IF YOU LIVE IN DUPAGE COUNTY, THIS IS A MUST-READ.

The DuPage County Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners is proposing a plan to spend \$7.5 million of your tax dollars to build a 29,000 square-foot Fleet Services Maintenance Complex, using a total of 6.5 acres of land, next to McKee Marsh in the Blackwell Forest Preserve.

Since the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners is exempt from zoning regulations applicable to all other businesses and organizations, the same type of project could be coming to your neighborhood soon, even if you do not live near the Blackwell Forest Preserve.

As citizens of DuPage County, we need to **oppose** the use of forest preserve lands for industrial/maintenance purposes and **demand** that the Board of Commissioners provide the following information:

- a review of alternate locations located adjacent to roads that can sustain commercial equipment traffic,
- due diligence review of the costs of the facility in a time when the State is in a budget crisis,
- an independent environmental study, and
- feasibility studies, traffic gap studies, fire safety studies, and noise, light and air pollution studies to assess the impact of this project on the environment prior to proceeding with construction.

Why this affects you:

- By state law, the County does not regulate forest preserve development. No public notice is required when the Forest Preserve Commissioners plan construction or development on existing forest preserve lands. This means that we, the tax-paying public, do not know what other plans are being made for forest preserve lands in DuPage County.
- Building this facility is in direct conflict with the Forest Preserve District's mission statement (To acquire and hold lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauty for the education, pleasure, and recreation of it citizens).
- This area already houses a compressed natural gas facility installed in 2008 without public notice.
- We must stop this "out of control" DuPage County Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners from steam-rolling any project without regard to the residential environment, zoning laws, and the destruction of the McGee Bird Sanctuary.
- The next project may be in your back yard.

What you should do:

- By July 31st, call, write, or email your commissioner from the list on the back.
- Distribute this information to your neighbors, friends, and co-workers in your community and encourage them to contact a commissioner, too.

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