the surrounding area by counteracting the mega noise nuisance by donating all green space land for recreation use. Thanks
8/1/2016	My family and I use Crabtree County Park and I am concerned about plans to develop a large portion of it. Is there not an alternative area that could be used for this purpose? I feel the park adds value to the surrounding area and is irreplaceable. Thank you,
8/1/2016	The Crabtree Lake park bike trails are a valuable asset to the community. It is important not to lose these recreational areas.
8/1/2016	I object this. Save our parks, and forests.
8/1/2016	Please save Lake Crabtree County Park and the Old Reedy Creek trail systems. They are an invaluable recreational outlet for thousands of folks in and around the Triangle and across the state. Developing this land would be a detriment to the natural beauty of our area, a detraction from the appeal and allure of our area and a misstep in the wrong direction.
8/1/2016	I have 2 grandsons that LOVE to ride with their aunt in Crabtree Park. We have bought them both a mountain bike so that they can learn the trails, and have a fun activity to do after school. One boy is 14, and the other boy is 9. I hope you will not take away this park that so many have volunteered to help build all the trails. They love to go and help with the trails also. We need this greenspace in this area very much. Thanks.
8/1/2016	I am writing to say that I deeply disturbed by RDU's proposed land use plan at the June 28th Public Workshop #7. I am a Raleigh citizen who frequently uses both Umstead and the Lake Crabtree Park and the plan to develop the forested land near both parks is very disturbing. One of the highlights of the RTP area is the large number of trails and beautiful green spaces that we are able to enjoy, whether we are runners, bikers or simply out for a walk. Developing these lands would remove a valuable resource in the form of a wonderful location for recreation. The proposed plan is quite frankly a terrible idea. I am also a frequent patron of the airport and would hope that RDU and its employees would respect the wishes of this community and not develop these lands.
8/1/2016	This plan sucks! I do not support it and am telling friends to speak up as well. Umstead trails and greenspace are an essential part of this community. It is part of what makes this area home. Go back to the drawing board!
8/1/2016	Please do everything in your ability to preserve the valuable resource which is the crabtree and old reedy creek trail systems. There are ways to market and utilize these 30+ miles of trail rather than replace with safe business decisions. These trail systems were literally the most attractive features about Raleigh and the final reason that I decided to move and work here in NC. Many motivated working adults in the area rely on these to offer that live, work, thrive community.
8/1/2016	We want our space to do biking, to exercise and have nature for our family. Please stop this nonsense.
8/1/2016	I ride the trails at Lake Crabtree park at least three times weekly. The loss of this beautiful park system would be tragic. There is great potential for these trails in the growing sport of cyclocross and cross country riding. A whole riding community would be displaced if this land was developed.
8/1/2016	The Trails at Lake Crabtree County Park are well used and well loved part of Wake County. Please leave this lovely wooded area alone.
8/1/2016	log me as against the extension that will impact crabtree lake park

8/1/2016	<p>My family and I, our neighbors and friends strongly object to the proposed non-essential development of several naturally forested areas for commercial development as this development would result in the destruction of irreplaceable, centrally-located forested recreation areas and trails. The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. These lands have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, and runners—both adults and children—groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary.</p> <p>Please do not destroy this wonderful area unnecessarily.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>The airport does NOT care about community needs - it is only concerned with making money! There is a horrid proposal to develop the forested recreation areas and lands between Umstead State Park and Lake Crabtree County Park - referred to as the Old Reedy Creek (ORC) lands - and to develop the lands making up Lake Crabtree County Park (LCCP). The proximity LCCP/ORC forested recreation space to the urban areas of Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, and the Research Triangle Park positively affects the quality of life in the Triangle region. There is no way to replace this gem if it is given up for commercial or residential development. Destruction of this forested recreation space would DECREASE the quality of life in the Triangle region. Thus, every effort should be made to preserve these valuable natural areas. Lake Crabtree County Park (LCCP) is a heavily used park with an average of 300,000 visitors per year, approximately a third of which are trail parcel users – mountain bikers, runners, hikers, bird-watchers, orienteering course participants, etc. LCCP and ORC lands currently have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents (using their own time and money) and are used by a multitude of people - mountain bikers, hikers, walkers, and runners...adults and children...groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and hiking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. These trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary. Residents can and do, leave from their homes or workplaces and access the forested recreation areas without having to drive! The ORC lands and Lake Crabtree County Park, together with Umstead State Park could easily be progressed into an Urban Trails Center. Such a Center would not only benefit all residents, but would also attract visitors. The benefits of such a Center to the community in its current and future state (i.e. considering population growth) far outweigh any benefits which might be realized by creating a few new offices, a hotel, and a quarry. There is room elsewhere for offices, hotels, and quarries, but there is no other room for a centrally located forested recreation area! The Triangle region should look at the work which has taken place in Richmond, VA, and Chattanooga, TN to preserve trails close to population centers. As a centrally located, easily accessible forested recreation area increases the quality of life of those nearby, this same land also helps to attract future businesses. With more business, the area attracts even more people. Thus, preserving this centrally located forested recreation area is even more important for the growth and health of the Triangle area. Another issue is that the development of the ORC lands and Lake Crabtree County Park lands would remove an important green space buffer between the airport facilities and the very popular Umstead State Park. This could negatively affect the hundreds of acres within the Crabtree Creek watershed. It was my understanding that RDU's master planning process revealed that the ORC/LCCP lands are NOT required for runways, terminals, parking, or any other facility directly related to passengers or aircraft at the RDU facility. The planners propose to use the ORC/LCCP lands for the sole purpose of generating revenue for the airport by leasing these lands out to developers to build office space, hotels, and a quarry. For all of these revenue-generating items, alternatives are available, so the destruction of forested recreation space and forested green space buffer to Umstead need not occur. There is no alternative to re-create the open space of ORC/LCCP adjacent to Umstead.</p>
8/1/2016	<p>I don't agree with the plan to remove most of the Lake Crabtree park in favor of business parks and a quarry. As a local resident, the park is better suited as a green space than another business park.</p>

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8/2/2016	Although I think the airport itself is great, I can't agree with RDU Master Plan 2050 destroying lots of recreational area Raleigh and RTP is most known for!
8/2/2016	Please provide the specific CFR citations on the obligations and limits of airport land use referenced in your slides.
8/2/2016	We currently have a great opportunity. Making the trails that exist on parcels 2, 3, and 4 legal and protected for the long term could create an IMBA rated ride center that would turn this area into a premier mountain bike tourist destination. Very few of these exist in urban areas, and even fewer are so close to a major airport. Local hotels and restaurants have been clamoring for more weekend business, and this would be a GREAT way to kickstart that. Business travelers who bike would extend their stays over the weekend instead of jumping ship, and some folks would fly here JUST for trail access like this. But once you bulldoze it, that opportunity is lost forever.
8/2/2016	I hope you choose to leave the area around the airport in its Natural state. I think there is already enough development in Wake County. It would be in the communities best interest if the three parcels in question were turned in to public parks for the recreation of all in the Triangle area.
8/2/2016	The absolute last thing we need is more development. We need the green space around the airport. It's a load of cr@p that the airport cant work with the community to save all of Crabtree County Park (all of it--not just the section on one side of the road) and meet there mission. Most of the board at the airport is in development, construction, banking, insurance etc. All areas that would prosper from development. Very interesting that not one board member has a back ground in conservation.

8/2/2016	<p>All, I have recently learned of RDU's plan to turn Crabtree Park into an office Park. Crabtree lake is a precious resource that all citizens in the Triangle enjoy as wonderful place for fun free community activities. Turning its natural beauty into an office park would be a shameful waste of our diminishing natural resources. I sincerely ask that you cancel any plans to develop Crabtree Lake into an office park. Again such a move would be a terrible waste of our natural resources; robbing the triangle of much needed recreational space and I ask that you permanently cancel plans to develop Crabtree Lake into an office park.</p> <p>Sincerely Cary Resident</p>
8/2/2016	<p>I am very concerned about the plans proposed for Lake Crabtree Park. This is an oasis for residents and visitors and an area we should proudly maintain, not seek to destroy. We enjoy biking and walking through Crabtree Park and Umstead Park. We should do nothing to jeopardize these irreplaceable resources. Once they are gone, that's it! We have enough business parks and losing these trails will be detrimental to the local community. Over 300,000 people visit Crabtree county park, we use the greenspace and I personally would like to see it preserved. I object to destroying trails and forested areas. The airport needs to come up with an alternative plan that supports the community. A business park and quarry does not support our community; it degrades our community.</p>
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8/2/2016	<p>Leave the trees, please. The pines around RDU are its trademark! The trails through a mature canopy are a big draw to these wonderful trails. Please consider the health of this community and how removing these parks can impact our communities bodies and minds. Thanks for allowing a voice to the direction.</p>
8/2/2016	<p>The below communication from the Airport Authority simply shows the level of arrogance the Airport Authority has for the community. I his communication does nothing to attempt to work with the community. It just states that the airport can and will do whatever they wish with the land regardless of the community's concerns. Additionally, as home owners on Old Reedy Creek Rd it does nothing to answer our personal concerns about zoning, property values and quality of life. The members of the Airport Authority appears to be more annoyed by ours and the community's concerns than empathetic to them. This whole process is just history repeating itself. The Airport Authority didn't care about community views in the 1970s when they threatened eminent domain on Old Reedy Creek Rd and they don't care today when they've decided they wish to commercialize the area.</p> <p>Home Owner</p> <p>The Airport Authority communication I received today: Youâ€™re receiving this e-mail because of your recent comments regarding recreational use of the RDU Airport's Authorityâ€™s land as part of the Vision 2040 Master Plan. We value your feedback and it will be considered as the master plan study continues.</p> <p>Weâ€™ve received many comments about our parcels of land in the Lake Crabtree County Park area, and weâ€™d like to clarify a few things about use of that land. Our primary purpose is to support the aviation needs of our community. Our owning bodies decided years ago that Airport land must support aviation, and agreements with the federal government are in place to that end.</p> <p>We desire to work with the community on the future use of our land in the Lake Crabtree area. We hope to identify a plan for the land that satisfies our federal obligations, allows for future financial support of airport infrastructure and, if possible, includes recreational use.</p> <p>FolloParcels.jpgwing, please see some specific information around parcels of our land for which you may have concerns, and please review our Frequently Asked Questions for additional information.</p> <p>Parcel 1: 33 acres. Lake Crabtree County Park</p> <p>In 1985, the Airport Authority entered into a long-term lease with Wake County for the construction and operation of Lake Crabtree County Park. This lease continues until June 2025. Our lease with Wake County includes the understanding that at some point, portions of the land may need to be returned to support airport needs. However, the majority of the park area is in a 100-year floodplain and is thus suited for recreational uses.</p>

	<p>Folks, I have some suggestions and comments regarding undeveloped land and use of that land for recreational purposes. I understand that eventually much of the undeveloped land could end up being developed and that the FAA restrictions and obligations in some ways force your hand.</p> <p>I also understand that not all of the land is going to be developed right away. In particular I am speaking about the parcels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - between park and ride 3, the National Gurard rd., Old Reedy Creek and Umstead. - the parcel across from the Sheets abutting I40 and Aviation. - other parcels abutting National Guard Rd. <p>While this land is not developed I suggest you embrace its recreational use with the understanding that, that use could be terminated. Consider please</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Working with Umstead to develop an corridor trail from the Sheets / National Gurard rd. area over to Reedy Creek Rd. in Umstead. 2) Develop a parcel near the Sheets with recreational, particularly biking, use in mind. Bring in a local bike shop with parking, cleaning stations, outdoor showers to encourage and support recreational use of the land and access to Umstead. 3) Bring in a bar /restaurant that caters to these recreational users. (A brew pub would be just the thing. Maybe you could lure Aviation Brewing up from Fuquay) 4) Bring in a hotel or encourage an existing hotel adjacent to this area to encourage and support biking with storage, cleaning, and other facilities for bikers. <p>3) Embrace the existing recreational use by mtn bikers, hikers, etc.. on land where those activities are currently trespassing. Work with Umstead, Lake Crabtree, TORC and other interested parties to fully sanction use of this land for biking, walking etc. while it is not developed.</p> <p>4) Work with TORC, Crabtree, Umstead and other interested parties to develop new trails on currently undeveloped land.</p> <p>Implementing these suggestion could turn the corner near the Sheets into a recreational hub with sufficient commercial activity to justify the existence of land for recreational purposes.</p> <p>Again I understand that the undeveloped land may eventually end up being developed, but while it is not, please work with the recreation community to use it for recreation.</p> <p>Additionally when considering that value of land and its potential development be sure and include in that assessment the existing natural value and ecosystem services that the land provides. Please see: http://www.fs.fed.us/ecosystemservices/ and many other resources available on ecosystem services. With that in mind perhaps some of the land has sufficient value in and of itself and does not need development.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your consideration.</p>
8/2/2016	Sincerely,
8/2/2016	<p>I'm a resident of Chapel Hill and I work in Cary. I'm writing to express support for the conservation and expansion of the existing trail networks in the Lake Crabtree/Old Reedy Creek Rd/Umstead area. This gem is a centrally-located hub for hikers, bikers, runners, and other outdoor enthusiasts in the Triangle. It is irreplaceable. Hotels and retail can go almost anywhere but we'll never have another chance to build around this green hub if it's destroyed. Let's make RDU special by keeping and expanding this wonderful asset.</p> <p>Sincerely, Chapel Hill, NC</p>
8/2/2016	<p>One of the best things about the RTP area is that we have greenspace. It's a factor that attracts top notch talent to this area. By eliminating the existing parks and surrounding areas to RDU, you are taking away one of the most important treasures we have. There are a number of existing industrial and office complexes that are sitting empty right now, so the need to build more only serves to benefit the builder, unless the airport authority is planning on using the empty space as a tax write-off. Shame on the airport authority for even thinking that the best path forward would be to bulldoze and build. If it's more money that the authority is after, perhaps more on time flights and more efficient use of existing dollars would be more beneficial. Ripping out acres upon acres of trees isn't the solution. I vehemently oppose bulldozing a single tree on the proposed parcels. The parks and natural areas are an immensely valuable resource that I believe the airport authority should leave as is.</p>
8/2/2016	<p>RDU would not be serving the people well developing land in and around Lake Crabtree Community Park (LCCP). All the land for trails at LCCP and other trails are essential to keeping a well balanced blend of natural wooded area for public recreation vs development of the surrounding land. That area is an oasis in an ever expanding development of the Triangle and ideally located for all residents in the area.</p>
8/2/2016	<p>The open space that will be impacted by RDU AA's development plan is truly a unique place to recreate. The trail system at Lake Crabtree County Park represents some of my favorite trails to hike and bike on. Other people I've spoken with have confirmed that access to these trails was one of the biggest draws to living in this area. I believe there should be much more thought put into alternatives to development of this park to save a this valuable open space for future generations.</p>

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8/2/2016	I just wanted to express my concern over what has been proposed for the RDU area property adjacent to Umstead, Lake Crabtree County Park and the areas next to I-40. As you are aware, these areas are heavily used by the local mountain biking community as well as hikers. I understand these uses are not income generating for the RDUAA, and this type of use is not currently a realistic consideration versus development. I would like to state that perhaps both uses could co-exist if development of the property does take place and having a recreational component to the development could be a standout feature for the property. Greenspace could contain multi-purpose trails and provide an openness to a campus that provides the uses the RDUAA seeks from the property. Areas of the property used to offset nutrient loading for new development, buffer requirements, screening requirements and areas of the property that are not as economically feasible to develop due to existing site conditions can all possibly contain trails.
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8/2/2016	I herewith object the development of Crabtree Lake terrain at Umstead in order to preserve the trails for hikers, bikers, anyone who enjoys the outdoors.
8/2/2016	<p>Homeowner near Umstead State Park</p> <p>I live near Umstead and frequently use Umstead, ORC, and LCCP. I can personally attest to the volume of use of these areas.</p> <p>Survivor</p> <p>I survived an abusive relationship. I made big steps in the healing process when walking or biking in the ORC/Crabtree/Umstead areas. Had I not had ready access to these areas, healing would have been much delayed. I am sure that I am not the only one who has experienced emotional healing in these beautiful forested areas that are so, so close to the Triangle community. For the physical and mental health of the Triangle community, preservation of ORC and Crabtree is needed!</p> <p>Family person - Aunt</p> <p>I have 3 nephews, 2 of whom have taken up mountain biking and the outdoors, following in my footsteps. The ORC/LCCP/Umstead areas offer a centrally located, kid-friendly area for me to spend time with them. My brother-in-law is also actively using these areas. I see other adults with their kids on these lands. For the preservation of family-friendly forested recreation space, preservation of ORC/LCCP is needed!</p> <p>Community Volunteer "Coach" for NICA</p> <p>In 2017, the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) will be starting up a league here in North Carolina. This league will involve kids from the entire state competing in about 5 races for the season. Each race will be in a different region. The trails at Lake Crabtree County Park offer a great venue for one of the races in this league. This race will benefit the surrounding hotels and restaurants.</p> <p>Mountain Biker</p> <p>My passion, outside of my church and my family, is cycling. There are many of us in this area who use both the roads and the trails for cycling endeavors. As a community, mountain bikers have put over 30 years of effort into building trails in this area, including the trails in the ORC/LCCP area. While I also enjoy road biking, getting on a paved road at rush hour is quite scary with all of the cars. The peacefulness and serenity of the woods is much safer!</p>
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8/2/2016	<p>This same communication was sent by email today by the Airport Authority to anyone who has made comments. What I read in this is "This is our land, even though it was paid for with your federal tax dollars, so stop complaining because we'll do whatever we want regardless of your concerns. Oh, and by the way, since we put up "No Trespassing" signs you've been forewarned that you weren't supposed to be using parts of this land anyway. We've lived here for 9 years and have never seen any effort to keep this land from being used for recreational purposes. You've never appeared to mind the use by the community and my personal perception is the "No Trespassing" signs are there solely to protect you from any financial liability should anyone be injured while using the land. My perception, as someone who is out here 24/7, is you've given tacit permission for DECADES by not making any attempt to stop the use. This includes permitting the boy scouts to utilize the land for camping since they regularly camp on your land that borders ours... I know you know they're there as they set up camp for the weekend on your land right next to the road. You're team members cannot miss them as they drive by. You then send the above communication via email today to everyone who has made comments and address it to our first names as if this will somehow personalize it. I cannot decide if this is supposed to be an attempt at making me feel you care, or disrespectful as you have no idea of who I am, even though we're neighbors. Your communication shows the level of arrogance the Airport Authority has for the community. This communication does nothing to attempt to work with the community. It just states that the airport can and will do whatever they wish with the land regardless of the community's concerns. Additionally, as home owners directly impacted it does nothing to answer our personal concerns about zoning, property values and quality of life as you choose to commercialize the area. The members of the Airport Authority appear to be more annoyed by the community's concerns than empathetic to them. This whole process is just history repeating itself. The Airport Authority didn't care about community views in the 1970s when they threatened eminent domain and they don't care today when they've decided they wish to commercialize the area. The Airport Authority has proven to be a callous and uncaring neighbor. The current response to my initial comments on your Facebook page just further proves this to be true.</p>
8/2/2016	<p>A long term guaranteed legalization of trail use on parcels 2, 3, and 4 could create an IMBA rated "ride center" that would become a tourist destination. That would create more demand for airport services and AIRPORT AREA services on the weekend, which hotels and restaurants in the area have been clamoring for. There aren't many urban ride centers in the entire country, and even fewer that wouldn't require the user to at least rent a car. We could be one of, if not THE first.</p>
8/3/2016	<p>I submitted questions over a month ago, in late June, and have not received a response. Your website requests comments and questions. will I receive a response from RDUAA?</p>
8/3/2016	<p>I am opposed to the RDU Airport Authority's plan to develop the project area located to the South and East of National Guard Drive and Aviation Parkway. This area serves as a vital green space for the community and our environment. It represents a local treasure to families of all ages providing outdoor recreational opportunities and provides green space and environmental benefits to the RDU airport and surrounding communities.</p> <p>The benefits to the greater Raleigh area are enormous and should outweigh the hidden cost to the environment, community good, and traffic impact. It's development for commercial and RDU Authority revenue opportunities is short-sighted.</p> <p>I urge the rejection of this development plan.</p> <p>Thank you, Raleigh, NC</p>
8/3/2016	<p>Leave our parks and trails alone! There is plenty of other land around the Airport to use or other near by areas to have business parks.</p>
8/3/2016	<p>Leave our parks and trails alone!</p>
8/3/2016	<p>Hi everyone, I wanted to offer some thoughts.... I moved back to the area in the mid-90's for a job opportunity. I discovered the wonders of Lake Crabtree County Park and spent the next few years enjoying the Park--the lake , the recreation areas and especially the trail system for hiking and biking. I then relocated out of state for work for some time. I always looked back fondly on the triangle area with its terrific quality of life and close in access to such wonderful resources. Seven years ago at another career crossroads I moved back to the area. This time it was with my wife and two young children. We chose our new home location based on schools, access to Raleigh/Cary AND access to the Lake Crabtree forested areas. I can't tell you how excited I was/am to call Lake Crabtree my "home park" for biking/hiking and other activities. Our first family hiking experience was at Lake Crabtree. Soon after our two children learned to ride their bikes we were out on the trails at Lake Crabtree in a new way. We took it slow but a couple of years later I am so amazed at the their abilities, their excitement, their fitness, their pride and sense of accomplishment. We are at the park nearly every weekend and sometimes during the week. My peers are amazed that my children constantly ask to go to Lake Crabtree and play over spending time on electronic devices/video games. Lastly, part of living in the triangle is the excitement of being part of a dynamic and growing economic fabric that continues to bring new things to the area. The RDU airport must continue to grow with the needs of the region otherwise the commerce and other opportunities that make our area great will begin to languish. I've reviewed the published options and tracts of available land and there seem to be available opportunity for expansion to meet the demand of the airport without destroying some of our most valuable assets (like the forested areas/recreational trail systems). I know the Master Plan Study/RDU-AA will be carefully considering all of these things and will strike the right balance of growth while preserving quality of life for residents/stakeholders in the area. Take care</p>
8/3/2016	<p>Please, do not convert the various trails/forested areas adjacent to Umsted into a business part. The trails are a unique major attraction, and a retreat area for residents and others.</p>

