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Submitted at 11/25/24 3:08 PM

Meeting Date:	11/26/24
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Karen Rugg
Organization:	
Address:	[REDACTED] Itasca, IL 60143
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	
Comment:	I wish to make my comments at the meeting

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Meeting Date:	11/25/24
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Sarah Lensink
Organization:	None
Address:	 Wheaton, IL 60187
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Fairgrounds
Comment:	Hi I am writing to tell you that I am opposed to dudot housing equipment on the current fairgrounds site. It is short sighted to build over the land as it is NOT unused. It is used by the community on a regular basis. The marching band practices there, police use the land, volleyball happens there, trailers are parked there during the fair for the animals. Having an open space available to our community to gather is far more valuable than using that space to house trucks and salt. Please do NOT fill the space in with something that doesn't enhance community recreation.

Sometimes I think people forget that parks and recreation were born out of an effort to reduce stress and crime in the communities of America. Having these spaces gives back to us!

Say no to dudot on the current county grounds

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Meeting Date:	11/25/24
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Maria McCormick
Organization:	
Address:	 GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137
Daytime Phone:	
Subject:	Fairgrounds Parking Garage
Comment:	Please allow more time for public comment and environmental review before proceeding with these plans.

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Meeting Date:	11/26/24
Meeting:	DuPage County Board
Name:	Kimberly Lloyd
Organization:	Resident
Address:	[REDACTED] Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Daytime Phone:	[REDACTED]
Subject:	Proposed DuDot Facility
Comment:	<p>My name is Kim Eichenauer, and I live with my family in Glen Ellyn. I am unable to be in attendance at this meeting due to illness but did want to provide my comments on the subject of the proposed transportation on the county parcel by the fairgrounds.</p> <p>A recent headline in the Daily Herald read this “Could a transportation garage be in the future for DuPage County fairgrounds?” It doesn’t say but certainly implies the word “really” after the word garage. Can this really be the future of</p>

the fairgrounds? I believe many of us are feeling a real sense loss at this prospect—a visceral feeling that this land will now be significantly limited in its availability for public gatherings and for green space.

I have to trust that due diligence has been done to ensure that this project is needed as proposed. But, the due diligence has not been done from the perspective of the land itself to ensure that this is the highest and best use. In other words, this may be best for DuDot, but it may not be best for the potential of the land. Highest and best use is the standard for public planning.

Land is precious—especially today when so much of the land that surrounds us is part of our built environment. You, our duly elected county representatives, are the stewards we have chosen, not just for the Department of Transportation or the budget but also for land owned by the county.

The argument that placing this facility elsewhere will “cost more” is an accounting aberration. The opportunity cost of industrializing and losing this land for future use — whether for public use like extending the fairgrounds, economic development like the proposed arts facility or even use for additional housing — do have strong financial implications. They simply are not effectively represented on the balance sheet.

I would like to see a master plan be done for this large open parcel to ensure it is put to the best use for both the short and long term. DuPage County residents, your constituents deserve this. Rushing a vote now in favor of industrialization breaks the trust that we have in your role as stewards of the land. I believe that I am part of a significant portion of residents who feel this way; the immediate reaction from those with whom I’ve connected following the recent article is “yuck.”

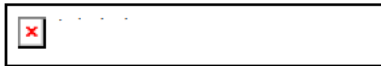
Please consider as you cast your vote today what you are potentially taking away from the future of the county as well as the needs of the proposal before you. And, please consider stepping back to work on a master plan for this land and what it could be for the county in the years to come.

Thank you.

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Meeting Date: 11/26/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: John Payne

Organization:

Address: [REDACTED]
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

**Daytime
Phone:** [REDACTED]

Subject: Garage at Dupage County Fair Grounds

Comment: I encourage you to take additional time to look at how the proposed transportation garage would fit into the overall plan for the land and take time to get additional public input.

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Meeting Date: 11/26/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Erin Meadows

Organization:

Address: [REDACTED]
Wheaton, IL 60187

**Daytime
Phone:**

Subject: County fairgrounds improvements

Comment:

I am concerned that the neighbors to the south and east of the fairground have not been properly notified of the potential extend of this project.

Further more I am concerned about the additional traffic and congestion this would bring to our neighborhood. Manchester is already an extremely congested road.

I don't believe the parking will be adequate for the space. People currently

park south of Childs and walk to the fairgrounds and many times streets like Beverly become 1 car width wide due to all the parked cars. North of Childs typically gets no parking signs placed by the police department. This has just encouraged more compact parking south of Childs street. The 2 way stop at Beverly and Childs becomes extremely dangerous during high attendance events.

While the space is underutilized and needs a face lift I don't believe this addresses the actual needs in the community. From a resident perspective there seem to be plenty of performing arts spaces in the county but indoor sports/recreation spaces seems to be extremely limited. For a location with long winters it would be beneficial to have both arts and sports/recreation representation in this plan.

As a musician I am generally concerned about the possible location of the outdoor performance space near the railroad in some plan options. This is not ideal for music and entertaining and it might be difficult to get entertainment and musicians, etc to utilize the outdoor performance center if it ends up in that location.

