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Subject: Joy Farm Development (File # 190159)

Dear Ms. Dodd and Milwaukee Planning Commission Members,

I am writing to you in response to some information I received yesterday concerning the development of the former Joy Farm property at 7007 N 115th Street (File# 190159)

It is my understanding that none of the area residents in the area (N124th street) need to be notified, because they are not within 200 feet of the proposed development. However, a concerned neighbor did inform us. It may be the legal requirement, but it certainly should not be the ethical standard. I believe ethics should have required notification.

As you may already have guessed, I am completely opposed to this project. I have several questions for you.

Number 1, has there been an environmental impact study? I would guess, no. I live across the river and residents in this area take great joy in the wildlife we encounter every day. We have deer, wild turkeys, coyote, owls, sandhill cranes, and a variety of birds, which have begun to appear again after an absence. We have these things because of the woodlands nature of the area. In addition, what about pollution? Trucks and cars spewing exhaust into the atmosphere as well as waste water, apparently being released after some type of treatment into the river.

Number 2, what about traffic? You can direct traffic all you want but what eventually happens is that they take a short cut between Good Hope and Appleton by coming down 124th Street, which is already in poor condition. At certain times of day, we cannot walk on the road, because of traffic at high speeds. We have children and pets. This will be a disaster.

Number 3, has noise pollution been considered? A manufacturer operating 2 shifts (eventually 3) with large trucks coming in and out at all hours will create huge problems for people across the river as well as those within 200 feet. Sleeping with windows open will not be an option. When the Joy Farm was there we could hear the horses whinnying in the evening, a pleasant sound compared to what is coming.

Number 4 is for Ms. Dodd. Do you want this in your neighborhood? And did you take any campaign money from Western Building Products?

The last stupid idea from the Development Commission was to build a Sam's Club in that location. Area residents successfully fought that. If you need a tax base in that area why not multi-family housing, which I suggested at the time. Condo's? Senior living?

Don't even give me the line about job creation. I would bet you that few or none of the employees in this place will be from Milwaukee. God forbid that you are giving this company some tax incentives to build here. How about the office and light industry park on the North side of Good Hope Road? You could rezone that if you have to. What about in some of the downtown areas? You are not serving citizens with this proposal (or as I have been told "done deal").

Sincerely,

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