8/3/2016	<p>The potential sale/development of the leased property know by many as Crabtree Park is a short-sighted approach that would remove a valuable natural resource and public space from public access forever. The economic gain, purportedly to support the larger financial program of RDU Airport, does not accurately value the public resource that is being managed in a long-term, sustainable fashion. Once it is gone, the region will forever be poorer in the long run.</p> <p>From a process perspective, I have spent the latter part of my career in civic engagement with a goal to be inclusive, equitably address the full spectrum of interests, and be fully transparent in how, and if, public participation influences the outcome of planning processes. Your approach has been blatantly old school, just share the facts, don't overpublicize the opportunity for input, and keep your cards close to the chest. Enough of the clichés, I challenge you to publish the full gamut of public comments you have received, in particular on this one high impact land use decision.</p> <p>If this is a financial exercise to address FHA requirements, then state that. If it is the planning team's, and ultimately the RDU Authority's intent to take the site out of the public domain, then state that. The credibility of local governments is harmed by a high-minded, button-down process that appears to devalue the current uses of this site, the economic and wellness benefits the public enjoys there.</p> <p>Respectfully</p>
8/3/2016	<p>Dear RDU Airport Authority -</p> <p>Lake Crabtree County Park is more than just a patch of land with some trails where people ride bikes or run. This place is home to so many wonderful memories that are important in the lives of so many people, especially mine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -my husband and I went on one of our first dates here -I learned how to ride a mountain bike here and discovered the joy of biking -Our sons have been riding here since they were able to ride without training wheels -We have family rides at the park which is creating lifelong memories for us and our kids <p>I know that countless people could add to the list and many more should have the opportunity to have life-changing moments and create memories here.</p> <p>There are too many offices, restaurants and stores in our area and not enough places for people to get out in the outdoors. Please, I beg you to reconsider your plans for Lake Crabtree Park and allow families, friends, athletes the freedom to enjoy this wonderful park for decades to come.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Respectfully</p>
8/4/2016	<p>It seems to me growth in the triangle area is pushing out local recreation. Is this really the vision and plan we want? Mountain biking areas are constantly being lost to development. Recruiting technically skilled workers will be difficult if there are no recreational areas.</p>
8/4/2016	<p>I object to changing the lease for lake Crabtree county park and urge the airport authority to sell to wake county or keep the existing lease in place. Lake Crabtree is an essential part of the community and wake county's most heavily used park for recreation and community programs. It would be a blow to the community to lose such a great park to developments that could just be put in other areas that could be just as easily assessable today.</p>
8/4/2016	<p>I object to the development of the land that currently makes up Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park System. I am a mountain biker and hiker and use these trails weekly to exercise and ride my bike. It is a valuable resource for all of us in Wake County, The Triangle and beyond, and would be a great loss to have this area developed into hotels, office space and a quarry of the purpose of generating revenue. I urge you to consider preserving the existing forested lands, trails and green space within the Airport Authority's project area. I would like to suggest instead that the Airport Authority work with surrounding municipalities to investigate the creation of an Urban Trails Center within this property. Please look at what Richmond, VA and Chattanooga, TN have done to preserve trail systems in close proximity to centers of population and urban growth.</p>
8/4/2016	<p>This expansion plan is deeply upsetting to me as a local runner and cyclist. I use the Greenways multiple times a week, and I am exceedingly proud of the extensive network of communicating trails that our community offers. Not only do these miles of Greenway encourage individuals and families to be physically fit, they are a safe and beautiful retreat from increasing amount of concrete in our area. Taking away this section of Greenway would significantly diminish the natural beauty of this area and prohibit casual and lifelong walking, running, and cycling enthusiasts from participating in the activities we love so much. Please do not take away these lands from the citizens who use and enjoy them so much!</p>
8/4/2016	<p>The plan to convert all the area under this plan, to parking lots and hotels / offices is a very sad one. To many, the Umstead area, Lake Crabtree present a beautiful urban oasis - to teach kids the pleasures of outdoor running, biking, hiking. It is disappointing and sad to see these become asphalt and concrete, which we need less of. I am convinced that I will be moving out of Wake County shortly, the trend of reckless construction is pretty much writing on the wall</p>

8/4/2016	No, no, no! This is a bad decision. Doing the right thing and considering other options is not about pleasing a group of mountain bikers and hikers, it's about doing what is right for the community. This is a beloved recreational greenspace, people. It's one of the amenities that brings people to the area and keeps them in the area. NOBODY wants more office space! There are other options to consider that can be revenue-generating while keeping this valued greenspace intact. I, and many others, urge you to review and seriously consider these options.
8/4/2016	Dear RDUAA, I would like to express my concerns about future development of Lake Crabtree County Park, this park is the oldest county park in the area. One of my points is this is a green zone, if it is developed we will never get it back. This green zone is special to this community, it is easily accessible for all 3 major cities(Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill) around the area, which makes it convenient for groups to meet in a central location. I am a local Mountain Biker, but I know the park offers other groups activities, hiking, trail runners, sailing, birders, etc), all these groups will be affected with your decision. Please reconsider the development of this area for the community.
8/4/2016	Thank you for listening,
8/4/2016	I love lake Crabtree and the surrounding trails. I have biked and walked these trails. The location is perfect for folks to meet after work and bike. We have too many concrete jungles and the last thing we need is less trees and more concrete. To consider digging in a quarry so close to houses is very irresponsible and short sighted. Please consider finding funds elsewhere to fund your new runway.
8/4/2016	Save our beautiful forests and trails! What a sad day when this happens. Sooner or later for the love of money the only shade we'll have is from a cloud.
8/4/2016	Yes, the land belongs to the airport (thank you taxpayers). Yes, RDUAA has long term financial obligations. Yes, RDUAA has Federal guidelines that has to be followed. Does that mean that RDUAA should give people the thumb regarding the 143 acres of green space used by multi-use re-creationists at LCCP? Why doesn't RDUAA and the vision2040 process outline alternatives for the loss of green space and recreational sources for the public? Wouldn't that garner public support for the airport as whole and be beneficial to the airport in the long run? Talk with Wake County, talk with NC State Parks, provide alternatives for the public to view, take care of your needs but don't be selfish.
8/5/2016	I enjoy Lake Crabtree County Park and Umstead. I run and ride in both parks. Please don't develop, encroach or limit these parks. They are a great joy to me and many of my friends who ride there.
8/5/2016	I'm an urban dwelling highly stressed professional. Getting out doors often and getting exercise regularly are essential to my mental and emotional health. Mountain biking is the perfect combination of both balms for the stressful and fast paced modern urban life. I write this comment to advocate for land usage dedicated for mountain biking, locally. There are beautiful trails existing in Lake Crabtree park, and beautiful forest on nearby air port land. More (not less) of these natural resources should be dedicated to providing safe and dedicated outdoor recreation (i.e. mountain biking). I purport that such is vital to the emotional and mental health (with subsequent effects on economic health) of the adjacent urban communities. Respectfully yours,
8/5/2016	I am well aware of the interest on developing new areas to create revenue for RDU airport. But I also look for a community that have access to enjoy nature and outdoor activities. The Triangle area is growing and the recreational areas like Lake Crab Tree Park are getting transformed into houses or shopping centers and all kinds of non recreational possibilities are being created. I just want to rise my voice and ask RDU authority to consider the development of this area. I am a neighbor of the park and I am aware of the congestion and increase of business that this will bring. Please just keep the possibility of a place to walk, hike, ride a bicycle or just take the kids to enjoy the nice view of the lake.
8/5/2016	Thanks,
8/5/2016	This park and its trail networks need to be preserved as it is shared and enjoyed by the community. It's lost would be devastating to everyone.
8/5/2016	Need to save Crabtree Mtb trail. It's one of our treasure in Raleigh!
8/5/2016	Please do not alter lake Crabtree county park. It is the closest available ride destination to wake county's largest population base. By altering these trails you effect the capacity for bike enthusiasts to ride single track trails after work for most of the year. Like many of my friends, the proximity of these trails were one of my biggest considerations when purchasing a house in wake county.

	<p>Please leave Umstead State Park alone. I do not understand why you object to trees and nature.</p> <p>Profitability and nature can exist together. Let's not have one destroy the other.</p>
8/5/2016	Thank you!
8/5/2016	<p>There is plenty of building sites ready for construction on the RDU property. MUCH of it is not used as a public park. It seems to me you'd want to exploit other options before upsetting the community. Why not start building near National Guard Rd? or Airgate Dr.? or Pleasant Grove, Or Lumley? There is no need for so much buffer around the airport. There are plenty of examples of airports in much more densely populated areas. If you want a pretty lake view, then Brier Creek Reservoir is just as pretty.</p> <p>Leave Crabtree Park a park as long as you can.</p>
8/5/2016	I strongly encourage you to keep Lake Crabtree Park and surrounding trails untouched. These are precious resources that I have been enjoying for over 15 years and have also enjoyed with my family. There are few remaining natural spaces like this in this area, and this would be a devastating loss for the area.
8/5/2016	<p>Don't destroy more open space just in the name of capitalism. You can change the plan. You can do the right thing. We need to keep open spaces for people to play and relax in this already over built concrete jungle.</p> <p>Joni Mitchell said it all "Pave paradise put up a parking lot" Think about what you are doing and how it wil affect future generations.</p>
8/5/2016	<p>I respect the need of RDU to improve all services and updates to the RDU airport and surrounding area. Your challenge is to grow to accommodate the population without negatively impacting the local communities that pay your bills. Maintaining your current footprint - without growth into outlying areas is possible by staying within the North and West zones - areas already buffered by 540 and 40. To grow outside these zones is to do a disservice to the local population, negatively impact the environment, housing, recreation, traffic et. al and will reduce the quality of life and the outdoor spaces which makes this area so desirable.</p> <p>We do not, nor does RDU, need more hotels, parking lots and business parks! For the current generations and all that come after - please weigh the importance of maintaining and enhancing our quality of life - do not degrade it over a few points of short term profit.</p>
8/5/2016	commenting to ask for consideration to maintain the green spaces adjacent to RDU airport. Part of what makes The triangle desirable is the natural resources for recreation and enjoyment. The areas in question are heavily used by outdoor enthusiasts and are very valuable to this area and the state. The loss of this area cannot be recovered from and would lessen the appeal of the Triangle and quality of life. If the land is not needed for airport expansion, which is not, it should be maintained as is. I ask for you to reconsider the proposed plans. Thank you.
8/5/2016	Please seriously consider maintaining the beautiful public greenspace we like to call Lake Crabtree. It is a pinnacle for the Triangle, and virtually every resident in the area knows of Crabtree and has visited at some point. It provides walking and biking trails not offered anywhere else in the area. It has served as a starting point for residents looking to get exposed to moutain biking, sailing, kayaking and hiking. Don't put personal gains and greed in front of community.
8/5/2016	Please don't take this natural resource away from the community! I would be devastated to lose the recreational areas at Lake Crabtree County park. I frequently use the mountain bike trails, hiking trails, picnic areas - and love spending time in this wonderful park. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to enjoy nature and voice my opinion.
8/5/2016	Please do not take away this important green space!!!! Hikers, bikers, nature lovers, children -- all will be truly saddened if one of our favorite spots in the triangle is altered : (
8/5/2016	RDU is planning on developing much of Umstead State Park for unnecessary businesses and a quarry. Shame on RDU!!
8/5/2016	Don't destroy the RTP area by building more office spaces. Central Park in NYC saved a small piece of open space why can't you ??
8/6/2016	I have lived in Cary and invested in, as well as started multiple businesses in this area, which I feel is such a fantastic place to live. A significant part of the appeal of this region for business and personal use has been the availability of green space in the form of beautiful parks such as Lake Crabtree County Park. Please do not develop further around this beautiful park and allow this environment to exist as it currently does. This -I believe- encourages not only healthier living, and an escape from stress, but ultimately further investment into this region as I can personally can attest! Thank you for your time and consideration.
8/6/2016	Crabtree is beautiful as is! Natural trees and serene. Adding hotel and shopping will ruin the scenic and peaceful atmosphere
8/6/2016	I have seen on the RDU blog that a non-stop flight to Austin is on top of the wish list for RDU. Is there any update on the possibility of this happening in the near future? I travel to Austin regularly, and I am hoping a non-stop flight becomes a reality VERY SOON!
8/7/2016	I am very upset that you would consider tearing down Umstead Park to build more space for the airport! My cross country team as well as many others in the area run at Umstead frequently, and having the park destroyed would be a detriment to our training and morale, as well as that of thousands of other runners in the area. If you follow through with this plan, you will have a large amount of people disappointed with your decision, including myself. Please don't bulldoze an amazing trail!
8/7/2016	The Ulmstead Park and Crabtree Lake are beautiful oases' in RTP. They should be protected from development including the expansion of RDU.
8/7/2016	It would be a terrible loss to the triangle area to lose such a wonderful natural area of Crab Tree Park.. it is such a benefit to have the park.. it makes the triangle such an appealing place with the open areas...we could never get this area back if it is developed.. please don't develop Crab Tree Park.

8/8/2016	I agree with the viewpoint of Triangle Off-Road Cyclists (TORC): Please preserve all the existing forested lands, trails, and green space within the Airport Authority's project area (South and East of National Guard Drive and Aviation Parkway). Please work with surrounding municipalities to investigate the creation of an Urban Trails Center within this property. This Urban Trails Center would create business opportunities for new and existing hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, bars, bike shops, and recreation outfitters. Thank you.
8/8/2016	Please think about the long term implications of destroying already scarce forested areas adjacent to RDU airport. The quality of life of thousands of people will be negatively impacted by the construction of office/retail space in what is currently the most widely used green space in the Raleigh Metro area. Please also consider the economic impact trail users and residents have. Thank you.
8/8/2016	<p>Instead of removing the trails, enhance them and treat them as an attraction.</p> <p>From the paper The Economic and Impact Analysis of the Coldwater Mountain Bike Trail system: Survey responses reflect high income biking participants, most likely male gender between 30 and 50 years of age. Market and spending potential very good for biking industry within 100 mile radius.</p> <p>http://www.americantrails.org/resources/economics/Economic-Benefits-Coldwater-Mountain-Bike-Trails.html</p>
8/8/2016	<p>I stand with TORC and their official position on this issue. I can't state it any more clearly than they have so i'll just mimic their words here:</p> <p>"Triangle Off-Road Cyclists (TORC) (www.torc-nc.org) is a 501-(c)(3) organization dedicated to ensuring the future of mountain biking in the Triangle area. At the June 28th Public Workshop #7 the Airport's land use plan was unveiled. This plan slates several naturally forested areas for commercial development and this development would result in the destruction of irreplaceable, centrally-located forested recreation areas and trails. The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. These lands have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, and runners—both adults and children—groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary.</p> <p>In addition to the loss of forested recreation space, development of these lands would remove an important green space buffer between the airport facilities and the very popular Umstead State Park and could negatively affect the hundreds of acres within the Crabtree Creek watershed.</p> <p>The Airport's master planning process revealed that none of these lands are required for runways, terminals, parking, or any other facility directly related to passengers or aircraft at the RDU facility. The planners propose to use these lands for the sole purpose of generating revenue for the airport by leasing these lands out to developers to build office space, hotels, and a quarry. For all of these revenue-generating items, alternatives are available, so the destruction of forested recreation space and forested green space buffer to Umstead need not occur.</p> <p>Triangle Off-Road Cyclists urges the preservation of all the existing forested lands, trails, and green space within the Airport Authority's project area which is located to the South and East of National Guard Drive and Aviation Parkway. We further suggest that the Airport work with surrounding municipalities to investigate the creation of an Urban Trails Center within this property. This Urban Trails Center would create business opportunities for new and existing hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, bars, bike shops, and recreation outfitters.</p> <p>The proximity of this forested recreation space to the urban area only increases property values and positively affects the quality of life in the Triangle region. This benefits not only existing residents, but also helps to attract future businesses and employees. The Triangle region should look at the work which has taken place in Richmond, VA, and Chattanooga, TN to preserve trails close to population centers. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists strongly believe that the benefits from an Urban Trail Center to the community far outweigh any benefits to the community which might be realized by creating a few new offices, a hotel, and a quarry. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists recognize that RDU Airport is important to our area and has funding challenges it must overcome, however, we believe an Urban Trail Center is a far better solution to the community than the land uses proposed by the Airport's plan. By working with the surrounding municipalities, Triangle Off-Road Cyclists firmly believe that we can craft a solution that not only brings necessary revenue to the airport, but also enhances the communities which the airport serves. "</p>
8/8/2016	<p>FAA Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges (61 FR 32021, Friday June 21, 1996) calls for a fee and rental structure that makes the airport as financially self-sustaining as possible ONLY IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AIRPORT. The FAA does not construe the obligation of self-sustainability to compel the use of fair market value to establish fees. Nor does the FAA permit the airport to establish fees that exceed airfield costs. The self-sustainability obligation is not parcel specific, but rather applies to the entirety of the airport.</p> <p>RDU has not made the case that mining of Parcel 4, "Rocky Knob", is justifiable in the context of the self-sustainable obligation of the entire airport. Destroying a unique natural resource just for short-term profit is not compelled by FAA policy. For that matter RDU has failed to make a self-sustainability justification for not continuing Wake County park use of Parcels 1 and 2.</p>

	<p>The June 28 land use presentation left me with the impression that recreational use of RDU property was a "Revenue Diversion" and thus prohibited. It also led me to believe that the FAA airport "self-sustainable" meant that all RDU property must produce fair market revenues. However, upon research I found that is NOT the case. FAA Order 5190.6B, Chapter 3 indeed has language stating "property may not be leased or rented at a discount or for nominal consideration to subsidize non-airport objectives" as shown on a slide. HOWEVER, RECREATION USE IS an EXCPTION. The language of FAA Order 5190.6B, Chapter 3 FAA's explicitly references Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue, 64 Fed. Reg. 7696, February 16, 1999 (Revenue Use Policy) that includes the following at section VII 6 D:</p> <p>D. Providing Property for Public Community Purposes</p> <p>Making airport property available at less than fair market rental value for public recreational and other community uses, for the purpose of maintaining positive airport-community relations, can be a legitimate function of an airport proprietor in operating the airport. Accordingly, in certain circumstances, providing airport land for such purposes will not be considered a violation of the self-sustaining requirement. Generally, the circumstances in which below-market use of airport land for community purposes will be considered consistent with the grant assurances are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The contribution of the airport property enhances public acceptance of the airport in a community in the immediate area of the airport; the property is put to a general public use desired by the local community; and the public use does not adversely affect the capacity, security, safety or operations of the airport. Examples of acceptable uses include public parks, recreation facilities, and bike or jogging paths. Examples of uses that would not be eligible are road maintenance equipment storage; and police, fire department, and other government facilities if they do not directly support the operation of the airport. 2. The property involved would not reasonably be expected to produce more than de minimis revenue at the time the community use is contemplated, and the property is not reasonably expected to be used by an aeronautical tenant or otherwise be needed for airport operations in the foreseeable future. When airport property reasonably may be expected to earn more than minimal revenue, it still may be used for community purposes at less than FMV if the revenue earned from the community use approximates the revenue that could otherwise be generated, provided that the other provisions of VII. D. are met. 3. The community use does not preclude reuse of the property for airport purposes if, in the opinion of the airport sponsor, such reuse will provide greater benefits to the airport than continuation of the community use. 4. Airport revenue is not to be used to support the capital or operating costs associated with the community use. <p>I believe that recreational use of Parcels 1, 2, 3 and 4 shown on your August 2, 2016 update fully qualify for recreational use under FAA rules.</p>
8/8/2016	<p>my nusband and I moved here from Texas in 2002. we had always planned on moving back one day, but we ended up loving it here so much that we stayed. A major part of our decision to stay here had to do with the green spaces and outdoor activities that abound here nearly year-round.</p> <p>We began hiking, mostly through Umstead, soon after we moved here. About 5 to 7 years ago--we began mountain biking (Matt started a couple years before I did). We love being close to the Lake Crabtree trails and we even partially based our decision on where to buy a house two years ago on how close we would be to both trails. We love being able to ride our bikes to the Old Reedy Creek entrance and continue riding through Crabtree or Umstead.</p> <p>Please consider TORC's suggestion about creating an Urban Trails Center in this area. The center could generate funds, preserve trails, and preserve the buffer zone between RDU and Umstead.</p> <p>I fly frequently through RDU, so I understand the need to plan for growth of the airport and related facilities. I would just encourage you to seriously consider the other plans that have been discussed or to speak to community leaders about other potential land swaps.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. Cary resident TORC co-secretary</p>
8/8/2016	<p>I agree with many people, the RDU airport has become a great international airport. As we go into the 21st century we are all looking at becoming healthier. Bringing families together and finding peace! Taking miles of natural hiking, and biking trails away from families isn't a positive move toward our goals of better health and bring people together!!! Please please think about the importance of maintaining natural spaces! Thank you!</p>
8/9/2016	<p>We need to save these trails!!! It is so nice out there, why ruin it. I come in from out of town to ride these trails. There are races there that bring in people from across the state, who spend money on logging and food. It is also good for the economy.</p>
8/10/2016	<p>Please sign this petition to save Lake Crabtree Park and Stand against the reckless destruction by @RDUairport change.org/p/rdu-airport-... 2 hours ago</p>
8/10/2016	<p>RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=584406149&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change an hour ago in Holly Springs, NC</p>

