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Subject: [External] Re: PCB 2027-002 GFL matter to construct Waste Transfer Station in Rantoul, Illinois
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On Fri, Nov 13, 2026 at 11:53 AM Tom Finger <tfinger3715@gmail.com> wrote:

> Greetings;
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> Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Thomas Finger, a 79-year-old lifelong resident of Rantoul, Illinois. My family line can be traced from Ireland to Rantoul around 1876 or 150 years ago. I am a 20-year employed retiree from AT&T with a management position as Assistant Director, Corporate Real Estate. During my professional career I engaged extensively in matters concerning finance, economics, contract law and real estate management. I am also the proud parent of a daughter and son who own and operate a business located in Rantoul, Triad Shredding Corp. Triad Shredding services approximately 125 Illinois communities providing confidential destruction for paper, film, electronic media, cell phones and computer equipment.
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> The purpose of this communication is to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board in PCB 2027-002 (GFL matter to construct Waste Transfer Station in Rantoul, Illinois) and to overturn the approval of the Village of Rantoul's decision to approve the GFL request for said Waste Transfer Station. It is to the best of my knowledge and belief that the GFL attorneys and management team intimidated the Village of Rantoul Trustees into believing the Village would be sued if the GFL request was not approved. The GFL request required four "yes" votes from the six trustees available. I believe this intimidation technique was the reason the three trustees and the mayor voted with the needed "yes" votes.
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> It is my concern that the location for this function of GFL's business is completely wrong for the Rantoul community. First, you must realize that Rantoul has had an economical struggle rebounding from the closure of Chanute Air Force Base in 1993. Rantoul saw the population reduce from 33,000 people downward to 13,000 people. The Rantoul housing market, as well as, the commercial businesses and community as a whole has suffered through 30-plus years of downward trending. It has just been approximately the last 6 years that Rantoul has seen some positive business development in the west side of Rantoul where GFL wants to locate their waste transfer station. Their location is within a quarter mile of Interstate 57 which is the "front door" of the Rantoul community, This proposed location, with its prevailing westerly winds will carry the stench of garbage throughout the village and a recently built shopping area, car dealership and sports complex. The garbage odor, along with unwanted litter, rodents and insects which accompany a waste transfer station will not be welcomed additions to the Rantoul community. As you may have surmised GFL wants to locate this facility on the west edge of the community where it will be intermingled with the high growth retail area. The area that has become known as "the future of our community".
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> Approximately ten years ago my children considered the same site for a new location for Triad Shredding. At the time Triad was renting property from the Village of Rantoul and needed more space. The owners of the proposed property at the time had listed for sale the current building and the adjacent 13 acres. In considering this location Triad had a couple of

major concerns; 1) Building size, 29,000 sq.ft. 2) Lot size, approximately 13 acres. The acreage brought additional questions and concerns, Being lifelong residents it was known that the acreage was filled mainly with building debris and soil from Chanute Air Force Base. It has been rumored for years that the acreage contains toxic waste and contaminants. Triad Shredding ownership had discussions and decided the possibility of soil contaminants and the location size was more than the company required. Triad Shredding also felt that having a recycling business, even though it is a rather clean business, shouldn't be at the doorstep of the community. In 2018 Triad Shredding purchased and built a recycling facility on four acres east of Rantoul.

The GFL Waste Transfer Station is simply being proposed in the wrong location. I totally understand why GFL wants to have this type of facility, but they have chosen the wrong location. I do believe there are locations on the outskirts of Rantoul that could accommodate GFL's needs. The location they have chosen has the busiest intersection (Route 136 & Murray Road) in Rantoul. Additional GFL truck traffic will only further congest an already busy intersection. The shopping area, car dealership, motels, sports complex, assisted living, state driver's licensing facility, several restaurants, condominiums and residential neighborhoods are all located within one mile of the proposed GFL site. Simply put, GFL needs to be a good commercial neighbor to the citizens of Rantoul and find a different location for their Waste Transfer facility.

Regards;
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