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**Mayor Seeks to Move Vane-Sorin Development**  
*Mayor collaborates with County to find new location*

Mayor Don Plusquellic announced today that he is leading the effort to move the proposed *Commons at Madeline Park*, a Testa Development, originally to be located at the South end of Vane and Sorin Avenues to a better location on East Tallmadge Avenue.

The neighborhood that includes Vane and Sorin Avenues contains around 100 single family homes in a low density arrangement. The *Commons at Madeline Park* is a proposed 60 unit apartment complex. This development was to be funded by OHFA (Ohio Housing Finance Agency).

Two weeks ago the Mayor's office received several letters from concerned neighbors on Vane and Sorin Avenues, objecting to the proposed development. The Mayor convened a meeting with the developer Paul Testa, to discuss alternate locations which would benefit the residents of Sorin and Vane, along with the future residents of

the proposed development. The Mayor then contacted County Executive Russ Pry and proposed an alternate location for the development at the unused portion of the frontage of Summit County Jobs Center, located at 1040 Tallmadge Avenue. This is an arterial street, right on the bus line, with County services literally in their backyard.

“I am leading the effort to move this project to Tallmadge Avenue,” said Mayor Plusquellic. “I will personally reach out to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to support the approval of this improved location and will work with the Developer to expedite the approval process.”

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# City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

July 25, 2011

**BY TELECOPIER**

Mr. Paul Testa  
Testa Companies  
2335 Second Street, Suite A  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

In re: *The Commons at Madeline Park*

Dear Paul:

As I indicated to you at our meeting on July 22, I believe there is a better location for this project. I have talked to County Executive, Russ Pry, to request that the county swap the frontage property to the north of the Jobs Center on 1040 East Tallmadge Avenue with your property directly southwest and adjacent to the county's property. This could provide overflow employee parking for the county and provide easier access to services including Metro bus service for the residents of your project.

We are continuing to look at the various legal issues that have been raised regarding the use of the original property. That review may take longer than your schedule for funding will allow.

I will personally reach out to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to support the approval of this improved location and will work with you to expedite the approval process.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC  
Mayor

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cc: County Executive Russ Pry