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8/10/2016	Sign our petition to demonstrate to Wake County Government and Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU)... fb.me/1st38tYJA TORC_NC an hour ago in Raleigh, NC
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8/10/2016	For all of the #tree #lovers and #green #space inhabitants and #mountain #bikers and #walkers #hikers and #families that #enjoy #nature and #county #parks please sign this #petition to tell #RDU we enjoy #wakecounty #nc #lakecrabtree the way it is. Do not let #corporate #america take this #gem away from us. Please sign the change.org #petition at https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area coder_mtbiker_gamer 22 minutes ago
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8/10/2016	Please preserve the land and trails at LCCP. I ride and race on those trails, and feel so fortunate to have such a park just 20 minutes from my home. Our little boy absolutely loves the surrounding park with playgrounds and beach, and we look forward to taking him out on the trails as a family. This is such a wonderful area to live in, and parks like this are huge part of that!
8/10/2016	Please, please, please keep all of the mountain biking and running trails around the airport. These are an undervalued asset to the community as a whole. The trails provide enjoyment to thousands of residents across multiple counties, and represent one of the largest, if not the largest trail system in the area.
8/10/2016	Developing Wake County's Lake Crabtree County Park would be a huge mistake! This park attracts people from all over for the scenery, fishing, biking, wildlife, and water activities just to name a few. Developing it would come at both an economic and environmental cost that would be detrimental to the surrounding areas. If it's absolutely necessary to develop land, do so on parcels 3 and 4, but leave parcels 1 and 2 alone!
8/10/2016	Please don't develop the natural forested area surrounding the airport. My family and many others around the triangle love enjoying this easily accessible outdoor recreation space for our physical and mental health.
8/10/2016	I travel for work, every week Monday - Thursday. Because of this I appreciate RDU. It's always been a great experience. I also chose Cary to be my home because of easy access to mountain biking. I ride lake crabtree all the time and even bring my 5 year old daughter and 6 year old son along to ride. In my mind the trails are more important than hotels or an office park. I'd ask that you leave lake crabtree as is and sell the property to the park district.
8/11/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. fb.me/1e2ZVs8ek 10 hours ago in Raleigh, North Carolina
8/11/2016	Read this comment, and sign the petition. I work on RDU property and I ride my bicycles in the area. ... https://www.change.org/p/7841933/c/493548920?recruiter=57875830&utm_source=comment_share&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 12 hours ago

8/11/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. fb.me/4aOzBJ5cQ j2 hours ago in Chapel Hill/Carrboro, NC
8/11/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=45169208&utm_campaign=signature_receipt_twitter_dialog&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=share_petition via @Change 14 hours ago
8/11/2016	Please take 5 seconds to save my favorite part of Raleigh www.change.org/p/rdu-airp... an hour ago in Raleigh, NC
8/11/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=1792078&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change a minute ago
8/11/2016	#stoprduvision2040 #rduvision2040 #rdu #greenORC #savethetrails #greenspace #corporationgreed 15 minutes ago
8/11/2016	Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area! chn.ge/2aOiiUi a minute ago in Raleigh, NC
8/11/2016	@RDUAirport you should think along these lines instead of profiting at everyone else's expense. @Morrisville_NC pic.twitter.com/ntwO1G0MIO
8/11/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=584825123&utm_campaign=signature_receipt_twitter_dialog&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=share_petition via @Change 14 minutes ago
8/11/2016	#greenORC #rdu #crabtree #stoprduvision2040 #corporategreed #rduvision2040 #rduaiport #savethetrails #greenspace 25 minutes ago
8/11/2016	@RDUAirport plenty of people are sharing their thoughts on #rdu2040 in the form of a formal petition to stop you from destroying our parks. replied to RDUAirport an hour ago
8/11/2016	FAA Advisory Circular 150/5070-6B dated 1/27/2015 calls for the consideration of environmental factors in the master planning process resulting in an inventory (overview) of the airport's environmental setting, the identification of potential environmental impacts of airport development alternatives, and the identification of environmentally related permits that may be required for recommended development projects. FAA recommends the airport sponsor/consultant to prepare an "overview of environmentally sensitive features of an airport" as part of the airport master plan. The overview should also include easily seen and/or readily documented environmental features and resources beyond the airport property line. For RDU the Umstead State Park should be identified for 49 USC Section 303(c) considerations. On at least two prior RDU actions 49 USC Section 303(c), has been invoked because of adverse impacts to Umstead. In addition the NEPA statute and CEQ regulations require all Federal agencies to integrate the NEPA process with other planning at the earliest possible time. Master planning documentation on the website does not address environmental factors nor NEPA. RDU should identify and document key environmental issues that were involved in analyzing airport development alternatives. Impacts that RDU airport staff needs to consider include those to William B. Umstead State Park, regional recreational resource connectivity, and water quality (e.g., Crabtree Lake and Crabtree Creek).
8/12/2016	Need to raise awareness of what's happening. Smart development, not destroying valuable community green space! https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=12558889&utm_source=petitions_show_components_action_panel_wrapper&utm_medium=copylink&recurrut_context=copylink_long 43 minutes ago in Raleigh, NC
8/12/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=1772731&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 4 hours ago in North Carolina
8/12/2016	The way you address the park, the forest, and mountain biking as a whole is condescending and dismissive. You make it very clear that your concern is with the benefit for a small number of people in your organization and their "revenue" and that the good of the community does not matter as long your pockets are full. Green space preservation is what makes a city desirable, beautiful and fun. Office parks and "development" as you call it only serve to pave over the things that make living worthwhile. The fact that your basis of why you can destroy this land is a simple reference to the lease also proves your disregard for ethical business as a whole. This project is nothing more than short sighted and destructive. Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) a day ago
8/12/2016	I oppose Vision 2040. We will destroy precious urban outdoor lands and an incredible outdoor recreational facility in Lake Crabtree County Park and the multi-use trails within it.
8/12/2016	Please save the mountain biking trails!

8/12/2016	I wholeheartedly oppose this plan. This area is loved and used heavily by outdoor enthusiasts. This type of recreation area is in high demand and very low supply in the Raleigh-Durham area, and it would be a terrible waste to build more of the same office buildings. I'm ashamed of our community for ever letting this become a possibility. Please rethink this plan, and consider all the people who use and love this natural space.
8/12/2016	The currently announced plan to deforest the green space that contains numerous trails and Lake Crabtree county park to make way for office space, hotels and a quarry will detrimentally impact the quality of life for all Wake County and surrounding area residents. The green space and recreation area these lands slated for development house is irreplaceable in terms of quality of life they provide. One of the factors that keeps us in Wake County is the opportunity to be outside and enjoy nature even while living in an urban setting. I understand Wake county continues to grow and the need for development is constant, but there are many areas available for development that would not destroy valuable parks that provide immense value to residents and serve as a draw for future residents. Please do not develop this land simply for profits, as this land currently provides immense benefits to quality of life that cannot be measured solely in dollar figures.
8/12/2016	Building schemes C & D preferred.
8/12/2016	Alternate C looks to be the best option. Noise control is a bit concern.
8/12/2016	Alternative C - expand Terminal 1 and improve ability to move between T1 and T2.
8/12/2016	Open more international gate, open for more business
8/12/2016	Don't develop Lake Crabtree area. Don't destroy the trails.
8/12/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=585306851&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @ChangeorgLatino 3 days ago in Sancti-Spiritus
8/14/2016	Please do not destroy more land. What about the wildlife, that is their home!?
8/14/2016	Please reconsider taking away Lake Crabtree park and mountain bike trails. My family and I utilize that area more often than not.
8/14/2016	While I have always had a pleasant experience inside the airport when flying, I've come to realize that the organization is a corrupt detriment to the community. Their forthcoming plan to "develop" the land around Crabtree Lake and Umstead park is criminally irresponsible. This airport is not only destroying one of the most popular parks in the city that is used by thousands of people, they are also creating an ecological disaster and encroaching on state wilderness area. Simply put they are destroying some of the little green space left in this part of the community for no other purpose than lining their pockets. The corruption in this act is obvious as 5 of the 7 members of the board of directors are personally invested in land development. While this should be stopped as a conflict of interest it is allowed so that a precious few people can profit at the community's loss. If this was not bad enough, the way in which the airport public relations office has dealt with the public has been nothing short of condescending and demeaning. A quick example of this is in every precious review where the automatic response is simply "take a closer look at our land use plan." This is an obvious dismissal of local concerns instead of an actual response. Furthermore if you read the land use policy you will notice that their justification for destroying this land is simply that their lease says they can. No consideration of the community or moral principles. The actions and the attitude of the airport authority reflect their lack of ethics, low moral character, and rampant greed. I urge anyone reading this review to fly from Charlotte instead of Raleigh. Not because the airport functions poorly, but because the organization itself is the picture of corruption, greed, and irresponsibility. If the airport authority and their public relations department had even a shred of dignity, courage, or common decency they would find a different way to meet their goals without permanently destroying valuable community property that can never be regained once lost. In summation, the airport authority, their board of directors, and the consultants that developed this land use plan are corrupt, reckless, irresponsible, greedy, cowardly detriments to this community.
8/15/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=585982697&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change
8/15/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=584942963&utm_campaign=signature_receipt_twitter_dialog&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=share_petition via @Change an hour ago in rdu
8/15/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=255385931&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 42 minutes ago in Raleigh, NC, USA
8/15/2016	It is in the best interest of citizens and the community to continue to have access to Lake Crabtree Park for recreational purposes. Please keep the greenspace that is already dedicated for Biking and Hiking Trails preserved. This is a tremendous resource to the community, and major factor in the local quality of life. While I am all for commercial development, I would rather see denser commercial development in sites that are already allocated for that use. Please re-consider the plan to develop these areas.
8/16/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=41148089&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 11 hours ago

8/16/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=536465417&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 8 minutes ago in RTP, NC, USA
8/16/2016	<p>On behalf of the Park Advisory Committee for William B. Umstead State Park, I am submitting our group comments about the RDU 2040 Vision Plan.</p> <hr/> <p>The Park Advisory Committee of William B. Umstead State Park is writing you about our concerns and suggestions regarding the current RDU Airport's Vision 2040 Master Planning content and process.</p> <p>The PAC supports the evaluation of an Urban Recreation Center on RDU property along Old Reedy Creek Rd to protect the recreational and forested quality of this corridor. This Urban Recreation Center should have its main access off of Aviation Parkway and contain approximately 30-50 miles of trails focusing on single track mountain bike trails and pedestrian trails within a forested corridor connecting to William B. Umstead State Park and Lake Crabtree County Park.</p> <p>There are many examples of such recreational centers that create economic benefits for the region and for adjacent airport. The International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) recognizes Ride Centers with gold, silver, and bronze ratings. There are many examples of these all over the world: https://www.imba.com/model-trails/ride-centers</p> <p>The PAC recognizes the desires and needs of the airport to generate revenue from its non-aviation land holdings. As such, land leases to private enterprises that can directly support the Urban Recreation Center (e.g., outdoor recreation shops, brewery, café, hotel, restaurants) might be considered. The Center could be the hub of races attracting people from across the country. Races already occurring at Lake Crabtree County Park attract participants from all over the U.S.</p> <p>The community should be involved as specific sections of the Land Use Master Plan components are developed.</p> <p>Additionally, the PAC opposes any runway built closer to William B. Umstead State Park as shown on Alternative D, in order to protect the noise levels at the campground in the park.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, William B. Umstead Park Advisory Committee Chair and Members</p>
8/16/2016	While the terminal facilities have greatly improved, I am surprised RDU wants to take back and develop the (leased) Lake Crabtree and ORC trail systems. These are a wondrous resource within our metro area. I do not see why this would be a more attractive area than the West or Northern ends of the RDU property, especially since the Crabtree sections already border a large development and would add undue traffic to congested highway I-40. These natural spaces on this side of the RDU property are more valuable to our residents left undeveloped and as a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. It would also hamper Cub Scout / Boy Scout use of the Odd Fellows property seated right next to the Area 4 section in the plan maps. I oppose the proposed plans to raze this great park and outdoor recreation area. The airport plan does nothing to improve runways, air traffic, or terminals, just administration coffers and add traffic to the area.
8/17/2016	I am a teenage user of the mountain bike trails in Lake Crabtree, and hiking trails in Umstead. This development would wipe out most of the area where I exercise. So many teenagers are fat and unhealthy. Why do you want to get rid of the only real hiking and biking areas anywhere nearby house?
8/17/2016	Please do not develop the area around Crabtree Lake and the state park. This area is used by so many recreational users that can not be duplicated in another area. Preserve this natural treasure.
8/17/2016	These are the most utilized mountain biking trails in the Triangle and their loss would be a recreational tragedy.
8/17/2016	Please do NOT develop Lake Crabtree County Park and the surrounding buffer area to Umstead State Park. I go out there several times a week and this would be devastating and a great loss to our community! Please reconsider your development plans.
8/17/2016	Please save the land
8/17/2016	Please keep the Crabtree lake park intact. There is plenty of other land to build commercial complexes. One of the main reasons people prefer Raleigh over cities is its proximity to nature. I do not want to imagine not been able to hike in the Crabtree park on weekends.
8/17/2016	Open spaces and trails are one of this regions greatest assets. To destroy such a large part of that for yet another office park without any indication that we need another office park is irresponsible and shortsighted.
8/17/2016	I object to the purposed plan
8/17/2016	I am writing you today to help save the land around the Lake Crabtree area, and existing recreational trails including the Lake Crabtree County Park and the surrounding buffer area to Umstead State Park. This property currently has wonderful hiking and biking trails and is heavily used by locals and visitors alike. I and my family of 5 frequently use this area. Development of this land would be a huge loss to us and our community.
8/17/2016	I strongly oppose this development because we need to protect and grow natural recreational areas from commercial development. With the right kind of planning these areas could produce tourism based revenue streams. We need these spaces to promote healthy active lifestyles and preserve the quality of life that makes residents want to remain here in the RDU area. What we have at LCCP and the surrounding area is a great start to what could become a landmark, nationally know trail center. Lets work together to save this land!!
8/17/2016	Don't take our Lake Crabtree and Umsted trails. You Have plenty of land to work with now.

8/17/2016	Please do not destroy land around the Lake Crabtree area. This property currently has wonderful hiking and biking trails and is heavily used by locals and visitors alike. Development of this land would be a huge loss to our community. The RDU (Raleigh/Durham) Airport plan recently unveiled for the use of this land which entails destruction of several centrally located forested areas in the Triangle and build commercial office space, hotels and a quarry will directly impact up to 32 miles of existing recreational trails including the Lake Crabtree County Park and the surrounding buffer area to Umstead State Park. This would be a great loss to us and our community! Please save this beautiful oasis of green in the Triangle.
8/17/2016	Can we not have nice things without the need to develop every inch of green space?
8/17/2016	Please do not take away something that is so vital to the community's health and mental well being. The accessibility of our parks and lakes is one of the main reasons I moved to Raleigh and remains one of the reasons why I've stayed.
8/17/2016	Please don't develop Lake Crabtree Park. It is a beautiful resource for the Raleigh area. Many people go there for mountain biking, picnics, and general play that would be irreplaceable if this area is lost.
8/17/2016	As we destroy our forests and all the wildlife who inhabit them, we eradicate many of the reasons why people move here in the first place. This area is fast becoming ugly and homogeneous. NC is beautiful and exceptional precisely because it has trees, not because it has the most hotels and bland office parks and stores. Please consider what you are doing. We don't need more buildings and services. We need to protect our wilderness and once it is gone and replaced with manicured landscaped decorative trash trees and beige buildings, we don't get it back!!
8/17/2016	I'm opposed to this development. There is plenty of development that has occurred around RDU and at some point you need to stop and leave nature in place for plants, animals and some limited recreation. Please leave this area as is.
8/17/2016	Do you know how many inexpensive hotels and chain restaurants are already in this area?! Do we really need more! Lake Crabtree is one of the few quiet peaceful places in the area, why destroy it. The growth is out of control in most of wake County. The area around the airport is already a glutted mess with too much traffic, narrow roads and little scenic variety. If one stays in a hotel in this area, wouldn't the park with its trail and nature be a drawing card. This is a BAD IDEA PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!!
8/17/2016	I do not support the purposed plan of lake Crabtree. My family and I spend many weekends enjoying the hiking, biking, and kayaking. I urge you to consider those of us who utilize the outdoors and the wonderful opportunity lake Crabtree provides. Thanks!
8/17/2016	I use the Reedy Creek trail and others on occasion and think it would be a shame to develop such a beautiful area whose trails enhance the quality of life for so many people. Additionally, development can only negatively affect the watershed and if this project is mainly to generate revenue, I think other avenues should be considered first.
8/17/2016	Please reconsider developing the Crabtree Lake property. This area has been a valuable asset to the community including all the the recreational opportunities it provides to citizens and visitors alike. Green space is valuable space!
8/17/2016	Please don't trade in park land to make a profit. A land full of trees is more valuable than office buildings.
8/17/2016	Please leave our park and trails as is.
8/17/2016	Please do not take away forested recreation areas in your master plan. There is plenty of land available for commercial development without impacting some of the finest wooded recreation areas in the RDU vicinity.
8/17/2016	Regarding plans for Crabtree Lake area green and community use space. I am in receipt of information suggesting the RDU Airport Authority is developing plans to repurpose airport property for use as commercial office space, hotels and a quarry. Even Sully couldn't land a plane on any of these nor do they seem to serve any functional aviation purpose. Please advise if the information I have received is misleading and consider the existing use of this property by the US citizens and community as the property's highest and best use for the near term and foreseeable future.
8/17/2016	Please don't destroy Lake Crabtree area. Find a new way to develop the desired hotel, office space without removing a beautiful, natural area that residents of this area enjoy.
8/17/2016	Please realize that while this property has some short-term value, it has MUCH MUCH more long-term value. The short-sighted bulldozing of a natural area would not only depress the demand for airline tickets and the development itself, it would give me the impression that RDU should not be trusted by the community, and should not be patronized whenever there is a more responsible/sustainable travel substitute.
8/17/2016	leave the trails in tact! We don't want to lose the beauty of Cary at the price of the price of developer greed for more money.
8/17/2016	STOP! Wooded area should be protected, not decimated to create more buildings.
8/17/2016	Greenspace in our communities and around the airport is IMPORTANT. Don't treat it as disposable, or replaceable. It's neither.
8/17/2016	I am writing to share my objections to your plans to develop the land around Lake Crabtree. This development would result in the destruction of irreplaceable, centrally-located forested recreation areas and in the destruction of an important green buffer space between the airport facilities and the very popular Umstead State Park. Ultimately, the destruction of this forested area could negatively affect the hundreds of acres within the Crabtree Creek watershed. Leasing these lands for commerical development is far outside the scope of the mission or purpose of RDU. Please preserve them as they are. Raleigh, NC
8/17/2016	Please do not take away the mountain bike trails. These trails are used by so many people on a regular basis and are a great beginner series of rides for children. The location of the trails is important: they are convenient to many nearby offices and homes, making them an ideal "quick exercise" option for many.

