



October 28, 2013

Mayor Linda Lucassen
Board of Trustees
Village of Round Lake Park
203 E. Lake Shore Drive
Round Lake Park, IL 60073

Dear Mayor Lucassen and Board of Trustees,

As an early member of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) Grayslake has always appreciated the value of County-wide planning and programs related to solid waste and recycling. In this context we recognize the work of Round Lake Park in considering the permitting of a waste transfer station in accordance with the County solid waste plan. An appropriately designed and regulated facility of this type would be a step toward implementing this plan.

Grayslake has followed with great interest the local citing process related to the application of Groot Industries for a proposed transfer station just north of Route 120. The Village, along with the Village of Hainesville, engaged the services of a consulting engineering firm, HDR to review application materials for the facility. After review of Groot's application, with a particular focus on potential truck traffic impacts of the facility, HDR found the Groot traffic information to be inadequate in its scope and that a five mile radius area should be studied. Even from the limited information HDR can project substantial and significant truck traffic impacts from the proposed facility. As a result of this analysis and the public hearing testimony, the Village of Grayslake joins the Village of Hainesville in expressing strong concerns about the traffic impact of the proposed Groot facility and urges Round Lake Park to take actions to minimize this impact.

Residents and businesses of Round Lake Park, Hainesville, Volo, and Lakemoor all share the common burden of significant traffic delays along the Route 120 corridor from Route 45 on the east to west of Route 134. In fact, currently Route 120 is over capacity. HDR reports a road capacity of 2,050 vehicles per hour and current traffic peak hour volumes at 2,448. Based on information from Groot's application truck traffic using Route 120, both going to the facility and leaving, could be up to 208 trucks per day with this traffic concentrated during the work day. This would severely impact the already bad conditions to the detriment of all the residents of the communities in the Route 120 corridor.

Grayslake certainly recognizes that other kinds of development in the Route 120 corridor could also bring additional traffic. However, the State of Illinois requires facilities of the type proposed by Groot to ensure that "the traffic patterns to or from the facility are so designed as to minimize the impact on the existing traffic flows" in order to meet the permit criteria for the

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facility. This is a critical difference and affords the Village of Round Lake Park the opportunity to place permit conditions for this facility through the local citing process. The Village of Grayslake urges you and the Board of Trustees, to establish conditions that will mitigate the traffic impact on the Route 120 corridor. Specifically, we urge the following enforceable permit conditions in addition to the special conditions submitted by SWALCO:

- Prohibit trucks who enter the Groot facility from using Route 120 between Ivanhoe Road and Porter Drive during the afternoon peak traffic periods (2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.).
- Prohibit trucks from the facility from turning left from Porter Drive onto Route 120 during the morning peak traffic periods (6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.).

While these restrictions may seem troublesome to the applicant they will go a long way to meeting the establishing traffic flows that minimize the impact of existing traffic flows. In 1994 Grayslake imposed a traffic restriction on trucks using Countryside Landfill that prohibited traffic from using Route 120 between Ivanhoe Road and Alleghany Road. Therefore, we know that these types of restrictions can be successfully required and that these types of businesses can successfully operate with them.

While the restrictions we urge you to include in any local permit focus on the area-wide impacts the additional truck traffic would cause on Route 120, we also urge, before any local permit is approved, that you consult with the Lake County Division of Transportation regarding impacts on other County roads.

The Village of Grayslake looks forward to your consideration of the requested restrictions to meet the applicable citing criteria. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhett Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Rhett Taylor
Mayor

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cc: Mayor Linda Soto, Village of Hainesville
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