
To: Krysti Barksdale-Noble
From: Katie Fraser, JC Witt
Date: May 16, 2025
Subject: Response to Plan Council Meeting Follow-Up Letter

Dear Krysti,

Thank you and all the staff at the City of Yorkville for your time on April 24, 2025. Below are responses to the individual comments/feedback items that were provided in the letter dated April 28, 2025. We look forward to further discussion and collaboration with you and your colleagues regarding these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

GENERAL APPLICATION COMMENTS:

Item 1:

The petitioner has provided ownership authorization for submitted applications for the parcels owned by George Ostreko Jr. (#02-07-200-010, #02-07-200-001, and #02-07-200-008) and Mary Auer (#02-07100-008 and 02-06-400-005).

Item 2:

The petitioner shall provide the remaining ownership authorization from property owner Jerry G. and Marilee Foltz (#02-07-200-009).

PLD Response: Owner authorization form will be provided upon receipt.

PRELIMINARY PUD PLAN COMMENTS:

Item 3:

The petitioner will provide dimensioned distances in feet (US) of proposed data center buildings/structures to the adjacent property lines on a revised Site Plan.

PLD Response: Requested dimensions will be added to the site plan.

Item 4:

The petitioner will provide dimensioned distances in feet (US) of proposed data center buildings/structures to the nearest existing residential or commercial structures on a revised Site Plan.

PLD Response: Requested dimensions will be added to the site plan.

Item 5:

The petitioner shall provide a “2,000 ft. Residence District Building Height Restriction Zone” buffer on the Preliminary PUD Plan indicating which proposed data center buildings will fall within this zone.

PLD Response: Requested buffer will be added to the Preliminary PUD Plan.

Item 6:

The petitioner will confirm if they intend to accommodate the proposed realignment of E. Beecher Road as recommended by the City Engineer and Public Works Director.

PLD Response: Petitioner requests additional meeting with City Engineer and Public Works Director to discuss East Beecher Road Realignment. PLD strongly prefers option 5 or 5A.

- a. If so, the petitioner will address roadway alignments recommended by City Engineer on a revised Site Plan.

PLD Response: Site plan will be revised following meeting with City Engineer and Public Works Director.

Item 7:

The petitioner will confirm whether they still wish to pursue the vacation of W. Beecher Road and, if so, explain how access will be provided to the approximately 18-acre parcel located south of Galena Road (#02-06-400-001), which is included in the proposed Project Cardinal development.

PLD Response: PLD proposes to vacate West Beecher Road. The 18-acre parcel located east of the site (“Neighboring Property”) can add access off of Galena Road, either where the existing Beecher Road Access currently is or at a new access point further to the east. The revised site plan eliminates the proposed curb cut adjacent to the Neighboring Property; this should alleviate concerns regarding proximity of curb cuts on Galena Road.

Item 8:

The petitioner will indicate the recommended easements for trails and proposed sidewalks on an updated Site Plan.

PLD Response: Proposed trails have been added to the site plan.

Item 9:

The petitioner will verify the correct parking count on the Site Plan.

PLD Response: Parking count will be verified on the revised site plan.

Item 10:

The petitioner will provide a traffic study and traffic management plan.

PLD Response: PLD will provide a traffic study and traffic management plan. Scoping for traffic study will require input from City Engineer and Public Works Director.

Item 11:

The petitioner will provide a revised Landscape Plan indicating the proposed areas they seek relief from the recommended eight (8) foot tall berm within the required 100-foot landscape buffer. Architectural renderings or illustrative view shed exhibits are highly recommended to demonstrate the proposed vegetative screening in the areas seeking relief.

PLD Response: PLD intends to work with the City on the appropriate location for berms based on sound and viewsheds.

Item 12:

The petitioner will provide architectural building elevation plans indicating proposed building materials and dimensions. The plans shall also illustrate greater architectural articulation, variation in materials, and a more dynamic color palette to those buildings visible from Eldamain, E. Beecher and Galena Roads.

PLD Response: Project architect is working on generating the requested building elevations. PLD intends to have elevations completed ahead of the scheduled EDC meeting.

Item 13:

The petitioner will provide a pre-construction/existing conditions noise study of subject property and narrative of mitigation steps they intend to employ to ensure compliance with the City's noise ordinance standards.

PLD Response: PLD is actively working to identify a consultant to perform the requested baseline noise study. The proposed plan will be communicated to the city ahead of execution to confirm the city requirement is being satisfied.

Item 14:

The petitioner will provide details on the fence type and material.

PLD Response: Cut sheets of the proposed fence type and material have been provided with this response.

Item 15:

The petitioner will provide additional narrative or details regarding the proposed use of ion-lithium batteries within the data center campus structures.

PLD Response: Project team is working on the requested narrative for lithium batteries. Additional meeting is requested with the fire department.

DEVELOPMENT OFFSETS:

Item 16:

The petitioner is requested to provide the planned average and maximum day water use for the development. The anticipated sanitary sewer flows should also be provided. These numbers will then be used to determine the infrastructure needed to serve this development.

PLD Response: Revised water estimates will be provided ahead of EDC meeting date.

Item 17:

The petitioner is requested to provide estimates of utility taxes and property taxes expected to be generated per building.

PLD Response: PLD is working on utility and property tax estimates and will provide upon completion.

Item 18:

Regarding the requested contributions for entryway/gateway signage, regional park development, and other discussed community investments, staff plans to provide a total estimated amount and a per-acre fee for each data center developer, proportionate to the scale and impact of their respective developments. A detailed estimate from the City is forthcoming and will be provided to the petitioner in advance of the EDC meeting for their consideration.

PLD Response: Noted.

COMMUNITY MEETING COMMENTS:

Item 19:

While not discussed in the meeting, per Section 10-8-5-B-1-a of the Unified Development Ordinance, a community meeting conducted by the petitioner of area/neighborhood property owners, explaining the proposed data center campus development, at their own expense and at a location of their choosing may be required prior to the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing date.

PLD Response: Community meeting will be scheduled ahead of City Council hearing date.

- b. Accordingly, the petitioner will reach out to the various homeowners' adjacent properties along Eldamain Road, E. Beecher Road, Corneils Road, and residents within the Caledonia residential subdivision approximately 0.5 miles southeast of the proposed data center campus.

PLD Response: Noted.

- c. This outreach will need to occur prior to the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) public hearings providing an opportunity to present the plan and gather feedback from residents.

PLD Response: Noted.