8/17/2016	I think developing the Lake Crabtree area south of I-40 is a huge mistake. I recently relocated to the RDU area. One of the reasons I was willing to come here was because the culture and atmosphere is so unique. Amenities like Lake Crabtree are unique and noteworthy. Another business complex is not. The situation is similar to giving your child \$50 as a graduation gift. It will be long forgotten as the years go by. However, giving a unique and memorable gift will last through time. Lake Crabtree is a wonderful park that I visit multiple times per week. It provides me enjoyment and memories. I proudly tell my out-of-state friends how much I enjoy the park. Obviously, another business park will not generate a similar conversation. Developing Crabtree is one more incremental step towards becoming unremarkable.
8/17/2016	Please save our park and woodlands. These types of recreational areas are the things that bring people to our city and enjoyment to the ones here.
8/17/2016	<p>I received your email in response to my comments made during public meeting and based on your response, I don't think you are trying to find a solution that the public and the airport could get behind and support. I see the 93 pages of comments since July 22, 2016 posted here (thank you for posting these comments) and NONE of them include support for the development of public land, Lake Crabtree. I knew there were a lot of citizens opposed to development of Lake Crabtree and corridor to Umstead and it's nice to see the comments.</p> <p>That said, it seems like your response to my comment is to quote more FAA regulations instead of trying to find a solution that would meet both the recreational needs of community and the revenue needs of the airport. Lake Crabtree has been used by the public for 28 years and it seems like RDU has already decided that office space or hotel space will be developed on Lake Crabtree lands. I've read much of the FAA Airport Compliance Manual - 5190.6B and it doesn't cover publicly used lands at ALL. Because of this, some special consideration needs to be taken. Revenue generation is a real need for the airport and citizens understand that. There are other ways to make revenue and I've talked to many people, who have so many great ideas that haven't even been given a seat at the negotiation table. Reconsider your position for the long term future of this community. Our grandchildren will applaud our efforts to protect a public recreational space more than they will remember yet another office/hotel space. Let's find a way to work together.</p>
8/17/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=17370926&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change studio929 7 hours ago in North Carolina, USA
8/17/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign the Petition! fb.me/5wG06OUVm 10 hours ago
8/17/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=584475467&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 20 hours ago
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8/17/2016	Please protect Crabtree Creek and Umstead Park by rejecting plans for new quarry by expanding existing runways rather than building new. Thank you.
8/17/2016	I think using the green space around the airport for commercial hotels would be a big mistake. The area around Umstead park with the numerous hiking and biking opportunities is one of the major attractions in Triangle area. Loss of this green space will be devastating and I think will ultimately adversely affect migration to the area. Umstead park and Crabtree lake are cherished hiking spots for my family and friends. On a personal note, the green areas around Raleigh airport and Crabtree lake is one of the sights I love to see when landing from the plane onto RDU and is one of the first sights that signals being "home". I would hate to see hotels and office space and God forbid, a quarry, like any other city. An eye-sore to replace the peaceful sights is a scary thought. I'm sure this feeling will resonate with a lot of Triangle-ites.
8/17/2016	I am writing to encourage the sustaining of the natural forested buffer area around Reedy Creek. We need as much buffering around the airport. Those areas are highly valued by the residents of Wake and the surrounding counties for hiking, camping, orienteering, etc.
8/17/2016	I urge you to protect the peace and integrity of William B. Umstead State Park by refraining from putting either a quarry or a runway near its borders. Triangle residents and visitors need this sanctuary, as does the wildlife that calls the park home. Please, find other alternatives.
8/17/2016	Respectfully yours,
8/17/2016	I write to ask you to reject the proposed quarry and new runways and expand the current runways instead. Development including an industrial quarry would destroy acres of forest that are the last intact forest in that area. That forest is needed for recreational and ecological services. We do not need more industrial waste flowing into our creeks and watershed. Crabtree Creek is an essential part of the waterways in Wake County and beyond as it flows to the Neuse River. Opening a new quarry would require expanding an access road, building a bridge across the creek and, potentially, piping Crabtree Creek tributaries. The cost to the general public of this proposed development and quarry are too great. Please reject it.
8/17/2016	The expansion perspective that concentrates on expansion of existing runways, rather than new construction that is more expensive and endangering of water and wildlife, needs full support by the Authority.

	<p>William B. Umstead State Park offers 5,600 acres of rest and relaxation in the heart of one of North Carolina's busiest metro areas. But Umstead's proximity to urban areas puts this park under constant threat from pollution and development. The risk is elevated by the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority's master plan for upgrades and uses for airport property through 2040. Ideas being considered include replacing one runway with two new ones that could be sited closer to the park, and allowing a new industrial quarry just outside the park's southern side, across Crabtree Creek from an existing quarry.</p> <p>Crabtree Creek is an essential part of the waterways in Wake County and beyond as it flows to the Neuse River. Opening a new quarry would require expanding an access road, building a bridge across the creek and, potentially, piping Crabtree Creek tributaries.</p>
8/17/2016	I urge the airport authority to reject the planned quarry and to expand existing runways rather than build new ones closer to the park.
8/17/2016	Expand RDU and don't build another airport.
8/17/2016	Our children and grandchildren deserve to hike and bike in Umstead Park. We don't need another quarry in this location. Please protect our parks!
8/17/2016	In regards to the proposed development of the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area; These are great trails which are easily accessible and used by countless enthusiasts. Please do not underestimate the value of green space and recreational areas, especially in such a rapidly sprawling urban area. I, and many others, urge you to reconsider the RDU Airport Authority Master Plan which would ultimately destroy the wooded areas of Lake Crabtree County Park and the wooded areas off of Old Reedy Creek. Please work with local government and user groups to develop an alternate solution.
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8/17/2016	Winter walk circle
8/17/2016	Help prevent @RDUAirport from turning #umsteadstatepark into another strip mall. click.exacttarget.change.org/?qs=627376cfb8... #signthepetition #saveumstead 5 hours ago
8/18/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=5787908&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 13 hours ago
8/18/2016	Please reject the ideas to: 1. replace one RDU runway with two new ones that could be sited closer to Umstead Park, and 2. allow a new industrial quarry just outside the park's southern side, across Crabtree Creek from an existing quarry.
8/18/2016	With your long term plan considerations, please do not destruct any sections of our lovely local Lake Crabtree or Umstead parks. We are so very fortunate to have close access to the outdoors within a city that is growing like a weed. I am a frequent user of both parks for mountain biking and hiking - I find my solace in these beautiful spaces.
8/18/2016	Please reject the proposed quarry and do not permit a new runway but rather an expansion of existing runways.
8/18/2016	Please reject the planned quarry and rather expand the existing runways instead of building new ones.
8/18/2016	Thank you for this opportunity to make known my concerns for environmental health of the area and our beautiful state of NC.
8/18/2016	Please reject the planned quarry and expand existing runways instead of building new ones closer to the park.
8/18/2016	I understand that the RDU Authority is considering plans to replace one runway with two new ones that would be sited closer to the Umstead State Park, and allow a new industrial quarry just outside the park's southern side, across Crabtree Creek from the existing quarry. I ask you to please consider expanding existing runways, rather than building new runways. I also ask you to reject the plans for a new quarry so close to Crabtree Creek.
8/19/2016	I am a Raleigh resident and a pilot for a major airline who uses RDU at least three times a week. I strongly encourage you to select a final plan that provides for a robust and seamless public transit connection to the terminals linked directly to the future light rail facilities. It would be best if you allow for development of a rail or "people mover" line rather than just relying on the kind of unpleasant bus service you have now. The national trend is clear: an increasing number of our residents do not have or desire a car. Light rail service in the Raleigh-Durham region will significantly change how many of us get around. Please ensure the airport is as accessible to rail customers as it is to the decreasing number of automobile drivers you will see in the next 20 years. On another topic, I urge you to eliminate any possibility of a new industrial quarry near Crabtree Creek. Crabtree Creek is a vital urban waterway and a tributary to the Neuse River which already has water quality problems. Our first priority should be protection of the watershed and the creek itself.
8/19/2016	Wake County park is uniquely located within the triangle for easy access to miles of hiking and biking trails for lots of people working and living around here. This park along with Umstead is what makes this area unique. Please reconsider the plan to clear this area for development and explore other ways of creating income for RDU.
8/20/2016	Following the Vision Plan I served as the Investment banker for the Authority.

8/20/2016	RDU has a perfect opportunity to make itself unique in the world by preserving the adjacent forested lands for use by residents and visitors. Access to Umstead and existing local trails would be a fantastic feature of the airport that would complement the growing park system. However, additional hotels and offices add little and are already plentiful, with plenty of space to grow elsewhere. The forested areas are irreplaceable, and their loss would permanently reduce one of the most beautiful natural attractions of this region. RDU can either grow into another unremarkable airport, or it can demonstrate long-term vision by preserving the lands and positioning that as a unique selling point.
8/20/2016	William B. Umstead State Park is a vital green space in the midst of an urban area that is growing at high speed. Please reject the planned quarry near the park. Expand existing runways, instead of building new ones.
8/20/2016	Destroying established, popular, unique green space used by locals and tourists alike, to make way for a hotel is not a critical airport need. There are currently over a dozen hotels within 2 miles of RDU. Please leave the trails at Lake Crabtree as is until that land is needed by the airport for an actual critical aviation function. I have worked and lived in Morrisville since 2005, Lake Crabtree quickly became my favorite park in the area. I spend a considerable amount of my free time biking, running, kayaking and even volunteer at the park. Please don't destroy such a wonderful park for yet another hotel.
8/20/2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I OPOSSE a runway built closer to William B. Umstead State Park 2. I OPOSSE a quarry built next to William B. Umstead State Park on environmental sensitive lands that drain into our Park and Crabtree Creek 3. I SUPPORT a Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center that includes 50 acres of single track/pedestrian trails near Old Reedy Creek Road 4. I SUPPORT an extended, detailed community involvement in planning the land us on all RDU airport lands on the side near William B. Umstead State Park, including Lake Crabtree County Park and lands near Old Reedy Creek Road.
8/20/2016	Please operate your airport projects away from our precious state parks. I oppose any airport expansion plans that jeopardize park resources. Thank you.
8/20/2016	Please protect the areas around our beautiful Umstead State Park and Lake Crabtree County Park. What makes the Triangle a phenomenal place for people to live and visit is having easy access to these incredibly wonderful places. I have used both parks extensively for hiking, mountain biking, sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, bird watching and more. To think that people living in the triangle have access to these kinds of activities in gorgeous settings just minutes from downtown areas, is unbelievable -- a jewel for any city. As more and more businesses and government agencies try to get their employees to be more active and healthy, why would anyone even think of pouring more asphalt and concrete and being like everywhere else? I encourage you to follow the suggestions of the Umstead Coalition. They seem to be on the right track. Thank you.
8/20/2016	As a lifelong North Carolinian, I am upset that the master plan proposes to reduce the size of the best urban park in the state and one of the best in the USA. My family plus hundreds of friends use this park almost daily and we are disturbed by the short-sighted planning. Specifically, the new quarry will destroy a beautiful part of the park. Secondly, the acreage that is proposed to be sold is the buffer for the quiet sanctuary we call Umstead Park. The trees clean the air and guarantees a safe place for all. Just this morning, I saw over 500 people walking, biking or running in the park. They did not have to contend with the noise of a quarry or new industrial buildings. The last thing we should do is reduce the size of the park. I support the purchase of whatever acreage the Airport Authority wants to sell. DO NOT DEVELOP THIS LAND.
8/20/2016	I oppose options that would locate runways closer to Umstead State Park and oppose converting the open space currently adjacent to Lake Crabtree Park to development. While the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority may be within the terms of its lease agreement and federal statutes to develop this land, it is not necessarily in the best interests of the community that RDU serves to do so. Given the development pressures in the region and loss of open space, RDU is well positioned to be a steward of our open space by not developing this land. Additionally, RDU should not locate runways closer to Umstead Park in order to avoid increased noise impacts.
8/20/2016	<p>I am very concerned about the proposal for "Industrial/Quarry" adjacent to Umstead State Park. Whilst it is obviously necessary to provide the best air transportation for the RDU region, we must not forget the reason for the air traffic - to convey residents and visitors to the area. This traffic is dependent upon the continuing attractions of the area, including the "rus in urbs" nature of Raleigh and Durham. It is therefore counter-productive that the airport authority should diminish in any way the desirability of the area to passengers upon which the airport depends.</p> <p>Should the area be developed, let it be some recreational use - thereby not only protecting existing attractions, but possibly adding a destination such as a lodge and spa (for example) that would complement the Umstead park and make additional sensitive use of this valuable amenity.</p>
8/20/2016	As an active user of the trails at Lake Crabtree County Park, I support a plan that maintains these trails. The construction of a forested trail center at Lake Crabtree would've a great addition to the community, provide a revenue stream for the airport, and maintain the existing green space. I hope this alternative is considered.
8/20/2016	Umstead Park is the Triangle's greatest outdoor amenity. Every effort should be made to protect the park and adjacent areas from further development or encroachment. RDU Airport would be damaging the Triangle if it sold or developed its land next to the Park. Please take into account the greater public interest, and not just the revenue desires of the Airport Authority.

	I oppose a runway built closer to William B. Umstead State Park (we successfully stopped this in the last Master Plan update)
	I oppose a quarry built next to William B. Umstead State Park on environmental sensitive lands that drain into our Park and Crabtree Creek
	I SUPPORT a Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center that includes 50 acres of single track/pedestrian trails.
8/20/2016	I SUPPORT an extended, detailed community involvement in planning the land us on all RDU airport lands on the side near William B. Umstead State Park, including Lake Crabtree County Park and lands near Old Reedy Creek Road.
8/20/2016	Please remember that whatever you do with the airport will be with us until your grandchildren grow up. What will they think of your decision if it compromises what is left of nature in the triangle metropolis?
8/20/2016	I strongly oppose any plans to develop Parcels 1-4 for industrial or commercial uses. These currently forested lands are irreplaceable assets in the heavily-developed Raleigh-Durham area. I urge you to adopt the proposal put forth by the Amsted Coalition and Triangle Off-Road Cyclists for a world-class Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center for these portions of the airport property. Your interpretation of FAA requirements is simply incorrect and does not follow accepted practices at other airports. Furthermore, low-intensity recreation provides a highly-desirable noise and safety buffer to our airport that protects its future value. Do not destroy these forested parcels for unnecessary and misguided non-aviation development. Work with the citizens of RDU to establish a Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center and keep Parcels 1-4 natural.
8/21/2016	Please save the Crabtree park area. These kind of public green spaces are vital to promoting the quality of life in the triangle area. It would be devastating to lose it.
8/21/2016	I use the mountain bike trails near RDU on a weekly basis for exercise and recreation. It is a beautiful area and is an attraction for the Raleigh/Durham area. I am an executive at a local start-up company in the triangle and I use the existence of these trains as a recruiting tool to attract talented high tech individuals to the area which helps to stimulate the local economy. Please do not eliminate these trails. They are very important to us as local citizens and to the local economy!
8/21/2016	I oppose building a runway closer to Umstead State Park; and , I oppose building a quarry near park land.
8/21/2016	I was shocked to hear about potential development of the forest and existing park near umstead. This area is far better suited for outdoor trails and access to natural areas then yet another office park. It's in a unique position to be a jewel of the area. If monetizing it is the problem, I'd suggest looking toward outdoor recreation
8/21/2016	Dont develop the bike paths keep the green ways and park area
8/21/2016	I support the Umstead Coalition and its alternative community vision that will assist the airport with revenue streams and enhance this corridor with a "Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center"(and, YES, the FAA allows this use on airport property). And, yes, it would entail revenue streams for the airport via leases to brewery, bike rental, outdoor retail, hotel, parking, cafe, perhaps zip line, and more!
8/21/2016	The combination of the Lake Crabtree and Umstead park greenspace is a local treasure for Wake County. Every effort should be made to preserve it.
8/22/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=14095866&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 3 hours ago in Raleigh, NC
8/22/2016	Good grief, it RDU's land, they can do what they want with it..RDU expansion plans met with resistance from cyclists abc11.com/news/rdu-expans... 11 hours ago in ANGIER NC, United States
8/22/2016	Save forested lands near RDU airport / Old Reedy Creek / Lake Crabtree Park / Umstead Park : www.change.org/p/rdu-airp... a day ago in Cary NC
8/22/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=6696562&utm_campaign=signature_receipt_twitter_dialog&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=share_petition via @Change a day ago in North Carolina
8/22/2016	Possibility that RDU could develop woods irks bikers, hikers wral.com/15944071 via @WRAL @TORC @SORBA @IMBA Spread the word. 2 days ago
8/22/2016	RDU Authority asked to preserve land for trails 2 days ago in Tulsa
8/22/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=587662289&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 2 days ago in Raleigh-Durham, NC
8/22/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=587636795&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 2 days ago

8/22/2016	Encouraging RDU cyclists and runners to express the need for trail access at Umstead/RDU/LakeCrabtree twitter.com/torc_nc/statu... 2 days ago in North Carolina and Virginia
8/22/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... https://www.change.org/p/rdu-airport-authority-save-the-forested-lands-near-old-reedy-creek-within-rdu-s-project-area?recruiter=587626559&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=share_twitter_responsive via @Change 2 days ago in NC
8/22/2016	RDU Authority asked to preserve land for trails www.newsobserver.com/news... 2 days ago in Raleigh, NC
8/22/2016	RDU Authority asked to preserve land for trails www.newsobserver.com/news... #MTB 2 days ago in Fayetteville, PA
8/22/2016	RDU Authority asked to preserve land for trails #offroadtrails soco.space/6noChp pic.twitter.com/LdN2bhocW... 2 days ago
8/22/2016	RDU Authority asked to preserve land for #cycling & hiking trails ... www.newsobserver.com/news... 3 days ago in Raleigh, NC, USA
8/22/2016	RDU Authority asked to preserve land for trails - News & Observer dlvr.it/M4NI20 3 days ago
8/22/2016	None
8/22/2016	I oppose any plan that involves the acquisition of lands currently used by recreational bikers, hikers, runners, etc.
8/22/2016	There is no need to destroy forest enjoyed by thousands of Raleigh tax payers for an extension of an airport that will only serve to fill the pockets of people that don't need any more money.
8/22/2016	Keep the forest trails near Umsted!! They are a treasure & an attraction. We need our outdoor recreation spaces & places to grow into a world class city. I came here from Seattle- & they have done that. Though the airport is far out & much less convenient.
8/22/2016	To whom it may concern: I grew up in Charlotte, NC and went through that airport's Master Plan several years ago. That airport had to annex areas so that they could build a 4th runway and extend another one. Around the perimeter of the airport, walking/hiking/biking trails were established as well as a plane watching area. Now, CLT is one of the busiest airports in the nation. The Plan helped spur growth and create a "new" Charlotte. I support the Master Plan for RDU. It is good to look long-term and plan ahead for inevitable growth. While I understand the sentiment of the bicyclists, they must understand that the Triangle area is growing by leaps and bounds. We as a community must be prepared for this growth or else we'll be in a huge mess and probably gridlock. RDU is closer to the East Coast than CLT and, by the way RDU is growing, RDU has the potential for being even busier than CLT. We need to plan for this growth. I would urge the Planners to incorporate some of the ideas above (i.e. bike trails around the perimeter, an UNOBSTRUCTED plane viewing platform, etc). The current plane viewing platform was well thought out EXCEPT for one thing- Location. The current platform does not allow a totally unobstructed view of the runway. When planes land and take off, they go behind a building during their ascent/descent. You lose the feel of the momentum that the plane has. Ideally, the platform would be located on the perimeter of the airport away from all terminals. RDU has the potential to bring in new carriers and new routes, both domestic and international. This means that new jobs will be created which ultimately is good for the economy. I know I would love to have an airport job with an airline or even in the building/planning phase of the airport itself. While there may be historic significance and sentiment to the areas that the Master Plan is looking at, I feel a good job of planning can ease the pain of progress. Incorporating history into the buildings through art is a good way. Maybe even have a part of a wall in the terminal that tells the story of RDU through pictures and stories. I am not against the outdoors by any means. I just feel that these things should be considered in the planning stages and have some accommodations made.
8/22/2016	Thank you for allowing me to express my views on the 2040 Master Plan for RDU.

8/22/2016	To take away the recreational family friendly environment is absurd. We don't need more buildings, business or hotels. Here's the issues you soon face. While your revenue will increase due to the buildings you create the community vibe will decrease. The thing that brings many people to this town is the Greenways and parks that they can enjoy. The Crabtree lake trail that me and my family have enjoyed for 20 years. The scenery over the lake to simply relax, take a stroll and enjoy will be gone. It has been available for a long time and now you want to take that away from the many that cherish it. Our future depends on the outdoors. It brings families to rdu. Please consider the lively hood of our future. The space to breathe. Not to mention climate change needs the open environment as well.
8/22/2016	The area is growing by leaps and bounds and it only makes sense that the airport has to to expand as well. I am a cyclist as well and think that an alternate venue for cyclists are the many miles of greenway throughout Wake County.
8/22/2016	Please do not develop Crabtree park into retail / hotel / office space. Part of Raleigh's charm is our greenspace, especially our parks. We live close to the airport and look forward to taking our children to Lake Crabtree as they age. It makes our family very sad to think that this park would not be cherished and kept.
8/22/2016	The mountain bike trails at Crabtree are my kids' and my favorite place in the Triangle. Please leave them for local families to enjoy.
8/22/2016	I'm a Cary resident and frequent user of both the Umstead and Crabtree Parks. I'm also one who enjoys living close to the airport for convenient travel. As ride sharing becomes more readily available parking at airports is not going to be as important as it is today. Massive parking expansions will not be required. I'm originally from new York and was brought to this state by the military. I decided to move to this area after discharge because you can't find a growing area anywhere in the country where you have beautiful green spaces so easily accessible from the major arteries that connect the communities. Not to mention convenient to the downtown's and RTP. Development of these lands would negatively effect attractiveness of this area and do unnecessary harm to beautiful spaces that are one of the many reasons this area of the country is so great.
8/22/2016	I oppose the development of any of the current Crabtree recreation and parks areas for commercial or residential purposes. There are already insufficient parks in the towns of Cary and Morrisville for the growing populations. Further, there is more than enough deforestation and development in progress in the immediate vicinity. We need to ensure a work/life balance in these towns. It will sicken me to have to go out of town for a picnic, paddle or bike ride. Sincerely
8/22/2016	I am a biker and constant user of RDU. The thing that makes my blood boil is the quote that 'the lease can be terminated if the land is needed for aeronautical use' when a large part of the plan is to build hotels and an office park. This is a simple example of city planning (public and private) trying to 'better' our city without understanding what already makes it great.
8/22/2016	I am opposed to the master plan 2040 that would develop land along old reedy creek Rd and at lake crabtee. I realize it is RDU property but there are so many people who use and love this land for outdoor recreation. It is a jewel and significant attraction for the area and the idea off more offices and businesses going in there is truly depressing. Please reconsider. Thanks for your time.
8/22/2016	Myself and my family are strongly against the building of a runway closer to William B. Umstead state park, the development of wooded areas around Lake Crabtree county park and the expansion of the rock quarry near Old Reedy Creek Road. We feel these areas should be preserved and protected as a community resource for outdoor recreation. RDU should explore alternative revenue streams that jibe with the community such as an urban trails resource center.
8/22/2016	If RDU wants to expand, go ride your bike somewhere else and quit your crying. There's plenty of other places to ride your bikes in Wake Co. It's their land and they can do what they want with it. Period.
8/22/2016	Please don't develop the area near Lake Crabtree (section 2). thanks
8/22/2016	I strongly believe that our preserved parks / wildlife are a great asset to the people and the businesses of the Triangle. Please help to preserve and protect these by not building a runway closer to William B. Umstead State Park or a quarry next to William B. Umstead State Park on environmental sensitive lands that drain into Umstead Park and Crabtree Creek. I love, love, love the idea of a Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center that includes trails near Old Reedy Creek Road. This is the kind of innovation that will set the Triangle apart.
8/22/2016	Please at least retain the trail network in Crabtree and Umstead. I'm a private pilot, and a cyclist. The trails near RDU are convenient and challenging, and accessible to just about all of the residents of the triangle. To consider development on those spaces is short sighted, in my opinion.
8/22/2016	If you want to make Raleigh a hub for guests and travelers you're shooting yourself in the foot by developing in its green spaces. People come to NC for it's nature and creative center. When you seek no alternatives to destroying both of these for sake of construction you undermine the draw of NC and mar the landscape for all of us that work and thrive here. Look to forward thinking cities that support it's nature and business. Too often we spread out further and further and slowly mow down one of the best things this state has going for it. My neighbors and I condemn this poorly thought out plan. Save the green space.
8/22/2016	Hell No to the Airport Authority developing land adjacent to beautiful Umstead State park. Why ruin a great benefit to living in the Triangle?! Please don't let your greed stand in the way of doing what is right - protect this Park! We have enough development in this area already. Don't be shortsighted, try to think about what has made this area one of the best places to live and work. Common sense please!

