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RE: Case # PCB 03-221
Proposed Waste Transfer Facility
3412 Northwest Highway

Dear Hearing Officer:

I wanted to take this opportunity to express support for the decisions by the McHenry County Board related to the proposed Marshall Lowe Solid Waste Transfer station. This facility is proposed for 3412 Northwest Highway (US Route 14.)

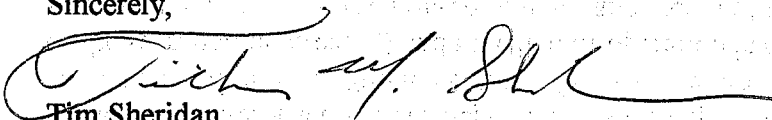
On Tuesday, May 6, 2003 the McHenry County Board voted to deny the application for failure to meet the criteria set forth as dependencies for approval. Specifically, the board unanimously agreed that criteria #2 (Public health, safety and welfare,) #3 (Incompatibility with the character of the surrounding area...) and #5 (Plan of operation is designed to minimize the danger to the surrounding area...) were non-compliant, and were not met by the applicant.

Obviously, the inability of community governments to maintain control of development and rapid growth has become a challenge all over the United States. New Homes require a significant investment in infrastructure and in many cases planning has not been able to adequately predict the impact of uncontrolled residential growth, including that of McHenry County. The citizens of McHenry County generally recognize that infrastructure projects like the proposed Solid Waste transfer station are important to meet the demand. However, there is a delicate balance between meeting infrastructure responsibilities, and the responsibilities of health, safety and welfare, not to mention the environmental impact described.

Clearly, for this site to meet the criteria set forth, major regional infrastructure improvements would need to be mandated. Specifically the adjacent park land (conservation district) would require protective buffers, and the surrounding water table would require protection. Sound barriers from noise pollution must be considered. In addition, major transportation systems would require upgrades, including the impact on connecting roads and bridges on US 14 that are already over burdened.

Please deny this application for a waste transfer site at this location.

Sincerely,


Tim Sheridan,
Resident of Cary, IL

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