EXHIBIT A – TEMPLATE OF PUBLIC EXPLANATION TO BE POSTED (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DOCUMENT PREPARER)

SUMMARY OF FLOODPLAIN IMPACTS

Date: February 5, 2018

Project ID: FRA-Johnstown Road-Alum Creek Trail; PID 99828

Floodplain Affected: Alum Creek (Zone AE & X)

Description of Project:
The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) is proposing an off-street multi-use trail that will connect to the existing Alum Creek Trail, on-street bike lanes, and shared use paths in the neighborhood between the Alum Creek Trail, Krumm Park and Recreation Center, and the Johnstown Road corridor in the east side of the City of Columbus, Ohio. The Alum Creek Trail currently runs north and south along Alum Creek west of I-670 and there is an existing trail bridge over Alum Creek. The proposed project will involve construction of an off-street multi-use trail starting at the east end of the existing bridge over Alum Creek. The railings on the existing trail bridge will be modified and the east abutment will be lengthened to the south. The proposed off-street trail will pass under the I-670 bridge over Alum Creek and turn northeast and generally parallel I-670. The off-street portion of the trail will end at the intersection of Johnstown Road and Kenilworth Road and Parkview Boulevard. From this intersection the project will involve the following elements:

- Johnstown Road - on-street bike lanes to Cassady Avenue.
- Parkview Boulevard - bike boulevard (pavement marking) through the residential area.
- Private Drive - shared use path from Parkview Boulevard along a private drive to Cassady Avenue.
- 10th Avenue - bike boulevard (pavement marking) from Cassady Avenue to Alton Avenue.
- Alton Avenue/Krumm Park - connection across Alton Avenue to the existing trail in park.

Why must this project be located in the Floodplain?
In order to connect to the existing Alum Creek Trail, which is currently in the floodplain, a new trail must be constructed in the Floodplain.

What alternative sites were considered, if any?
Alternative sites were not considered as the new trail must connect the East Columbus/Johnstown Road neighborhood to the Alum Creek Trail.

Were any mitigation measures utilized on this project? If so, please describe.
No net fill is required within the Special Flood Hazard Area as part of the design and the grading results in no rise in the base flood elevations for Alum Creek. The City of Columbus Floodplain Manager has reviewed the Stage 1 plans and her comments will be addressed as the Stage 2 plans are being prepared.

To the best of my knowledge, this project has complied with all applicable Local, State, and Federal Floodplain protection standards.

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