



# University of Colorado **Boulder**

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Dear Mayor Jones and Members of Boulder City Council,

Thank you for the personnel and resources the city has dedicated to finding a reasonable set of choices to immediately begin to address the flood situation. We appreciate the city staff for their attention to detail, gathering input from stakeholders and reviewing the options with CU.

After review, we find all scenarios acceptable with the exception of two:

- o Master Plan, 500-year
- o Variant 1, 500-year

In both of these cases, we lose significant portions of the land designated as Public under the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan where we hope to place housing for faculty, staff, graduate students and upper level undergraduates. These two options also make access to the site more difficult and expensive to build. Our preferred flood mitigation concept is Variant 2, 500-year, but CU can work with any of the remaining alternatives.

The university remains open to the removal of the berm by the city if that is deemed most beneficial by the city. The original mining company created the berm and it does not serve an active purpose for the university.

As you know, the university has offered the use of up to 80 acres of its land to aid in the city's flood mitigation project. We stand ready to engage on this with the city and urge the city council to quickly move forward to begin planning flood mitigation with one of the four remaining options that the city staff and consultants have provided. All are well-vetted options that are able to pass the strict permitting bodies and preserve as much open space as possible. Further delay by continued preliminary study will endanger lives and property for the additional amount of time utilized as well as consume more resources.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Let us know if you have further questions or how we might assist in this phase of flood mitigation project selection.

Sincerely,

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