

[SAMPLE LETTER]

Your name

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Honorable Mayor Jane Campbell  
Cleveland City Hall - 2nd Floor  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Mayor Campbell,

I want to urge you to please take a firm position that Dike 14, the former Army Corps Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) north of Gordon State Park, which was finally closed to dredge disposal in 1999, shall continue to be closed, now and forever, to the dumping of additional polluted dredge material, wet or dry.

I am very upset that Dike 14 was recently dropped from the City's comprehensive lakefront planning process, phase three, and that there seem to be proposals and discussions going forward to re-open Dike 14 to the deposit of additional polluted dredgings.

You have already made a firm and visionary commitment to "two parks in two years," including Dike 14 as one of those two parks. The people of Cleveland have waited for more than 20 years for Dike 14 to be opened to public access. Please don't renege on your promise made to the people of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio just one year ago.

Dike 14 has become a rich natural area of different kinds of vegetation and habitats, including forest and meadow, and is home to much wildlife, including over 280 different species of birds, that find sanctuary at this coastal site. Please protect this significant urban wildlife area at Cleveland's lakefront. Please don't delay or deny public access to this biologically diverse outdoor educational resource that could enrich the curricula of Cleveland schools and open so many doors for Cleveland's children.

Please say "No" to those who would dare to propose the deposition of more polluted dredged material at Dike 14, wet or dry. Please work to responsibly open the natural landscape and wildlife area of Dike 14 to the people and children of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

cc: Chris Ronayne, Director of City Planning  
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