



Comment Form

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Comments (Please attach additional pages if needed.)

last month I retired as the Environmental Coordinator for the Jefferson County Public Schools. I am an environmentalist. Thirty five years ago I lived near the Ford Truck Plant in Jefferson Co. and worked in Indiana. I needed I-265 completed to Indiana at that time. Now, since then live in Indiana and worked for 29 years in Louisville. I am familiar with environmental and transportation parameters of the "East End Bridge". I am a former urban planner with Louisville and Jefferson County Planning Commission, too. I'm sure there is some environmental damage

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associated with this bridge and indeed groups like River Fields have spoken to it. My response to them is that they are not considering the context of the environmental damage and its impact on Jefferson County, Ky.

Under the leadership of David Jones, Metro Louisville and Jefferson County have already done and in the process of doing of setting aside thousands of acres of natural environmental land to preserve them in perpetuity for the area and local residents. Thus there should be recognition for these efforts to preserve thousands of acres to ameliorate environmental impacts of urban development elsewhere in the county, including the area to be disturbed by the Bridge projects. This is in the spirit of "cap and trade" type reasoning.

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The urban community of man needs The East End Bridge and the other for the future of our community. I feel we have met the environmental concern by setting aside thousands of acres that will not be developed or ^{be} minimally impacted by urban development. Jim Vaugle