	<p>I understand the profit motives for development, but I can see no good reason to develop Lake Crabtree County Park or the areas surrounding Old Reedy Creek road. While Raleigh is in growth mode, part of what makes this area so attractive is the green space. The mountain biking and hiking trails at LCP are some of the last remaining trails in Raleigh. By developing this land, RDU is effectively ruining outdoor activities for thousands of people for another hotel or more office space.</p> <p>I urge you to think beyond immediate dollars and consider the implications of a city with no green space. No hiking and biking trails. No easily accessible areas for leisure activities. The very foundation of Raleigh is our green space, our outdoor recreations, our culture of work mixed with activity. Please don't take this away from the citizens of Raleigh.</p>
8/22/2016	<p>I am completely against the development of these green spaces. Once gone, they can never be brought back. Build the hotels and office spaces somewhere else.</p> <p>Why do you need to take all that space for development? I'm no expert in airport or urban development, zoning, etc. but RDU has never seemed busy enough to justify taking all that land.</p> <p>There seems to be plenty of space around the northeastern and northwestern side of the airport or north of the Sheetz station and around the parking lot, with even a semi-intelligent level of design, to construct whatever "aviation support" construction RDU may need.</p> <p>There are plenty of unoccupied office spaces around Raleigh. There is plenty of room to construct more offices, hotels, commercial attractions, etc. on Page Rd, TW Alexander, or HWY 70. That land has already been developed beyond the point of being attractive for wilderness or outdoor recreation, yet is commercially viable enough, combined with conveniently located already existing attractions to suit the needs and wishes of the urban developers. It's even more convenient than the land around the airport to access places like Brier Creek, RTP, etc., being enjoyable by locals as well as visitors. Development of the land we've already carved out for places like Brier Creek, RTP and surrounding areas, and reuse of the already existing office spaces from the downsizing companies like Cisco or Lenovo is much more cost effective and preserves the outdoor space that attracts residents to The Triangle in the first place. Everything I've heard about the plan, perhaps with the exception of airport support facilities, which I've already addressed, just seems like the construction of a huge facility that won't reach the full capacity as planned and will wind up just being a half-empty, money and resource sucking, unprofitable development.</p> <p>The land you're speaking of taking is hundreds of acres worth of little-disturbed natural space conveniently enough located to be enjoyed by local wildlife and thousands of outdoor enthusiasts per year. You're also encroaching on Umstead Park, basically choking nature into a smaller area and removing the largest, and really only, area of minimally disturbed land inside the 540 perimeter.</p> <p>The plan to develop the zones as mapped is a prime example of developers' greed, unintelligent planning, and complete disregard for the opinions of the local residents, the vast majority of whom have nothing to do with anything that will be constructed and stand to gain absolutely no benefit from it. I highly doubt my opinion is significant enough to change anything about your plan, but I implore you to consider it along with what I'm sure are thousands of others similar to it to reconsider your decision to take away our untouched land.</p>
8/22/2016	<p>I currently work at an office that fronts Lake Crabtree, love to bike and hike around there, and strongly oppose expansion into zone 2. Please consider there are dozens more of my colleagues whom are in agreement as well.</p>

	<p>The forested areas marked for development include land directly adjacent to Umstead State Park and much of the land within Lake Crabtree County Park, the most heavily used park in the Wake County Park system. These lands have approximately 32 miles of existing recreational trails built by local residents and are used by mountain bikers, walkers, and runners—both adults and children—groups and individuals. Some of the trails in this forested green space offer beginner/kid-friendly mountain biking and thus foster family outdoor recreation. Also, these trails are connected to the greenway systems of both Raleigh and Cary.</p> <p>In addition to the loss of forested recreation space, development of these lands would remove an important green space buffer between the airport facilities and the very popular Umstead State Park and could negatively affect the hundreds of acres within the Crabtree Creek watershed.</p> <p>The Airport’s master planning process revealed that none of these lands are required for runways, terminals, parking, or any other facility directly related to passengers or aircraft at the RDU facility. The planners propose to use these lands for the sole purpose of generating revenue for the airport by leasing these lands out to developers to build office space, hotels, and a quarry. For all of these revenue-generating items, alternatives are available, so the destruction of forested recreation space and forested green space buffer to Umstead need not occur.</p> <p>Triangle Off-Road Cyclists urges the preservation of all the existing forested lands, trails, and green space within the Airport Authority’s project area which is located to the South and East of National Guard Drive and Aviation Parkway. We further suggest that the Airport work with surrounding municipalities to investigate the creation of an Urban Trails Center within this property. This Urban Trails Center would create business opportunities for new and existing hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, bars, bike shops, and recreation outfitters.</p> <p>The proximity of this forested recreation space to the urban area only increases property values and positively affects the quality of life in the Triangle region. This benefits not only existing residents, but also helps to attract future businesses and employees. The Triangle region should look at the work which has taken place in Richmond, VA, and Chattanooga, TN to preserve trails close to population centers. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists strongly believe that the benefits from an Urban Trail Center to the community far outweigh any benefits to the community which might be realized by creating a few new offices, a hotel, and a quarry. Triangle Off-Road Cyclists recognize that RDU Airport is important to our area and has funding challenges it must overcome, however, we believe an Urban Trail Center is a far better solution to the community than the land uses proposed by the Airport’s plan. By working with the surrounding municipalities, Triangle Off-Road Cyclists firmly believe that we can craft a solution that not only brings necessary revenue to the airport, but also enhances the communities which the airport serves.</p>
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8/22/2016	<p>The majority of documentation available for this expansion is irrelevant of placing shoe shining stations and Bojangles locations around the airport, as other comments have suggested. The bulk of information I've found deals with the third-party development of the area around Crabtree Lake in order to bring additional revenue to RDU airport, meaning business parks, hotels, chain restaurants, and potential long-term parking for RDU. As a lifetime resident in the triangle I can attest that we actually do not need any more Bojangles, and I can shine my shoes at home. The development we would like to see would include more local eateries and businesses, and preservation of areas that are quickly being run-over with expansive sub-divisions and business parks. The charm of the triangle lies in areas like Lake Crabtree. The area between Crabtree park and Old Reedy Creek attracts people from all around the state, but most importantly provides a recreational and athletic outdoor oasis for citizens of the triangle. There aren't many areas left like this around Raleigh and we should do everything in our power to preserve it. Once it's gone, it will never be restored. In addition to the fact that you can likely find a number of quality hotels and business parks in the area with vacancy. Do we really need another Buffalo Wild Wings and Marriott? Those are the only places that can afford such parcels to rent. So, in addition to hurting the remaining wildlife and wooded areas here, I'd imagine it will also further stifle the local eatery scene, which is exactly what we should avoid. The people of the triangle are saturated, overrun, and quite literally sick of chain restaurants, bars, and businesses. Please build up our local economy and stop with the uselessness. Alternate plans should be more encompassing and vetted more thoroughly through the eyes of the public. This acreage could be bonded by the county/state and paid for through a minuscule increase in certain taxes (or better use of our current taxes if McCrory is booted). Raleigh has taken on \$52 million of debt to DEVELOP Dorthea Dix into a "World Class" park, yet we cannot muster the energy to PRESERVE what we already have at Lake Crabtree. Please Help!!</p>
8/22/2016	Please don't destroy the Lake Crabtree park trails. Green space is important. Please come up with an alternate solution.
8/22/2016	I urge RDU to please reconsider any parts of the plan that call for development on the green spaces in an around Lake Crabtree County Park. I drive or ride my bike into this area weekly from downtown raleigh to enjoy the nature trails and quiet space. There are no other cycling trails in Wake County like this and it would be a huge detriment to the Triangle for it to be squandered on something like ANOTHER strip mall.
8/22/2016	ICYMI: Hikers & cyclists ask @RDUAirport airport authority to preserve over 600 acres for current & future trails newsobserver.com/news/local/cou... 21 minutes ago
8/22/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... t.co/53A4aPd3zj via @Change 13 minutes ago in Raleigh, NC
8/22/2016	The Airport should not turn the parkland around Lake Crabtree and Umstead park and use to to make another office park. This is beautiful forest land, that we need to protect. This will not be a revenue windfall for RDU. Visit the large amount of empty office space on Aerial Center Parkway and the deserted Outlets on Factory Shops road, and you'll see that the RDU area is oversupplied in office space.. You will just chop down the forest and lose money.

8/22/2016	The trails at N Cary park are the only locally viable trails that allow for beginners to pickup the sport of single track biking. Many NCSU students compete here for class or through the Outdoor Adventures program for the first time. It's a local jewel. It absolutely must not be developed for any other purposes except to excite people about the outdoors.
8/22/2016	<p>I like the visions proposed in both alternative C and D. I'd prefer to see additional expansion in Terminal 1 rather than Terminal 2 as I think Terminal 1 is better suited for the interruptions caused by the impacts of expansion as it maintains one airline and only a few gates. I would like to see more international gates at RDU and think that the current gates in Terminal 2 is not sufficient for growth plans for the region.</p> <p>I don't see any potential integration with the Master Transit proposals for light rail connecting Chapel Hill, Durham, RTP, Cary, and Raleigh with RDU. I'd like to see the proposals for integrating with a regional light rail proposed in the master transit plan for the region. As well, I like to see an elevated rail/monorail type system (as proposed in Alternative C) to connect rental facilities, a remote parking deck, and regional light rail.</p> <p>I like and encourage the proposal for a consolidated rental facility. It would certainly help expand the rental opportunities as well as on-site parking for local residence that rent from RDU airport. I think a combined rental and parking deck facility closer to 40 would be a good use of the property. Having elevated trains connecting the remote facility and rental facility to the terminals would encourage people to utilize the remote parking more often. Ease of access is a big reason that I do not utilize the remote parking facilities. Trains make it easier for traveling families with children, strollers, car seats, and roller bags. These small conveniences are what is remembered when traveling with young children or those with disabilities.</p>
8/22/2016	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I regularly use the RDU airport, Umstead Park and the trails at Lake Crabtree. RDU should work with the community to protect and expand existing trails, protect Umstead Park and grow in a way that doesn't negatively impact local recreational uses. The proposed quarry next to Crabtree Creek is not an appropriate use because it may negatively affect water quality flowing through Umstead Park.
8/22/2016	The public lands at Umstead State Park & Lake Crabtree Park are a great value to the community. Greenspace is constantly shrinking and the area around Crabtree is a nature retreat for the citizens of our community. Please preserve the areas around Umstead and Crabtree for the citizens of Raleigh and keep it safe for future generations.
8/22/2016	<p>Dear RDU Airport,</p> <p>There are people out there who get excited about growth because that means they will make more money in the near future. These people are those who care more about themselves than others, the future of our state, the future for our children and the health of our environment and the land that animals live in. I am very concerned that the airport is considering extending their facilities into areas near the most valuable, beautiful state park in Wake County, William B. Umstead. Please don't tear down more trees, please don't disturb our environment.</p> <p>My husband and I run a remodeling construction company and guess what, we could be millionaires if we built all these developments that are cookie cutter homes with clear cut lots. But instead we care more about the beauty of our state that we have lived in our entire life. We are both natives of NC and our ancestors of several generations are. We need to stop the growth NOW! And look at what we are doing to our beautiful state. All so we can put more money into our pockets and let all these outsiders increase our property taxes, cut down our trees and destroy our once beautiful state. Do me a favor and go to the library and check out the Dr. Seuss book called The Lorax. Read it and think of the cause and effect of cutting down trees, pollution and GREED!</p> <p>I Oppose a runway built closer to William B. Umstead State Park, I oppose a quarry built next to William B. Umstead State Park on environmental sensitive lands that drain into our Park and Crabtree Creek.</p> <p>Instead I support a Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center that includes 50 acres of single track/pedestrian trails near Old Reedy Creek Road, I SUPPORT an extended, detailed community involvement in planning the land on all RDU airport lands on the side near William B. Umstead State Park, including Lake Crabtree County Park and lands near Old Reedy Creek Road.</p> <p>Sincerely, NC Natives</p>
8/22/2016	These plans need to be scrapped. The last thing we need is more office and parking space. If you need more parking space, then build up on what you already have. Anyway, in 25 years there won't be as many cars, so the need will not be there. What we do need is more green space. Space that's designated to the recreation of the citizens. This need will not go away, and the current location is great. That point is as important as it's existence.
8/22/2016	I hope the airport can expand without using the natural woodlands beside I40. We need to preserve the green space we have left.
8/22/2016	I am extremely concerned about some of the recent proposals for the area around the airport. I am opposed to having a runway built closer to William B. Umstead State Park and I am especially opposed to anything that would affect Lake Crabtree County Park. This is a wonderful park that is used by many people. I support having a Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center and an extended, detailed community involvement in planning the land us on all RDU airport lands on the side near William B. Umstead State Park, including Lake Crabtree County Park and lands near Old Reedy Creek Road.
8/22/2016	This proposed plan will lead to a great deal of nightmarish conditions for the residents in and around the prioreess expansion. These residents also include, but are not limited to, beautiful species of birds like the great blue heron, turkey vultures, Hawks & owls, squirrels, beaver, fish, and many other game. It displaces and destroyes the natural habitat of this great area of North Carolina, not to mention increases significantly noise issues for those living near it (which has been scientifically proven to create forms of stress disorders), lowers hoisung estimates, and it is selfish act on the name of progress. Enough is enough. This can't and won't pass. As a new resident relocated in from the Northeast, these natural spaces were some of my first friends. AC's u staff up fur my friends. Thank you for your time.

8/22/2016	These public trails have served myself and several friends very well on weekday bike outings, helping us further appreciate a city that offers both activities downtown and outdoor experiences. It is one of the places to bring out-of-town friends to boast about the conveniences and attractive qualities of living in a growing city with a great climate. These trails serve as an attraction for residents and visitors alike. Losing these trails would negatively impact Raleigh's ability to attract and maintain a community of families and young professionals looking for something more than a landscape of condos and retail spaces.
8/22/2016	I run, bike, and walk my dog in the area of Cobweb every day along with hundreds of other regulars. It is a friendly and bonded community committed to the enjoyment and preservation of an amazing park. Please do not alter it for the airport. We are the community and tax payers who want it left alone.
8/22/2016	The unsteady park / lake Crabtree recreation area is unique and makes the entire area better. The access, the feeling of seclusion, the variety, would be lost if the current plan for development along the 40 corridor is developed. I realized it is RDU land it needs to optimize, however I believe it should be done within the context of the mission of RDU authority and not at the expense of quality of life to the surrounding community it serves
8/22/2016	Lake Crabtree, Umstead and the natural areas are a huge part of what makes the RDU area great. We do not want to lose those areas. The benefits to the community for the healthy lifestyle activities afforded there are so important in today's declining activity. Please don't let the pursuit of the \$ overshadow these benefits. Thanks
8/22/2016	I received your response, and found out that even MORE of the parkland I love at Lake Crabtree is on list for possible development. This park and its biking trails are well-established now. People love and use these areas daily, and you are risking leaving a bad taste in the mouth of the community for decades to come. If you want the community to work with you, you need to provide serious alternatives or listen to the ones that have already been proposed. The birds and wildlife that I come to Lake Crabtree to view need large forested areas to live in, not just a few trees near the lake. You're making yourselves look like the villain when you could be generating positive PR by working with the community.
8/22/2016	I am a resident who lives near the RDU airport and I am supportive of policies which enable economic growth in our community. However, I am not supportive of the plan to develop the park near Crabtree Lake. Think about any major city, and you will find that the communities value parks. New York has Central Park. Chicago has many parks along the water front. London has a dozen or more parks. As our region grows we need to foster both economic growth, and growth of our overall lifestyle. The park is a gem in our community, and we should not consider reducing the size or changing the mission of the park. There are many areas where additional growth can be supported without impacting our valuable parks. The park enriches the lives of our citizens today, and we need to ensure future generations are able to enjoy the park.
8/22/2016	We encourage you to leave the existing green space around Lake Crabtree County Park. With literally millions of square feet in vacant commercial real estate around the adjacent Research Triangle Park, there is no justified reason for bulldozing these woods and inserting more office space, beyond greed. As a facility that serves the public good, we hope clearer heads will prevail to stop this nonsense. Otherwise, the public will have to seriously question who is encouraging these actions that only benefit developers. Keep the park.
8/22/2016	Please reconsider these expansion plans in favor of keeping Lake Crabtree park the beautiful green space it is. One of the greatest attributes of Raleigh and Wake County is that we have so many fantastic parks for hiking, biking, picnics, etc. - this helps set us apart from other major metropolitan areas. As we continue to grow in population, I encourage city planners, corporate developers, residents, etc. to creatively balance the need for increased office and residential space with the need for maintaining and preserving natural areas as well. As a long-time Cary resident and now Raleigh resident (in Brier Creek), I have often frequented Lake Crabtree and would like to continue to do so. Thank you.
8/22/2016	I have roamed around your site and remain unclear what your plans may be for the tract north of I-40 which you denominate as Tract 4. I have found nothing about the covenant placed on this tract by the grantor – the Oddfellows Lodge. The tract is reserved forever for use by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for camping. The troop I work with uses it regularly, but I wanted to make sure the planning folks know about this limitation.
8/23/2016	air traffic noise seems to have increased over the past 25 yrs that we have lived here (probably less than the American hub days, but noticeably noisier than the past 5-10 yrs. Would be interested in seeing the noise contours remeasured and steps taken to return to those limits.
8/23/2016	We need these lands preserved as a natural resource to both current and future citizens of this area. Crabtree Park and all of its trails are already built and get full use by residents here. It is vital to have natural resources like this for our health. We have enough other resources going to office space in the area and we certainly do not need another rock quarry with all of its runoff into the already threatened Crabtree Creek.
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8/23/2016	I am dismayed by the proposed plan. No attention is given to the long term benefits to the community. Even if the goal is to maximize medium term profits, no alternative is presented other than commercial development and the consequent loss of the green areas. Local groups have suggested many possible alternatives. None has been considered so far. I am a highly educated worker in the IT sector. The presence of green areas and trails near my workplace was one of the determinant factors in my choice to relocate to the area (among others factors) vs other areas that offered equal work opportunities. I use the trails in Crabtree park and surrounding areas at least a couple of times a week. I use it with my family nearly every weekend. Over the weekend the parking lots of lake Crabtree are full of people enjoying the park and the trail. The development of the area would be a great loss to the community and to my family.

