



October 2, 2013

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

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MAYOR

KATHY S. METZLER, BMC, CMC  
VILLAGE CLERK

**Re: Groot Industries Waste Transfer Station Site Application Traffic Analysis**

Dear Mayor Lucassen and Board of Trustees,

KELLY HENSLEY, CMT  
TREASURER

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The Village of Hainesville acknowledges the need of Waste Transfer Stations in Lake County and also recognizes that Groot Industries is proposing a state-of-the-art facility. That being said, Hainesville wishes to express a strong concern over the traffic impact on the area. After reviewing the site application and listening to the traffic analysis presentation at the Public Hearing it is my understanding that Groot industries feels it has met the traffic analysis requirement of The IEPA on its siting application.

Our village appeals to you Mayor Lucassen and the Board of Trustees to request that you **1)** seek a traffic radius study (minimally a one mile), **2)** that you instruct Groot to include and work with Lake County Department of Transportation on this issue, **3)** provide **enforceable** measures that will keep the semi's from turning left on Route 120, and **4)** Loaded trucks that are parked (stacked) outside be required to return to the transfer station building if not departed in two hours to insure odor control.

You cannot drive in or out of Round Lake Park without using a State Highway or a County Highway and therefore we believe LCDOT should be fully involved. Please recall that during Groot's presentation of their traffic analysis they made reference to upcoming traffic light improvements at Route 120 & Route 134 and Route 120 and Hainesville Road and an upcoming intersection improvement at Route 120 & Hainesville Road. Groot also stated that this was not taken into account though on their current traffic analysis and that they don't view Route 120 & Hainesville Road as a "critical intersection". They mention this apparently as a "selling point".

The scheduled improvements are above and beyond what IDOT had planned largely due to efforts by LCDOT and Hainesville and more are still needed. It was noted by Groot during their presentation that these intersections will be added to the Lake County Passage system at the county's expense. I can't imagine that you would not want LCDOT involved to aid in complete solutions on immediate impact at all surrounding intersections as well as more accurate future planning. Would you not also want this to update your comprehensive plan?

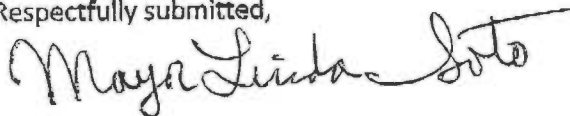
Groot's attorneys pointed out several times that if this was a proposed shopping center including a fast food restaurant and a day care center that a public hearing would not be required and the development could occur within the current zoning. This too, would bring additional traffic to the area. While that is true, it is also true that radius traffic studies come standard with that type of development (usually at a 5 mile radius). These types of businesses are also willing to do traffic flow improvements for ease of in-out traffic as it is vital to their success.

This type of development would not bring the volume of truck traffic that Groot's Waste Transfer Station will. Admittedly, traffic would increase but it is an easier sell to your residents that they have a day care center to utilize or a place to eat once they have managed to endure the Central Lake County traffic commute home or on their way to work.

As to the control of "truck traffic turning left on Route 120" only being handled internally by Groot Industries, we are alarmed. If a truck does turn left there is no enforceable measure to act on and certainly not in an expedient manner. If a truck turns left and heads east all we will be able to do is wave.

In closing, one final observation is that if loaded trucks are parked (stacked) outside more than two hours odor control could potentially become a problem. We ask that any loaded truck parked outside more than two hours be required to return to the transfer site building which is designed to address odor control and has ample room for this type of parking.

Respectfully submitted,



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Cc: Walter Willis, Executive Director, SWALCO  
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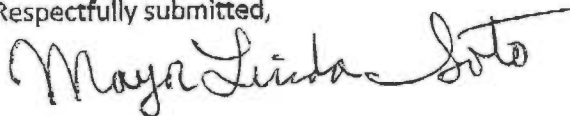
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