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**Sent:** Monday, June 9, 2025, 06:40:29 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Our beautiful Terre Haute. East Side development.

Dear Community Leaders,

My name is Angie Bridgewater and I am a 30+ year resident of the beautiful East side of Terre Haute.

My background does not matter much, but I will give a brief summary. I graduated from ISU with a degree in biology. I have been a long time volunteer for the homeless animals, volunteering with the Humane Society, League for Animal Welfare (no longer in existence), Vigo County Animal Coalition also no longer in existence, and currently the Cat Captain for the Public Vet Cat Spay Neuter Clinics since 2022 to present.

I am a member of the Society of Trash Baggers. ☐ I work in Indianapolis as a contractor at Lilly.

My coworker from Indy visited me in Terre Haute. I warned her that we have poverty and drugs here. I showed her all around town and took her to Markle Dam, Exotic Feline Rescue Center, Deming Park. The next day, she said she expected a much different town than she saw. The homes had character, even the little cottages like the one I live in, built in 1927 on Barton Ave. The green and trees were what she fell in love with.

I was not even aware that the Ohio Blvd. apartment project was happening until I

learned about it recently.

Something felt so bad when I heard the plans and had to join the group who is in opposition.

I have thought of the slow moving Eastern Box Turtles who will not be able to escape the bulldozers and will be crushed into the ground. I have tried to talk to Herpetology experts to see if wildlife can be successfully moved.

Box turtles live their whole lives in an area as big as a football field. I counted 15 football field sized squares that fit under the tree canopy, when looking at the rectangle of land to be developed on Google Earth. Habitat destruction will eliminate so many animal lives that have lived in that woods for so many years. I was told that the turtles will die trying to return to their area and moving them very close to home might be their only chance. Maybe Deming Park would allow that to happen.

I wondered if the land owner would consider keeping some of the woods along the border to keep the beauty that citizens don't want to lose? The land and trees also help serve as a giant sponge to soak up excess rain water which protects the surrounding homes and businesses.

I just felt that I would write and try to appeal to your hearts. I hope that the land can be left as it is, a rich green space, but if not, I hope it can be kept somewhat natural, leaving a lot of the woods. Those trees, once removed, will never be replaced in our lifetimes. Children and adults need nature.

Thank you,  
Angie Bridgewater