8/24/2016	Greed. Just Greed. No vision. Just greed. How do you sleep knowing you're ruining the Triangle?
8/24/2016	WHOA! I'm just commenting on the plans for redevelopment of the reedy creek area, turning that (amazing) biking area into a strip mall. The Umpstead "area" is one of my favorite parts of the triangle. That area (particularly the area surrounding the unprotected park) is a godsend for those of us that moved to RTP to live a combined urban and rural lifestyle. I'm not even a mountain bike enthusiast, but I support the vibrant culture of cycling in this area and love to live in it and around it. I'm all about development, but I don't think there is a value add to this particular proposal in my perspective. Keeping a huge block of greenspace is a jewel for any urban area. A JEWEL! Don't cash it in for baubles.
8/24/2016	Please make sure adjacent landowners are informed. At no time since the beginning of Vision 2040 has a letter or card been sent to my address as an adjacent landowner. There are no adjacent landowners on the most affected side that serve on the planning and advisory committee, in fact in checking there are no adjacent landowners on any side of the airport. Land owners are hugely impacted by Airport plans , yet no one has made me aware by US Mail of the plans. I learned in June of a meeting less than 30 days before the meeting that plans that affected my property would be considered. I have lived her since 1972 bounded by Umstead and the Airport and want the courtesy to be informed of existing plans...The courtesy of a letter from the airport member that represents me or a county commissioner that represents me would be appreciated..I contacted both and got no reply from either one when I left for vacation planned a year ahead...Notice used to be 30 days ahead and notice sent to adjacent landowners. This has not happened this time. I am an adjacent landowner and so is my only neighbor on Old Reedy Creek Rd. and neither of us received notice by mail.. Please do not vote, my Wake commissioner, or Board members that represent me on something that is not legal...When I called Board of ELECTIONS they could not tell me my commissioner because of a court decision being made on maps that had been drawn.
8/24/2016	I support providing urban forested land for community use by hikers and bikers. I oppose building a runway or quarry closer to Umstead State Park. This park is an amazing community asset and protecting it from encroachment and environmental degradation should be a priority. Consistently the residents of this county have shown their desire for green space. Please provide us with more urban forested recreation opportunities and do not harm those we currently have.
8/24/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... t.co/Bv25XKTbEI via @Change
8/24/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. t.co/nUu0DV130d via @Change
8/24/2016	32 miles of great mountain biking trails may be destroyed by RDU Airport Authority. Help save the trails: t.co/JPfJL3xDyQ 9 minutes ago in Raleigh, NC
8/24/2016	Raise your voice and let RDU know we want to keep the trails and Lake Crabtree County Park. t.co/tJcsCHQJZt 2 hours ago in Raleigh, NC
8/24/2016	As an avid user of the mountain bike trails at Lake Crabtree, as well as the hiking and biking trails in Umstead Park, I urge you not to destroy any of the phenomenal recreational spaces we have in the Triangle. Once they are gone, they cannot be rebuilt. What can be rebuilt, however, is the already existing rundown, empty office buildings and empty lots around other parts of Raleigh, including the spaces along Airport Blvd. The community has put a lot of effort into building and maintaining the Lake Crabtree trails as a great place for individuals and families to enjoy the outdoors and the health benefits that come from regular outdoor activity. As mentioned, there are so many other empty buildings and empty lots in Raleigh and even near the airport - please find a way to utilize and renovate those existing commercial spaces without getting rid of the natural green spaces we are lucky enough. Enough of our tree canopy is being destroyed regularly for new construction - let's keep one of the few spaces we have left to get away from it all. Raleigh is constantly cited as one of the top places to live BECAUSE of the types of outdoor activities we have easy access to thanks to these trails. The Lake Crabtree trails are an amazing place for mountain bikers of all skill levels, and I often see families with young children there teaching their kids to ride. Without these trails, we'd be forced to travel further from home to larger, more complicated trails, and would get to enjoy these activities far less often thanks to the greater distance. Lake Crabtree Park is a quick 10 minute ride from our house, and because of this my boyfriend and I get out and ride these trails 5 days a week, as do many other local residents. It would be devastating to lose this. The more green space Raleigh destroys to make room for commercial building, the less appealing we become as a city for people to travel to and to relocate to. If that happens, what was the point of expanding? Nature cannot be rebuilt once it's been torn down and filled with cement.
8/24/2016	I submitted only questions to this website in late June and have not received a response. Since the deadline is approaching, I am now submitting my comments. The RDUAA has obviously committed to providing green space to the Triangle community for the past 30 years through its lease to Wake County for Lake Crabtree County Park. The AA should continue its commitment to provide this park including BOTH parcels to the Triangle by coming up with a solution with Wake County. If the AA is prohibited by the FAA from selling the land to the county, then the AA should enter into a long term lease at market rent with the county. Most arms length ground leases provide a term of at least 50 years with multiple options to renew. As long as the AA can point to this long term income stream at market rent, it shouldn't matter whether the use is a county park or office and hotel development. The at market income stream seems to be what matters to the AA. It's obvious the RDUAA will not be getting into the development business itself, but will be long term ground leasing, following the model of Centennial Campus in which NC State has ground leased the entire campus to private developers on long term unsubordinated leases.
8/24/2016	As if there is not enough development in and around the airport (and throughout the triangle for that matter), when will developers be able to say enough is enough and stop the ubiquitous hotels and strip malls? Especially in an area that is already jammed with the traffic on Harrison Ave. and Airport Blvd. every day. Thanks for taking time to consider what this area will need in 2040, but I think it's safe to say that by then, if the bike/recreation trails are still there, they will be the ONLY ones left in the area----since what I refer to in parentheses in my first sentence will probably do away with Beaverdam, Chapel Hill North, New Light and RTP trails.

8/24/2016	<p>This plan is a tragedy on multiple levels. First is the simple destruction of 611 acres of forested area. That type of local terrain takes hundreds of years to grow and once it is destroyed it will be generations before it will return and it will never be the same. In a world of increasing urban sprawl these forested areas inside city limits are priceless. There are hundreds of office building and strip malls and hotels that already exist, but only one forested trail network this close to town, which brings us to the second point.</p> <p>This plan is an extreme detriment to the 99% of the people who live in this community. A park with free public access offers an escape the depressing reality of pavement and office cubicles that so many have to work in day after day. To destroy this park only to put up another depressing visage of the exact thing so many need respite from shows a total disdain for the psychological well being of the community. This park also offers a healthy recreation alternative to the increasingly isolated and sedentary lifestyle of most urban dwellers. Destroying access to this park shows a complete disdain for the physical well being of the community.</p> <p>The area that the airport plans to destroy is also dangerously encroaching on the Umstead border. The destruction of the trees will cause extreme erosion problems and decrease the sustainability of all the local plant life in Umstead. The destruction of these 611 acres will also kill or displace hundreds of local animals breaking an already fragile eco-system that exists between the two parks. I would challenge every single member of the RDUAA board of directors saying that if they cannot individually kill each of these animals themselves then they should not be so flippant in doing so via construction crews. This has not even taken into consideration the waste that will be brought in from the septic systems, kitchens, and dumpsters from retail and hotel space.</p> <p>The points above are indicative of the lack of both consideration and ethical principals on the part of the RDUAA. This plan is brought forth by a small board of directors who have personal financial interest in land "development" who have approved this plan with only financial gain in mind without second thought for the local community or environment. An extremely small number of people are going to make a profit at the expense of thousands, and their only justification for doing so is that their lease says they can. If this plan follows through the moral character of every single member of the board of directors should be called into question, and the every councilman who does nothing to stop it should lose their seat.</p> <p>The airport as it stands now has always delivered impeccable service to the community, but this plan would push them from an admirable business to the very picture of corporate corruption. I implore the RDUAA to find another way of generating the necessary revenue while maintaining this forested area and their reputation as a community friendly business. There are ways to create revenue without destroying the land, the parks, the trails, and the eco-system.</p>
8/24/2016	<p>As a resident who just bought a house near Umstead for the natural beauty and access to trails and someone who uses Lake Crabtree regularly, I'm concerned about the proposed plan. While I respect the business needs of RDU, It seems by collaborating with the business, environmental, nature conservationists, biking, and running communities a plan could be developed that is a win for all, including the animals that were on that land long before us. Raleigh continually shows up on "best of" places to live. Why is that? Spaces like Lake Crabtree and Umstead Forest and the beauty of greenspace. I hope you will consider true partnership with the those who love the land. Respectfully submitted, Shelly Leslie</p>
8/24/2016	<p>I would like the Lake Craptree Park to remain a green park. I prefer the park not being converted to an office park.</p>
8/24/2016	<p>This area is such a great oasis of the untouched area of Raleigh and provides so many opportunities for families to enjoy nature. Please don't take away the beautiful park and trails and outdoor activities in the area by building another structure! This is such a beautiful escape to have in the middle of a city.</p>
8/24/2016	<p>I would like to know what change in noise levels would Wood Valley Subdivision experience? I would hope that the noise would not increase at all. Need reassurance and this needs to be publicized.</p>
8/25/2016	<p>It's not too late to ask @RDUAirport officials to keep these trails as they are, or to find a good compromise twitter.com/raleighagenda/... an hour ago</p>
8/25/2016	<p>Dear Decision makers:</p> <p>I think it says something when dedicated people venture off into the forest and create their own trails to escape what is being proposed in this plan: commercial development. It also says something that many of these people are willing to fight for a healthier life and community. This forest is a great place to exercise, train, and improve general wellbeing. It is a scientific fact that Americans do not "commune with nature" nearly enough and it is harming our society. Getting outside makes humans fit, compassionate, imaginative, self-reliant, and less stressed. Developers adhering to a utilitarian value set continue to mine the planet one strip mall at a time, pursuing a shortsighted and passé vision for the future of the Triangle and people on this planet. Championing a forest does the opposite. We need fewer Costcos, Harris Teeters, and Starbucks and a bigger commitment to getting Triangle citizens off the couch, out of their office chair, and outside, as well as promoting contiguous habitat for non-human animals. Sure we need good paying jobs. Find a sustainable way and another space to create them. I urge you to embrace a value set that will take Triangle citizens to a higher place. Keep the forest a forest and eschew an unsustainable plan for this area (http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/four-threats/facts/open-space.shtml). Once the forest is gone it is gone. There are ways to make money off the forest. Get creative. Make it an official open space. Build up not out. For the benefit of current and future Triangle and global citizens, think outside the box. Don't fritter this grand opportunity to be leaders. Call on experts with imagination and a different worldview to design a better vision and plan. Read the peer-reviewed research on the nexus of recreation and wellbeing and innovative sustainable living. Don't be a sheep following imprudent developers chasing the dollar bill under an archaic development paradigm.</p> <p>Regards</p>
8/25/2016	<p>Please do what you can to NOT develop the lands along the Old Reedy Creek road and dirt road. I have enjoyed these forested areas since as long as I can remember. I was born here and never left. my boy scout troop hiked all over the area you are talking about developing. as you can tell from my zip code, I am quite local to the area. As I am quite the local, I hope my voice against this development has plenty of clout. thank you.</p>

8/25/2016	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I have lived in the RDU area since 2001 and have watched the continued loss of Green Space throughout the triangle area for commercial and residential development. While I am appreciative of the growth in the area, I am fearful that further destruction of lands that are used for people to recreate on will have a negative economic impact on the area. I routinely use the trails at LCCP as well as connecting trails along ORC road and Umstead. These trail systems are a vital part of useable recreation areas in the triangle and also provide protection and buffer for parts of Umstead park. I respectfully ask that you please reconsider the proposed vision 2040 plans to protect the vast Green Space it contains.</p>
8/25/2016	<p>1. I OPPOSE a runway built closer to William B. Umstead State Park.</p> <p>2. I OPPOSE a quarry built next to William B. Umstead State Park on environmental sensitive lands that drain into our Park and Crabtree Creek.</p> <p>3. I SUPPORT a Forested Urban Recreation Trail Center that includes 50 acres of single track/pedestrian trails.</p> <p>4. I SUPPORT an extended, detailed community involvement in planning the land us on all RDU airport lands on the side near William B. Umstead State Park, including Lake Crabtree County Park and lands near Old Reedy Creek Road.</p> <p>Please work with the community to create something that benefits both RDU airport and the people who live here. My family loves the crabtree park area and the nice trails. Please do not destroy them.</p>
8/25/2016	<p>Crabtree is my favorite place to ride, hangout and meet new folks. Don't we have enough commercial space? Green place are the future economic engine. On these trails I meet folks from all over the world. It is only because of these trails.! Preserving them is so vital to our way of life!</p>
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8/25/2016	<p>Stack the runways like a parking deck NY decks have car lifts so....</p>
8/25/2016	<p>It is sad that everywhere we turn in this area more strip malls are built. Just drive down Aviation to Evans and you'll see several acres of clear cut land which will soon be home to more office space and parking areas despite having empty space across the street.</p> <p>Please don't bulldoze Lake Crabtree. Two huge things I love about living in Cary is that I can hop on my bike and be in Lake Crabtree park's mountain bike trails. It was a huge factor when we bought our new home. The old one was 2.5 miles away. In addition, I don't like the fact that 400 acres of forest on the north side of 40 would turn into hotels, office and food spots. Please! We have the Morrisville factory outlet mall that stays practically empty on Airport Blvd in addition to several restaurants that always appear to have slow business. Do we really need more "growth" in the proposed locations?</p> <p>I get that you need to provide the FAA with a 20 year plan so they are happy. Why can't the plan be status quo? Based on the fact that the lease to Wake Co. was not renewed and the plan has continued to include wiping out all of this land. It is pretty obvious you have every intent to act on this 2040 vision. In which case why are you bothering to have and hearings when you aren't listening?</p>

8/25/2016	<p>Comments: Great airports are like Singapore Airport, Munich Airport, Haneda Airport. These airports have outdoor areas for customers, even on the gate side. Haneda even has a great combined outdoor, covered, observation/restaurant area - fantastic. Singapore airport has a large space with bean bags for people to chill out and nap - wonderful. (They also have a spa/sleep/bathroom service, butterfly garden, and free cinema - but that is more than what is good enough.) An outdoor observation area, preferably with amenities, is what makes a first class airport. The option for fresh air is so under-rated. Free WIFI is a must for any decent airport. And a wait car park for pick up cars prior to the arrivals pickup (no cars unaccompanied by driver allowed), for people waiting for the passenger to get out of the airport, is an annoyingly lacking facility at RDU. RDU also has a TSA malfunction problem at busy times - we once missed an international connection because half the passengers on our plane took too long getting through the TSA - needless to say, this is unacceptable. Another failing at RDU is outdoor walkways. There is so much green space outside the terminal, yet it is almost impossible to walk around outside - even to the observation/BBQ park (or if it is possible, the route is a secret). Walking is healthy and refreshing for passengers with time, and should be encouraged. Again, great airports have more than seating at gates and shops and eateries - they demonstrate care for the people they accommodate, rather than just concentrate on fleecing a captive market.</p> <p>Good luck with the development. I hope RDU eventually becomes a decent airport.</p>
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8/25/2016	<p>It is so unfortunate that the airport got us addicted to such a great green space area and are making plans to take it away without commenting on any other possible ways to make up for the loss of that green space. Is there no major mitigation needed if the land is developed? Are there other parcels of land that it could be traded for that would bring in the revenue that you predict the airport will need? Is a money generating non-permanent recreation facility a possibility? Your FAQ page just says a permanent recreation facility would not be approved. I know that growth in our world is real, but I haven't heard the RDU airport authority express any ideas to preserve green space.</p>
8/25/2016	<p>I moved here from upstate NY. One of the things I love about this area is all the green space with the urban areas. Please reconsider your plans.</p>
8/25/2016	<p>As someone that utilizes the facilities & by passes them, as a flight attendant, on a regular basis, I cannot imagine life without the opportunity to enjoy!</p>
8/25/2016	<p>As a trail runner and outdoor enthusiast, I am very concerned about the airport further encroaching on the land adjacent to Umstead Park. I live in Durham, work in Raleigh and pass the park every day on my way to and from work. I run there at least 3 times a week and bring my daughter to hike there on the weekends as often as I can. It is such a gift for the Triangle region and it would be a shame to spoil such a unique refuge in the midst of a growing metropolitan area. While I understand the need to lay the infrastructure groundwork for expected population growth, we do all that we can to preserve this unique resource.</p>
8/25/2016	<p>RDU Airport Authority Vision 2040 is preparing to pave the forests around Umstead Park, including Lake Crabtree Park, which NC residents live on, bike, hike and use every day. Once paved or converted to parking lots, hotels, this North Carolina natural area will be lost forever. Members of the Umstead Coalition, Triangle Off Road Cycling (TORC), Sierra Club, and host of other groups and individuals have voiced and written their concerns to RDU AA which have been ignored and responded to with a generic form letter. Local representatives even have offered to buy the land, or a land swap, which RDU AA has refused to consider. Their "Vision" appears only to pave and destroy what we consider paradise. These local trails and Lake Crabtree trails accommodate everyone from kids, to beginner mountain bikers to advanced mountain bikers. They also attract new people to the area which will bring in new revenue to the area. If all of these trails and natural areas are destroyed, people, including myself, will move away. Please let us know if there is anything you can do to stop the madness and help the voice of NC be heard. Thank you.</p>
8/25/2016	<p>Needing to build new trails and save what we have on RDU Airport Land #SaveTheCrab t.co/X09D9GzWaP VIEW 6 hours ago</p>

8/25/2016	Sign to save forests from more commercial development: t.co/gP8CXOeLOJ #environment #forest #trees #cycling t.co/jfyZp9RX2r VIEW 3 days ago in North Carolina, USA
8/25/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. t.co/Qf8sHbzk7K via @Change 3 days ago
8/25/2016	This link shows a kids ride day at Lake Crabtree County Park. They are enjoying the pump track. There is no other pump track in this area. If you develop the land on Lake Crabtree County Park and the land off of Old Reedy Creek Road, our community loses out! Please, please consider turning the area into an Urban Trails Center. https://www.facebook.com/craig.buzak/posts/10209146956523768?comment_id=10209153339283333&reply_comment_id=10209153747853547-ift=feed_comment_reply-ift_id=1472238377820346 Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) 3 days ago
8/26/2016	@RDU 25-year "plan". 51k commuters live in Wake & work in Durham. We need a paved commuter bike path near I-40. t.co/vZnWRc3cqA 3 days ago in Durham, NC
8/26/2016	If RDU Vision 2040 wants a vision, then go for a real vision. Turn 286 and Rocky Road into revenue-generating properties as part of an urban trail system. A generation or two from now, citizens of the Triangle will look in awe at the visionary men and women of RDU who created the twin jewels of RDU International Airport and the RDU Urban Trail Recreation Center. Your grandchildren and their grandchildren will speak of you in terms of veneration. Such opportunities are never presented to most of us. You should seize this opportunity and make the most of it!
8/26/2016	I am writing to object to the land use proposal for Crabtree park and the ORC trails which appear in the RDUAA Vision 2040 plan. RDUAA as an organization has for years expressed concern for the environment, so their plan contradicts their mission. Please don't disturb this valuable area. Thank you
8/27/2016	I want RDU information to be delivered in a more timely fashion and not right before a meeting as if the RDU plan is on a consensus agenda. That might be how government works, but time has to be spent investigating what these changes mean to the citizen's quality of life, the infrastructure involved and costs associated with business development. The economic impact of development is real and sometimes costly to quality of life and living in an area we can all enjoy. The date for a meeting to reveal the final RDU plan to the public is not established yet according to the website, but it appears the RDU Authority Board votes on the final plan October 20, 2016 according to one of the three websites you have. January 28, 2016, it was stated RDU had sufficient runways, but resurfacing was needed. Demand had been down due to cost of jet fuels, but recently has picked up when fuel costs were lower, tickets cheaper. I am sure that is why RDU is using the high demand statistics even though it would be more prudent to do average demand to show the need for more revenue to operate the airport. I am an adjacent landowner and have tried to be heard, yet do not feel that I have a voice, since RDU Authority Members are appointed by County Commissioners..RDU has authority like Durham, Morrisville, Apex, Fuquay Varina, Chapel Hill, Wake Forest, Zebulon and Raleigh, yet RDU does get funding from each of the triangle governments, and transportation taxes, but most of the funding comes from FAA Grants according to RDU . Grant money also comes from local city and county taxes as well as Department of Transportation funds, because there is a DOT building for aviation at RDU. Air travelers spend money too at the airport. What occurred the last time that RDU made their master plan, they bought up all the land around us saying it was necessary for airport expansion and to protect citizens from airport noise and pollution. We knew it was not needed, so in essence RDU has all this extra land today because they had it zoned Airport District and nothing could be built on it, yet RDU can now lease it to anyone except churches or schools. So now RDU can become a big real estate development company generating revenue that must be spent for the airport. Cities can't do that without partnerships, so how can RDU? So I say, RDU Authority members John Kane and Lawrence Rucchino, my Wake county representatives, please vote against allowing lands east of the airport and adjacent to I-40 and Umstead Park become a Rock Quarry and/ more unnecessary office buildings. Besides that you will ruin a beautiful natural resource all citizens use, called Umstead State Park. Our roads are clogged now and more run off and erosion from more development will go into Lake Crabtree , Haley Branch stream, and Crabtree Creek. All Authority members should carefully review what is being proposed, listen to the citizens who can voice an opinion by technology and please vote to help RDU maintain its current status, since it is evident we do not need to grow RDU bigger because it is just fine the way it is.

