

Press Release/Letter to the Editor

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The Friends of the Great Western Trails wishes to congratulate the citizens and elected officials that stood up and fought against the controversial plan to bring heavy industrial diesel engine testing to the former site of the Alcatel/lucent headquarters in Lisle, IL (in DuPage County) next to the homes of thousands, a school for children with Autism and a forest preserve (Danada) used by thousands year round. “The new Navistar world headquarters agreement announced today does not include 24/7, 365 days a year testing of many dozens of heavy industrial diesel engines because citizens and a few elected officials spoke out and asked questions about the pollution coming out of the planned smokestacks at the proposed technology center. What started as a small group quickly expanded to a force of different organizations and many more citizens who attended many meetings and asked even more questions.” Stated Don Kirchenberg Voluntary Chairman of the Friends of the Great Western Trails.

Kirchenberg continues “These concerned citizens spent thousands of hours, even more thousands of dollars and asked the questions the Village Board of Lisle, DuPage County Forest Preserve District Commissioners and DuPage County Board members did not before approving giving Navistar millions of our tax dollars and 4 acres of our forest preserves.”

“In conclusion this important victory that protects our environment including the air we breathe shows everyone that you can fight Village Hall and/or the County Building and win. As we have seen in past environmental efforts when you fight the good fight great things will happen.”###

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