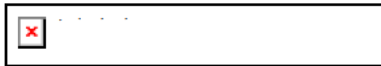
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Submitted at 12/06/24 2:43 PM

Meeting Date: 12/10/24

Meeting: DuPage County Board

Name: Jacquelyn Casazza

Organization: Go Green Glen Ellyn

Address: [REDACTED]
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

**Daytime
Phone:** [REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed DuDOT Transportation Facility - Environmental Concerns and Recommendations

Comment: These comments are being submitted by Jacquelyn Casazza on behalf of Go Green Glen Ellyn, which is a local environmental 501c3 based in Glen Ellyn.
On November 26, Jacquelyn Casazza, as President of Go Green Glen Ellyn, attended the DuPage County Board meeting which discussed the proposed new DuDOT Transportation Facility to be built on County Fairgrounds. GGGE expressed concerns about potential contamination from salt and fuel to

groundwater and soil at the new location both in public comment on Nov 26 and in emails to Board Members following the meeting. Below is a summary of additional information we received from Board Members, as well as our comments and further recommendations for consideration for the DuPage County Board.

Questions related to salt and fuel storage at the new facility
GGGE received positive reassurance from the Board that the proposed facility would provide greater protection from these contaminants.

Board Member Deacon Garcia responded: “The salt sheds as they are built now have the trucks just pulling up to the salt sheds and salt is loaded into the trucks and spilling occurs contaminating the ground. The new salt sheds will be built larger so that trucks can pull all the way in and the salt will be contained in the concrete walls and floors, with no contamination. Once the old buildings are torn down I will work with staff to mitigate any spillage that has occurred.

The fuel stations now are underground and are about 150 years old and it is very hard to monitor if leaking is occurring. The new fuel stations will be built completely above ground level with no chance of contamination underground and unseen.”

Board Member Evans responded: “One of the existing salt domes on the southwest campus is aging, and it is located adjacent to Winfield Creek. The salt contamination from this salt dome into Winfield Creek is of great concern to us. The new DuDOT expansion plans to remedy this with the new drive-in salt storage facility. Vehicles will be able to drive into the structure for salt-loading, which will reduce salt contamination.

The new fuel tanks will be needed for county operations, and I believe they will have additional safety requirements set forth by the EPA.”

Board Member Chaplin responded: “DuPage County is committed to best environmental practices. With new technology the designs of the fuel storage tanks and salt shed will be much safer...The county does an excellent job making sure our environmental impact is limited and I have confidence that this project will be [no] different.”

Go Green Glen Ellyn is appreciative of these responses. Based on these responses, we have more confidence that the new facility will provide greater environmental protections for the area.

Additional sustainability considerations/questions

If a new building is being constructed, the County has the opportunity to utilize sustainable building methods and technologies (including but not limited to solar panels, green roofs, geothermal heat pumps, energy efficient lighting, dark sky compliant lighting, etc) at the new facility. Go Green Glen Ellyn also received information from Board members on this topic.

Board Member Deacon Garcia informed us: “Staff is working with ComEd to do many environmentally sustainable improvements on the building itself – Solar arrays are being planned , LED lighting plus I am sure so much more. Our staff sustainability members are working on the plan to include many new features that will benefit the area.”

Board Member Evans responded: “The new plan will actually improve water quality and provide more habitat for native wildlife.”

Based on these responses, we have more confidence that the new facility will utilize sustainable building methods and technologies. We will be following the development to see if these are implemented during the actual construction process.

Additional considerations for the County Board as the project progresses
Go Green Glen Ellyn is appreciative of the steps the County is taking to build a new facility which considers sustainability in the form and function of the building. Additionally we are appreciative of the protective measures for the salt and fuel.

We would request the County Board consider the following as this project continues:

It is our understanding after corresponding with various members of the Board that an environmental study will be done as part of the zoning process for the new facility. We would request that public input on environmental concerns be sought and included in this process. We would also recommend creating an FAQ available to residents that provides detail regarding environmental questions such as some of the ones we had.

GGGE would request transparency from the County Board with respect to any contamination at the existing site that is uncovered, so that residents are informed of the present condition of the area and what, if anything, will be done to protect / remediate groundwater and soil at this site, as needed.

It is our understanding that the existing County Fairgrounds site includes orchards, beehives, a native plant butterfly garden, and other interesting and unique environmental assets. We would request that the County work as

closely as possible with Jim McGuire and the DuPage County Fairgrounds organization to minimize disruption to these areas to the greatest extent possible before, during, and after construction. Should any of these areas need to be relocated or rehabilitated, we would request that the County Board allocate appropriate financial and personnel resources to such work and that it is done expeditiously.

We would further request that the new DuDOT facility is designed and built to maximize efficient use of space on the Fairgrounds site, in order to protect the existing greenspace for future recreational use and events that benefit the quality of life and economic livelihood of County residents.

We appreciate the engagement of County Board members on this matter and look forward to learning more as the project takes shape.

Jacquelyn Casazza
President and co-founder, Go Green Glen Ellyn

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