8/27/2016	I recognize that the RDU authority, our local government, and developers have no regard for the wants and needs of local mountain bikers or hikers or wildlife watchers. What you care about is money. So have you considered how much potential economic value there could be in maintaining a regional recreation area like Crabtree park? What if you charged an entrance fee or yearly pass like Beaverdam does? What if you allowed local businesses to set up ice cream stands, cafes, dog groomers and other shops nearby? What about increased real estate values resulting from proximity to the trails (proven in national studies) and overall improved quality of life? If ROI is to be conducted correctly, these economic impacts must be considered.
8/27/2016	Hello - As a Raleigh native and user of Umstead Park, we must not develop the land in question. The green space near Umstead adds value and tranquility. These are very difficult values to prescribe dollar value. The area adds value to the park, and Raleigh in general. Thanks
8/27/2016	I moved to Raleigh as a returning graduate student at NC State. I was attracted to the RDU area for the promise of fantastic outdoor recreational opportunities near to the city. Umstead/ Crabtree/ Old Reedy Creek Rd. area was frequently brought up by acquaintances of mine as reason to move and start up my graduate program. As a (hopefully) future permanent resident of the area post graduation, a major part of my decision making will be based off of aforementioned opportunities for outdoor recreation, as such opportunities are highly important to me. I am dismayed that there is potential to lose such a fantastic natural resource so close to town. Statistics show that the younger generations of the work force are increasingly making their living-situation decisions based off of opportunities for recreation (a subset of the generally quality of life attributes of a metropolitan area). Ultimately it will be better economically for the region to be able to attract a higher-powered workforce to the area via such great natural resources as the great Umstead area.
8/29/2016	Keep it green and away from the money-marking RDU Airport
8/29/2016	It is very sad to see all the beautiful wooded lands between crabtree and umstead become parking lots, hotels and quarries. I would prefer keeping these beautifully wooded areas for outdoor recreational use in a manner that continues to encourage people to move into the Wake area.
8/29/2016	Sponsor RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. t.co/PqhczeQmBN 3 hours ago in Raleigh, NC
8/29/2016	Would like to express my support for keeping the Lake Crabtree area parks and trails as is and not be developed.
8/29/2016	Please don't destroy Crabtree park! We drive an hour away to ride there. It's a great place to ride, walk or relax and enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. Please don't destroy this precious resource!
8/29/2016	Please leave the outdoor trail facilities unmarred by development. They are a true resource central to our area for recreation as urban sprawl and developmental density creeps in.
8/30/2016	I was talking with my neighbor and she told me about the plans for the land around the airport. As a wake county citizen, and taxpayer, I object to any plans to lease or develop the land around the airport. Paving over every piece of greenspace in the county is short sighted and not sustainable.
8/30/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. t.co/VoHC6Oj5Gp via @Change 12 hours ago
8/30/2016	Since moving here 16 years ago I have enjoyed running and biking the trails in Umstead way more often than doing anything in the airport. RDU seems to be sufficient in size to accommodate what's here and even a little growth. I don't think the area can say the same for the green space. If anything Umstead should be protected and bigger. At the very least, leave it alone.

	<p>I don't think as many people would be as upset about commercial development on the Reedy Creek trail areas if Umstead State Park would allow mountain biking on at least 10-15 miles of well-built and fun mountain bike trail. Even though this comment form is about the airport plan, it is pretty clear that mountain biking and the lack of mountain bike access in Umstead are underlying factors in the current community opposition to the 2040 plan. To that end, maybe it is somehow possible that the leaders of the RDU Airport authority could reach out to the State and this outreach could lead to a productive dialogue between the State Park and all trail user groups in the area. And, if mountain bike access was eventually secured in Umstead, the community outrage at the current master plan for the Reedy Creek area might be alleviated.</p> <p>As a former urban planner, mountain biker and park user in general, I can see no good reason why mountain biking is fully prohibited within Umstead State Park. Currently, two state parks in North Carolina permit mountain biking on single-track trails (Lake Norman and Lake James). The trails at these parks are great. Umstead is big enough for hikers, bikers, and runners. There is enough acreage at Umstead and a sufficient user base so that certain trails could be open and closed for biking and hiking. Similarity, conflicts could be avoided by having directional trails. Economic development wise, mountain biking is a no-brainer for cities that want to attract and retain young, smart, and healthy individuals. If there were mountain bike trails near the airport, I bet some business travelers who like to ride would actually stay at those hotels which could be built on RDU land. Also, if the trails are really good, some people might actually fly here to ride on the weekend, or even move here (so their family would have to fly here). This type of indirect economic impact is usually ignored when the direct impact of commercial development exceeds millions of dollars. But, if leaders choose to ignore it, they are also ignoring an opportunity to create a more resilient, healthy, and prosperous Triangle. Just look at cool mountain bike towns like Asheville and Bend OR. Yeah, these places are in the mountains, but I ride a lot, and I actually enjoy the terrain near the Airport more, especially because it is so close to many vibrant urban centers. Meaning, it is nice to get done with a ride and be able to hit a brew pub within 10 minutes. I've been around the country biking, trails this close to burgers and beer is not a normal thing. Plus, Mountain bikers have and spend money. First, these bikes are not cheap and they must be maintained. Second, the appetite one gets after a ride usually leads to big tickets at restaurants.</p> <p>If the area is developed as planned, then the Triangle will start to be just like every other medium sized metropolis, paved over, boring, and without miles of trails. Trails are the new amenity, regardless of how people access them. Finally, there are plenty of other areas near the airport where commercial development could be located and serve the needs of the population. But, there are not any other areas near the airport where one can ride, hike, or run 15 miles in a mature upland forested area. They way I see it, this, like so many other things, is fueled by profit motives. We need profits, but we also need open space. Why does RDU need to be its own city in 2040? Can't RTP accommodate all the commercial development this part of the region needs? Are there ways that commercial development could be built on the existing footprint of the RDU site?</p>
8/30/2016	I hope something I have written helps our leaders make a decision that is the best for the people and environment of our region.
8/30/2016	<p>I feel that having a high-quality airport in our area is an asset to this region of NC, and I support the judicious expansion of airport facilities to meet future needs. Although I am not a frequent user of the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, it seems to me that some additional airport parking would be beneficial.</p> <p>Despite supporting reasonable airport growth, I do find some aspects of Vision2040 to be disturbing. I urge the Airport Authority planning team to protect nearby green spaces, such as Lake Crabtree County Park and Umstead State Park. In my opinion, these areas are state treasures which could lose value if widespread commercial and industrial development is allowed close by! I strongly support having land that not needed for aviation-related use (especially the land that is now Lake Crabtree Park and that which borders Old Reedy Creek Road) be sold or traded to Wake County to become a permanent part of our county's open space. I understand that sale of airport land must be approved by the FAA, but I think that there are people who could get this done.</p> <p>Furthermore, I am strongly opposed to the addition or expansion of a quarry on the RDU Airport property! This could cause negative environmental impacts, as well as decreased quality of life for those who live in the area or use the nearby green spaces. In my opinion, Wake County already has more than enough stone quarries. I would not like having my visits to peaceful and beautiful Umstead Park be spoiled by industrial noise and dust.</p>
8/30/2016	Thank you for considering the needs and preferences of local citizens in this planning process!
8/31/2016	<p>@loribush @TownofCary @BikeLeague would that be our opinion before or after RDU paves over the paradise that is Lake Crabtree trails?</p> <p>8 hours ago in Apex, NC</p>
8/31/2016	<p>RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. - Sign... t.co/yCplx2YRAO via @Change</p> <p>12 hours ago</p>
8/31/2016	<p>The undeveloped land and trail networks at Umstead State Park & Lake Crabtree County Park and surrounding acreage are priceless. Once lost, they cannot be rebuilt at any cost. I personally ride out there three times a week year round (weather permitting). The trails are heavily used now and continue to gain popularity as Millennials join the RTP high tech and Triangle area Academic or Healthcare workforce. If protected from traditional development, this land has high potential of becoming an historic landmark and attraction for generations to come (think Central Park in NYC). However once lost can never be regained (envision NYC without Central Park).</p>
8/31/2016	<p>I am opposed to the proposed expansions of airport office and retail space into Lake Crabtree park.</p> <p>But I am especially opposed to further infringements into Umstead State Park by expansion of the quarry and parking. These would drastically change the character of the park at a main entrance from Old Reedy Creek road and are unnecessary. These proposed changes would degrade the important natural area there with effects including reduced forest cover, soil and water quality loss, human and wildlife access.</p> <p>Please change the proposed 2040 plan to remove these changes.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

8/31/2016	It is so important that we keep Crabtree and Umstead buffer as is or work together in creating an Urban Trail Center. What the area currently provides the community can not be measured....the mental, emotional, and physical health benefits far outweigh any monetary rewards you will ever see from the development of that land. It breaks my heart to even think about losing it. I am not the only one that feels that way. Just take time to read all 5000+ comments on this petition. I did. Read them. http://bit.ly/GreenORC
9/1/2016	The NC Capital Group Sierra Club 1. OPPOSES building a runway closer to William B. Umstead State Park 2. OPPOSES the building a quarry next to William B. Umstead State Park on environmental sensitive lands that drain into our Park and into Crabtree Creek 3. OPPOSES the destruction of the forested lands off of Old Reedy Creek Road that are adjacent to Umstead Park 4. SUPPORTS a Forested Urban Trail Center with single track and pedestrian trails in the lands of off of Old Reedy Creek Road and adjacent to Umstead State Park 5. SUPPORTS an extended, detailed community involvement in planning the land use on all RDU airport lands on the side near William B. Umstead State Park, including Lake Crabtree County Park and lands off of Old Reedy Creek Road. 6. SUPPORTS delaying the Vision 2040 Plan until 2017 to allow more time for the public health and environmental impacts including increased GHG emissions to be identified and mitigated.
9/1/2016	We must protect our forested lands in the Triangle. It what makes this area so great. We must not develop more pristine land, but instead use our existing developed land to its maximum potential. Do not develop closer to Umstead State Park or Lake Crabtree County State Park.
9/1/2016	Protection of Umstead Park is important to the quality of life in RDU. The use of the park continues to grow and stands as a gem of natural beauty within the sea of industrialization. This is a signature element within our community that should be protect. Consider how the master plan can accommodate density within existing industrialized sites while preserving natural green space for the health and enjoyment of our growing population.
9/1/2016	Please reject the planned quarry. Building it would require expanding an access road, building a bridge across the creek and, potentially, piping Crabtree Creek tributaries. Crabtree Creek is an essential part of the waterways in Wake County and beyond as it flows to the Neuse River, and it should be protected. Also, I request that you expand existing runways rather than build new ones closer to the park. William B. Umstead State Park offers 5,600 acres of rest and relaxation in the heart of one of North Carolina's busiest metro areas. With so few areas for natural recreation, this one should not endure higher levels of noise pollution from new runways. Thank you for considering my comments.
9/1/2016	RDU Airport Authority: Save the forested lands near Old Reedy Creek within RDU's project area. t.co/0eSwk8hycP tsmyther an hour ago in Durham, NC
9/1/2016	I tried to go for a ride today.... Please help save our trails!! Sign the petition!!! http://bit.ly/GreenORC #imba #mtb #mtblife #mtblove #mtbgirl #mtbnc #torc_nc #saverduforest #saverdutrails #keeprdugreen #rethinkvision2040 #rdu #rduvision2040 22 minutes ago
9/1/2016	As a resident of Westborough who knows every day whether you're using R23 or R5, we have noticed a much noisier airport since the airlines have all merged and reduced seats, requiring many more connections instead of directs. Whereas most airport noise started at 6 am back in the golden days, American now sends their american eagle commuters to connecting hubs at 5 am. The airlines are making money hand over fist squeezing passengers into tiny planes and difficult itineraries, so I assume RDU is getting a good percentage of that. It seems the least you could do is try to compensate for becoming a worse, noiser resident of Raleigh by becoming a good steward of land, limiting asphalt and caring about the quality of life of all these people buying all these houses they're building along US70W and Ebenezer Church Rd. You could resist the greed, but that would be going against Raleigh's whole philosophy right now. Atlanta-Hartsfield, is that what you want?
9/2/2016	I am dismayed by your 2040 master plan. The loss of the hiking, trail running, and mountain biking trails in Crabtree park would be the wrong thing for the airport authority to do. I live in North Durham and commute about 25 miles to Cary to work near the Crabtree and Umstead parks. One of the reasons for returning to work in the Wake County / Cary area (after two years working in Durham) was the recreational and fitness trails available in the parks. Again, I have chosen to work in Wake / Cary over my home city and county because of Crabtree and Umstead! I understand that the authority has the right to do with its land as it pleases. But I also know that doing whatever is allowed may not be the best thing for the authority's long-term support in the community; moreover, taking away the most popular trails and park in the county would greatly hurt the attractiveness of area employers, which ultimately would also negatively impact the airport itself. Please reconsider--the value of other parcels as commercial areas are improved by having the natural look of Umstead and Crabtree, and the trails/park also improve the value of developments in those other areas.
9/2/2016	You really aren't considering selling off trails at Lake Crabtree are you? I just moved to the area and really love using those trails! Please don't do this.

9/5/2016	Please save the forested lands.
9/6/2016	I am writing in regards to reading an article about the proposed development of land near or on Umstead park and trails. As someone who comes from an area with abundant forest and recreational opportunity, Umstead is a true gem or natural forest, recreation, and wildlife. Despite being among massive populations of people and industry, it provides a place for myself and thousands of others to take a mental break from the over-population and hustle of the real world. Please consider NOT developing this beautiful area to industry and commerce as the RDU area already has far too many facilities, traffic, and poverty than it can handle. Why not invest in rejuvenating an already developed area to best benefit the surrounding communities while preserving the scarce acreage of natural wonder. Thank you for your time and interest. A concerned teacher and avid outdoorsman
9/6/2016	I heard that you may be planning a rock Quarry near RDU. I lived in Oak Park for 20 years and found it awful living near a rock quarry. Firstly most homes had foundation from the blasting that went on almost daily. Then the quarry kept lobbying to expand. We don't need quarries near residences. They should placed far from neighborhoods and I don't understand why we would do this again in the Triangle. I suspect Lobby money is behind this .
9/6/2016	Surely an example for future #RDU development in #Raleigh, #Durham, #NC,#ncga t.co/37Zct2JDxW
9/6/2016	Lake Crabtree Park is a gem and one of very few places to ride bikes in nature around here where it's safe, beautiful, and accessible to novice and medium skill riders. Adds so much to quality of life. It would be so sad if I could not ride here with friends and family anymore.
9/6/2016	Developing this tract of land is shortsighted in light of the limited publicly accessible land for recreation and immersion in nature in our growing region. The speed effects and existing economic value of continuing to keep this land open for biking, hiking, and recreation is much higher than the potential tax revenues from development.
9/6/2016	I use the trails in both Umstead and Lake Crabtree several time per week ALL year long. I extol the virtues of the easy access and serenity I can find so close to my home here in Raleigh. This is a rarity, and one we MUST protect. Please consider this in planning for RDU's growth... the parks give us all so much... we need to protect their existence.
9/6/2016	Save Lake Crabtree Trails and Forested Lands near Old Reedy Creek Road!!!!!!
9/7/2016	I was lucky enough to get into mountain biking in the last 2-3 years. Since then I've started to eat healthy, exercise, and I've lost 30 pounds. Lake Crabtree is my favorite place to ride, hands down. In my opinion it's one of the best trail systems in the triangle. It's well taken care of, fast and fun. I live 10 minutes from Harris Lake but travel 30 minutes just to enjoy the trails at Crabtree. Just this Labor Day, my buddy and I went for our weekend ride. As usual we had a great time at Crabtree. When we were finishing up, around 10 AM, the park started to get crowded and it was amazing how many people came out on a beautiful late summer day to enjoy the park. Some were riding bikes, others had kayaks, and some were with their families. There were older folks, teenagers, and kids. I thought to myself, is nothing sacred? How could anyone want to take this away?? Don't we have enough retail places in the triangle?? Please, leave this place alone so we can continue to enjoy it. If you don't believe me, come out and see for yourself.
9/7/2016	Me and my family have visited the tract of land slated for development many times over the years. I have mountain biked and the family has hiked this area. Developing this area would negatively impact not only the community but those who come from out of town. Please reconsider and keep this a green space for generations to come.
9/7/2016	As the president of a local women's cycling club with members enjoying Umstead Park and Lake Crabtree County Park, I'm opposed to a runway, quarry and destruction of the forested lands off Old Reedy Creed Rd that would interfere with the use of Umstead Park. I've lived here nearly 20 years and have always appreciated the unchanged beauty of the park for my family, fellow cyclists and wildlife. Please consider a Forested Urban Trail Center as well as the involvement of local runners, cyclists, hikers, dog walkers, etc in your future plans. Thanks!
9/8/2016	I am writing to oppose the incursion into Umstead Park. Please consider the alternative plan of creating a trail center instead.

9/8/2016	<p>I have not paid very close attention to the details of the plans for this expansion, because I have been too busy working and taking care of my family and property. That said, as a resident of Cary NC since 1995, I'm concerned about the impact this expansion could have on our community. For more than 20 years I have enjoyed the use and proximity of Lake Crabtree park and Umstead park - - I have played there with my children, hosted family and community events on their grounds, and have volunteered weekly for the past 8 years as a community hike leader at Umstead State Park. If not done very carefully, expansion of the airport will destroy the habitats for animals and plants, venues for much of the communities' recreation, reduce property values around the area due to increased noise and pollution, and make the entire community less attractive for residents. I know that I have been planning to retire and spend my retirement income in this community, in good part because of the excellent local parks. (It is wonderful to be able to hike for many miles in a forest without first having to drive for hours to get there.) If these local attractions disappear, I would certainly look at taking my retirement dollars elsewhere for a lower cost of living and I imagine there are others who feel the same.</p>
9/8/2016	<p>In preparing for growth, please do not destroy the very things that are bringing people here and making them want to stay.</p>
9/8/2016	<p>Please retain as much of the natural state of this area as possible. It is a wonderful resource for the community and visitors.</p>
9/8/2016	<p>I'm in Umstead Park 5 times a week biking and hiking. Its an oasis just minutes from the hustle and bustle of the city - please don't encroach any further on this property with tree cutting and noise pollution.</p>
9/8/2016	<p>Umstead and the surrounding trails are an amazing feature to living in this area. Please don't develop the land.</p>
9/9/2016	<p>Please make this land the RDU forested trail center! Great use of some gorgeous land that all can enjoy!</p>
9/9/2016	<p>I would like the echo many of the comments that stress the importance of the forested areas that are be considered for development. Obviously, once developed, this green space can't grow back in the same manner. This is a 2040 vision, but decisions made in regard to this vision will impact our area for many years to come.</p> <p>I manage a bike shop in Carrboro that is owned by a Triangle-based company with Triangle-wide presence. I have worked with countless folks that have enjoyed this area for recreation for years. Yes, some have enjoy those areas that aren't sanctioned by the airport authority. I encourage your leaders to consider that over the years the amount of folks that have recreated in these woods, both within Lake Crabtree Park and off Old Reedy Creek, has grown exponentially. Is there a was for RDU to capture the benefits of this usage growth? What other economic, or economics-affecting, realm has seen this level of steady growth before, during and after the Recession?</p> <p>In reflection about RDUs Vision 2040 plans, I've realized that there is unlikely to be another green space in the Triangle that, if developed, would affect more people in our region. I've met many folks that set roots in this area specifically for the quality of work-life opportunities. Access to outdoor recreation is an immense part of this balance. Wth its central location and proximity to North Carolina's densest population and many large employers, it is possible that RDU's collective forested lands can continue to help attract those companies, families and individuals that make this region the success that it is.</p> <p>This request might not be the quickest funds creator, but in a Vision2080, it has the potential to be the most sustaining for a healthy Triangle. No, this isn't a responsibility it is the most responsible opportunity.</p>
9/9/2016	<p>I writing in regards to your plan to destroy Lake Crabtree trails and the surrounding forest off Old Reedy Rd. I like many have been using these trails for 15 years for recreational activities from biking, hiking,boating,walking the dogs ,watching eagle's soar above me and Egrets fish. I like many have voiced strong opposition to the proposed idea of offices and parking lots in place of a sustainable natural resource a gem to many. America faces a crisis of overweight unfit people which is the number one killer currently. I for one strive to get outside and stay fit for a healthier lifestyle and longer life. We can't forget all the wildlife that will lose their home to the proposed idea of development.</p>
9/9/2016	<p>Why not consider a continued natural resource which is a HUGE draw for many to move to this area.</p>
9/9/2016	<p>Please, please, please, keep our green spaces green! I know there is a way to do that and still have a wonderful airport facility for all of us travelers!</p>
9/10/2016	<p>Part of the allure of the triangle are the preserved natural areas and green space. It is a joy to come back to the triangle after spending time in other very urbanized spaces such as Winston Salem, Charlotte, Greensboro, or other cities outside of NC. Umstead Park is also a rare gem, because of its size, terrain and other features, accessibility, its restorative qualities. MANY of us use it routinely and consider it part of our QUALITY OF LIFE living here in Raleigh. PLEASE use this planning stage as an opportunity to arrive at a creative, green, conservation-minded, forward thinking solution to develop the land around the airport. I will likely not be alive in 2040 but your children will and what do you want to leave for them?? A quarry, really? There has got to be another way to generate revenue. Thank you.</p>

9/12/2016	When will comments from August 25th till 9/12/2016 be available for the public to review? I have made comments before and they are not listed? Can you give me a reason why all comments are not being seen? Second, When will the comments be made available for FAA, Airport Authority and County Commissioners and private citizens? Third, When are you planning to add security checks on Old Reedy Creek Road Airport property? After the 15th anniversary date of 9/11/2016, I realized that folks can walk through your property off Old Reedy Creek Road, all the way to the airport without any prevention and/or protection to stop them. It happens daily as folks trespass on your land and no one, according to your RDU Police, comes over to Old Reedy Creek Road due to lack of staff as I was told. Please advise me of when citizens should expect police and fire protection for RDU property?
9/12/2016	If the land making up Parcels 1-4 is not planned for actual air port facilities than I would like to see the areas that make up Lake Crabtree County park remain parkland. Additionally I would like to see Parcels 3 and 4 be used for recreation and as buffer area to William B Umstead State Park. I would also like to see increased multi-modal transportation options to and from RDU - increased bus service, light rail or commuter rail, bike lanes and bike storage facilites. Thank you.
9/12/2016	RDU Forest Trail Center is an excellent idea!! What better way to enhance a community than with centralized greenspace with 50 miles of trail and supporting businesses, designated for hikers, pedestrians, mtnbikers, and nature lovers!! People from all over will travel to this area for the adventure of it!!
9/12/2016	It's been 6 years ago that I discovered my love of hiking. Umstead Park became my go-to for a safe, challenging and lovely hiking spot in The Triangle. It's the vast expanse of green trees, well-maintained trails and the peace & beauty that draw such great numbers of people to the park day-after-day and week-after-week. The public uses this space for more than just exercise. It is a community gathering location offering a naturally beautiful place to host celebrations. The location offers an opportunity for all walks of life to come see what Durham/Raleigh has to offer. Please do not take away our lovely hiking trails and picnic shelters.
9/13/2016	Plans to convert green space to higher intensity development is short sighted - this type of space is unlikely to ever be recouped whereas there are plenty of existing spaces that could be converted from low density to high density development. In addition, there is minimal evidence that there are shortages of office and hotel space in the area to support the needs of this local market. We are not and will not be a major destination in the SE and should not attempt to destroy the flavor of the RTP for short term gains.
9/13/2016	Please do not extend the runway 400 feet closer to Umstead State Park. A study in the American Journal of Physiology showed bird songs help regulate our circadian rhythms which contribute to restful sleep and overall wellness. The park is one of the few places in Raleigh where several species of birds live and sing. We also don't know the impact of the runway on other wildlife, climate change, and noise and light pollution. The Umstead Coalition has a plan that creates revenue for the airport without extending the runway. We think this plan should be implemented.
9/14/2016	Our green spaces are pockets of much needed sanctuary in a world hardened by society's existence. A walk, hike, bike ride or time to call one's soul its own in the the grand outdoors does not require an explicit clause on mental health, a particular political stance, defined gender, a certain level of education, or any particular financial status. Parks are an natural gift enhanced by human hands, to be cherished by all creatures, be they with thumbs, hoofs, wings, scales, voice, or no voice. Does a universal treasure really need to be forsaken for a bigger balance in a bank account?
9/15/2016	Planning normally involves balancing the needs of commercial, general, and military aviation (tenants and transients). When reviewing the presentations I saw no mention of military or other federal air assets. Is the plan to divest RDU of those types of resources?
9/17/2016	Please help preserve Umstead State Park by adopting the plan "RDU Forested Trail Center," proposed by the Umstead State Park Coalition. This is a superior use of natural resources for a park that is one of the great recreational resources of the Triangle. Expansion of the airport should consider options that do not endanger one of our great natural and recreational resources. I personally am an avid user of the park (runner), and promote the Park as a unique resource of our area. Best wishes...
9/21/2016	I support the creation of the RDU Forest Trail Center: http://www.rduforesttrailcenter.com/ This would generate revenue for the airport without resorting to the tragic loss of some of the most popular trails in the Triangle.
9/21/2016	As someone who uses and enjoys the trails around Lake Crabtree, I was very disappointed to hear that RDU Authority plans to develop the land. That forested land and those trails are of value as they are, and should not be developed. They provides a place for people to relax, to exercise, to learn about nature, and to take their family outside and have fun. We don't need more development around Lake Crabtree. We must preserve the natural and open spaces we have. Please reconsider your decision to develop this land.

9/21/2016	As a former resident and now a frequent visitor to the RDU area, I'm compelled to support conserving the remaining green space this property offers to our greater communities. Development of this land would be tragic. We need more trails and forest to explore and recharge; we have more than enough development that already exists.
9/21/2016	The development of the trails area for the stated purpose of building and renting office space is a poor use of this important community asset. Even the financial benefit to the RDUAA can be addressed with a land purchase that is funded by a public referendum. Buying the land outright and preserving it in it's current state saves the RDUAA the immense cost of developing the land to make it available for rent. Instead of obtaining loans and then paying interest on them, the RDUAA could receive a large lump-sum payment that could be immediately invested. The result would be ongoing income for the airport without the payment of interest on development loans.
9/21/2016	The trail hub plan shows what this area can become: even a greater asset to the local community. It would be in the airport's best interest as part of our community to support this plan.
9/22/2016	I support the forest trail center at RDU. Please don't destroy the trails and park land.
9/25/2016	When we the public be able to see the additional comments made after August 25th...It is now a month without any additional comments added. Where is the transparency of RDU.
9/25/2016	<p>In regards to the concerns of the public about the redevelopment of some of the land adjacent to Lake Crabtree, I quote from RDUblog.com, from the article posted on 8/2/16 titled "What We're Hearing From Your Vision 2040 Comments":</p> <p>"Within the terms of the agreement, we can terminate the lease if the land needs to be used to support aeronautical purposes, in accordance with our federal obligations. This is a condition agreed to by Wake County in their management of the property."</p> <p>Parcel 2 is currently leased to Wake County for recreational purposes, including mountain biking. Research has shown that in counties with higher acreages of recreational space, more people meet the recommended daily levels of physical activity (NRPA, 2011). In addition, research also shows that exposure to natural areas hastens recovery from stress (Kaplan & Kaplan, 1989) and fosters higher-order cognitive functioning (Ulrich, 1993). On the level of ecosystem services, the presence of trees in natural areas removes CO2 from the air, and the presence of trees near Lake Crabtree provides a natural method of water filtration and flood control.</p> <p>If that land is needed for aviation development to support aeronautical purposes, then I wholeheartedly support RDU in its development. However, the map of potential land-use concepts slates that the land in Parcel 2 would be redeveloped for office/hotel/recreation. In that, I question how and in what way the development of office and/or hotel space is needed to support aeronautical purposes? Is terminating the lease valid if this land is not directly being used for aeronautical purposes? If not, the benefits of maintaining this natural recreational space provides the local community (which serves as frequent consumer of RDU's services) with intangible, but vital, benefits for public and environmental health.</p> <p>Kaplan, R. and Kaplan, S. (1989). The Experience of Nature: A Psychological Perspective, Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>National Recreation and Park Association. Parks & Recreation in Underserved Areas: A Public Health Perspective. (2011). Retrieved from http://www.nrpa.org/uploadedFiles/nrpa.org/Publications_and_Research/Research/Papers/Parks-Rec-Underserved-Areas.pdf</p> <p>Raleigh-Durham International Airport. (2016, August 2). What We're Hearing From Your Vision 2040 Comments. Retrieved September 25, 2016, from https://rdublog.com/2016/08/02/what-were-hearing-from-your-vision-2040-comments/</p> <p>Ulrich, R.S. et al. (1991). Stress recovery during exposure to natural and urban environments. Environ. Psychol. 11, 201-230</p>
9/26/2016	Please keep all of the greenspace and trails intact that account for Parcels 1-4 in your land use plan. Losing the trails would be a huge loss to the people in the area whose utilize them to maintain a healthy lifestyle. These trails are assets to the community and are looked upon highly when people are looking into relocating here. Maintaining the trails and keeping them open for public use will benefit the community in the long run as more people will use them from around the area and would not have to go outside the community to find something comparable. Thank you.

9/26/2016	<p>Your message is incorrect. Please review the following. "The 1999 guidance and the 2009 manual both require that if airport land is not used for aviation purposes and has revenue-producing potential, we must get fair market value for it." -this is not true, the FAA policy makes it clear public parks, recreation facilities, bike and jogging paths exempt from the market value requirement. The FAA rule specifically allows you to keep the parkland. You are not required to destroy public parks. "Examples of acceptable uses include public parks, recreation facilities, and bike or jogging paths." Please see the following sources. https://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/publications/orders/compliance_5190_6/media/5190_6b_chap3.pdf "3.5. The Use of Property for Revenue Production. P.L. No. 80-289 specifically authorized the GSA to transfer such surplus nonairport property as needed to develop sources of revenue from nonaeronautical commercial businesses at a public use airport. This essentially became the point at which the FAA began tracing the requirement to use airport property for aeronautical purposes. If the property is not used for aeronautical purposes directly, the property must be used to generate revenue for the benefit of the airport consistent with FAA's Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue, 64 Fed. Reg. 7696, February 16, 1999 (Revenue Use Policy). The FAA must approve the use for nonaeronautical purposes before such use is allowed."</p> <p>https://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/publications/federal_register_notices/media/obligation_final99.pdf D. Providing Property for Public Community Purposes Making airport property available at less than fair market rental value for public recreational and other community uses, for the purpose of maintaining positive airport-community relations, can be a legitimate function of an airport proprietor in operating the airport. Accordingly, in certain circumstances, providing airport land for such purposes will not be considered a violation of the self sustaining requirement. Generally, the circumstances in which below-market use of airport land for community purposes will be considered consistent with the grant assurances are: 1. The contribution of the airport property enhances public acceptance of the airport in a community in the immediate area of the airport; the property is put to a general public use desired by the local community; and the public use does not adversely affect the capacity, security, safety or operations of the airport. Examples of acceptable uses include public parks, recreation facilities, and bike or jogging paths. Examples of uses that would not be eligible are road maintenance equipment storage; and police, fire department, and other government facilities if they do not directly support the operation of the airport. 2. The property involved would not reasonably be expected to produce more than de minimis revenue at the time the community use is contemplated, and the property is not reasonably expected to be used by an aeronautical tenant or otherwise be needed for airport operations in the foreseeable future. When airport property reasonably may be expected to earn more than minimal revenue, it still may be used for community purposes at less than FMV if the revenue earned from the community use approximates the revenue that could otherwise be generated, provided that the other provisions of VII. D. are met. 3. The community use does not preclude reuse of the property for airport purposes if, in the opinion of the airport sponsor, such reuse will provide greater benefits to the airport than continuation of the community use. 4. Airport revenue is not to be used to support the capital or operating costs associated with the community use.</p>
9/26/2016	Use of the land for recreational/park purposes is more important to the Triangle than expanding the airport or developing a source of revenue. The Airport Authority exists to provide for the airport; however, you are also part of the larger community. Time to look at the larger picture.
9/26/2016	Dear Sirs/Madams: Thank you for your thoughtful and informative reply. I hope that with flexibility, goodwill, and good sense we can achieve a plan that preserves the benefits of our great State park which is a recreational and economic asset to the region, and yet a plan that does not constrain sensible economic development. One of the reasons for the great economic success of the Triangle is our green space and recreational opportunities that are so important to attracting the best talent to our area. Umstead Park is just such an asset. If you have not, please visit the Harris Avenue parking lot of Umstead Park on Saturday morning. You will see young and old, families and singles, romancing with nature, or challenging themselves to bike and run faster and harder. There is no other place like Umstead Park with its proximity to Durham, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill.
9/26/2016	This feels like a very poorly phrased "we will do what we want" response - I am hoping legislators will see it differently.
9/29/2016	I am writing to urge you to adopt the alternate plan for the land adjacent to Instead and Crabtree lake parks, and to delay the implementation of your plans until a study of the environmental and the human impact of the plan can be completed.
10/1/2016	@RDUairport RDU comments only go through Aug 25th. Hope comments from August to October are available before next public hearing
10/1/2016	Will the comments from August 25th to October 1st about Vision 2040 be made available to the general public before the final public hearing Oct 11th? Comments need to be seen by all Wake and Durham county citizens, along with County Commissioners and City council officials, so accurate decisions can be made by our elected officials. FAA guidelines require the public to be informed, yet I cannot find information about noise, new roads, open space, air quality almost non existent in your Vision 2040 materials that can only be viewed through technology. Can you send me a list of contact addresses and emails for RDU authority members. I have called your offices was told I would have to contact them at their place of business, but was not given their place of business.
10/1/2016	Please do not turn the majority of the land in Crabtree into an office park. Crabtree is a great community resource and provides an oasis of nature in the center of the triangle. There is plenty of land in the nearby area that can accommodate an office development. This PUBLIC LAND should be used to benefit the citizens of Wake County. By proposing an office park the airport authority is acknowledging that they do not need this land for purposes related to the airport. Therefore they should swap the land in order for the public to benefit from this public land.
10/3/2016	Save RDU forests t.co/oBltWxNpMP #rduforesttrailcenter#keeprdugreen
10/3/2016	Please leave this area undeveloped and natural so generations can continue to enjoy it. I do NOT support your vision!

10/6/2016	<p>The land in and around Lake Crabtree, alongside the rest Umstead State Park, is heavily used by the outdoor recreational community. Hikers, cyclists, horseback riders, kayakers...these local resources are what make the RDU area unique and stand out from suburban areas around the rest of the country. I have often heard, from national and international visitors to Raleigh, that their favorite part of flying into Raleigh is the green surrounding the city and how beautiful and attractive it makes the area.</p>
10/7/2016	<p>No to additional runways or any runway any closer to Wm. B. Umstead State Park. No to Commerce Blvd. or any road bordering Wm. B. Umstead State Park. No to any quarry on any RDU land.</p> <p>I am a resident of Wake County and this is of great interest to me and future generations.</p>
10/7/2016	<p>RDU Airport Authority I am a tax-paying property owner in Wake County. Please preserve the trails at Lake Crabtree County Park as they are. They are a very valuable asset to our community. Our community need recreational resources for healthy exercise and stress reduction. I will vote against any politician who facilitates commercial development of the park. Thank you</p>
10/7/2016	<p>This week 190 countries approve a plan in offsetting Air Travel Emissions</p> <p>The program will airlines buy credits to offset emissions from individual flights. The credits came come from alternative energy installations, FOREST Conservation Programs and other projects that prevent some amount of greenhouse gas emissions. This would generate revenue for RDU and save the parks. Has RDU looked into this?</p>
10/8/2016	<p>Please reconsider the development plan which will result in the devastation of over 600 acres of woods. Once these lands are developed, they will never go back to being the natural open spaces that are key to the lifestyle that is so attractive in Raleigh. The increase in airport traffic is due in part to these recreational spaces and the attractiveness of our community. I know there are realtors and developers who are advancing their interests and the financial stakes are high but please think of the citizens of the community you claim to server. Please preserve the woods. Thank you. Chip</p>
10/8/2016	<p>Dear RDU authorities,</p> <p>I strongly oppose plans for commercial development in lands that are currently part of Lake Crabtree County Park. Although they have leased the areas and many of the trails are unofficial, it's obvious that the local community values the open space and recreational access over more commercial retail facilities. In addition, pockets of nature provide connectivity and critical habitat for wildlife species in an area that is developing rapidly.</p> <p>I find the plans very hard to decipher. A simple map showing the existing and proposed use would help all parties evaluate the plan. I am incredulous that the RDU Authority has not collaborated with Lake Crabtree County Park, the most-popular park in the Wake County Parks System.</p> <p>I urge RDU to think beyond the immediate revenue and consider more creative opportunities to plan the necessary expansion and generate revenue, while preserving the green space that is in a rapidly growing area of the Research Triangle Area. Big-picture thinking that addresses the needs of the community is what would make RDU stand out among other airports in rapidly growing urban environments.</p> <p>Best regards</p>
10/10/2016	<p>As a local resident of the triangle area, I wish to submit comments opposing the RDU Vision 2040 plan. It simply does not meet the needs of the citizens served by the airport. The preferred plan is simply "horse and buggy" type planning and development that has plagued our economy for the past few decades. This type of urban sprawl not only is bad for the environment, it is not economically sustainable.</p> <p>There is a terrific opportunity for RDU to collaborate with area use groups and make this location a recreational destination not just for existing residents but would increase tourism. Ecotourism is fast becoming one of the best investments that can be made. Outdoor recreation, ecological restoration and urban open space have proven to be economically beneficial.</p> <p>I urge you to support the collaborative plan, "A Better Vision RDU 2040" that will be presented by RDU Forest Trail Center at the public meeting this week. Their plan actually meets FAA requirements far better than the currently proposed alternative and will be the best for RDU, citizens and the environment.</p>

10/10/2016	<p>Honestly, I think it's shameful, the amount of land that Wake County is allowing to be developed. When I moved to this area in 1999, I was so impressed by the fact that everything still looked so green and so much of the land was maintained. Every time I turn a corner now, I don't recognize where I am because of clear cutting. Umstead and Crabtree Lake are two areas that are sanctuaries where residents and visitors can escape to get out of the city and away from cement. It's our "Central Park" and as development encroaches on these areas, it will be a less desirable place to be.</p> <p>I OPPOSE a runway built closer to William B. Umstead State Park</p> <p>I OPPOSE a quarry built next to William B. Umstead State Park on environmental sensitive lands that drain into our Park and into Crabtree Creek</p> <p>I OPPOSE the destruction of the forested lands off of Old Reedy Creek Road that are adjacent to Umstead Park and Crabtree Creek</p> <p>I SUPPORT the RDU Forest Trail Center</p> <p>I SUPPORT an extended, detailed community involvement in planning the land use on all RDU airport lands on the side near William B. Umstead State Park, including Lake Crabtree County Park and lands off of Old Reedy Creek Road</p>
10/10/2016	<p>We are in favor of a compromise plan that preserves the forested areas being considered for development in the RDU area. There are plenty of shopping areas near the airport and it is possible to provide the kinds of services you might want for that immediate area without destroying a habitat that cannot be replaced.</p> <p>When visitors come to RDU the forested areas around the airport are what makes our state so special. My husband is a native of Charlotte and unfortunately that urban area does not have the same feeling as we have in RTP. Even though this is just one development it is important and significant to save those trees! We need the Lake Crabtree and Umstead bike trails to provide valuable recreation, too. Again these kinds of forested trails are unique in our urban environment.</p> <p>Being next to Umstead we need the buffer to protect that State Park, too.</p>
10/10/2016	<p>I support the creation of the "RDU Forest Trail Center" - a community asset and tourism destination with 50 miles of trails for hiking and biking, plus related recreational amenities that provide the airport with sustainable and substantial revenue sources (brewery, cafe, bike rentals, outdoor retail, parking, conference/education center, and more).</p> <p>I oppose the proposed quarry next to William B. Umstead State Park with devastating damage to the water quality and quantity to Crabtree Creek, only to become a nonrevenue-producing burden in a couple decades.</p> <p>I oppose a runway closer to William B. Umstead State Park which would ruin recreational use of the Park land via increased noise.</p> <p>I oppose building a new major road (Commerce Blvd) along the William B. Umstead State Park's boundary.</p> <p>Almost all of the storm runoff from the RDU property enters Umstead State Park (either directly or indirectly via Crabtree Creek). As such, environmentally "sound" development is imperative.</p> <p>thank you for considering these comments.</p>
10/11/2016	<p>I am totally against the quarry, which will pay off for 20 years, and then the people of Raleigh will be putting up with a hole in the ground FOREVER. Fast forward about 40, 50, 100 years. People will be looking at that hole and saying "And they thought this was a good idea WHY??"</p> <p>What we need are the forested trails, which will be used and enjoyed for generations to come, a wonderful resource for a great city.</p> <p>Also, no Commerce Blvd next to the Park.</p>

I support the Umstead Coalition's positions on the matters as shown below:

Please let them know our desire to maintain and enhance the forested trail system in Wake County's Crabtree County Park and along Old Reedy Creek Road connecting to William B. Umstead State Park.

Tell them you support the creation of the "RDU Forest Trail Center" - a community asset and tourism destination with 50 miles of trails for hiking and biking, plus related recreational amenities that provide the airport with sustainable and substantial revenue sources (brewery, café, bike rentals, outdoor retail, parking, conference/education center, and more).

Further, we oppose the proposed quarry next to William B. Umstead State Park with devastating damage to the water quality and quantity to Crabtree Creek, only to become a nonrevenue-producing burden in a couple decades.

We strongly oppose a runway closer to William B. Umstead State Park which would be a 'taking' of Park land via increased noise.

We strongly oppose building a new major road (Commerce Blvd) along the William B. Umstead State Park's boundary.

Almost all of the storm runoff from the RDU property enters Umstead State Park (either directly or indirectly via Crabtree Creek). As such, environmentally "sound" development is imperative.

10/11/2016 Thanks

I had hoped public comments since August 28th would have been released to the public before the final alternative is presented tomorrow at 6-8 p.m. So far that is not the case at 10:00 p.m. 10/10/2016. I do hope the public hearing tomorrow will address concerns of pollution, air quality and water, along with increased noise levels. I have heard about a new road Commerce Blvd that will be built on the boundaries of Umstead, so these plans should have been studied by Riccondo and Associates. I do hope Commerce road plans will be made available at this final alternative selection meeting. If not then I would hope that adjacent homeowners would be advised of this road. I understand that information presented will be on the website after this meeting, but I have concerns that might not happen before the RDU Authority votes on the Vision 2040 plans October 20th just seven days from the hearing. Airport Authority members, along with other local officials need to see all comments...RDU lacks the ability to be transparent and release all information in a timely manner...All year long information is released and in a few short days, decisions are to be made by the Airport Authority, the PAC and the TAC...I have tried to attend PACs and they are cancelled and the reschedule time is not listed on the RDU site...I hope these issues will be addressed tomorrow at the public hearing at Marriott on Miami Blvd from 6-8 p.m. Please contact me concerning this road and its impact on my home on Old

10/11/2016 Reedy Creek Road.