

MAYOR YUKICH'S BLOG

DATE: September 16, 2015

GREAT NEWS – ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY SECURED AND APPROVED FOR VILLAGE PROJECT!

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has approved the Village's request for an additional \$28,000.00 in federal grant money allocations to support the cost of the Village's southern expansion to the Heroes Trail system. In total, the multi-purpose Heroes Trail expansion project will receive approximately \$498,000.00 in federal grant support. The new south extension to the Heroes Trail system will extend from a current trail point, at Martingale Lane, south on ComEd right of way to the north side of 159th Street, just east of Annico Drive. At this point, the south extension trail will meet up with a new trail to be installed on the north side of 159th Street.

The Village has a history of seeking grant funding support for important community infrastructure improvement projects. With this additional \$28,000.00 grant secured, the Village continues this long-standing, fiscally responsible tradition.

WOODBINE AREA REGIONAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - UPDATE

The Village is continuing to work with the engineering firm HR Green on the completion of the Woodbine Area Regional Drainage Improvement Project plan and recommendations. Just this week, I have mailed out the attached letter and survey to residents who live in subdivisions adjacent to the old Woodbine Golf Course property. The survey's results will be utilized by the Village to gain information and feedback from residents, who live in this area, about their stormwater concerns and suggestions.

If you reside in one of the homes by the old golf course that is receiving the Village's Woodbine Area Regional Drainage Project survey, I urge you to complete the document and return it to the Village. Your comments and suggestions are important to the Village! I will continue to keep you updated as this project moves forward. **My Letter and Village Survey Questionnaire Attached.**

MEETING WITH THE WILL COUNTY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Recently, Village staff and I met with Will County CED representatives. The meeting focused on the good economic news occurring in Will County along with the future opportunities for Homer Glen. I am always working on improving Economic Development in the Village of Homer Glen!

Attached is a copy of the recent "Will County Economic Development Update" PowerPoint produced by the CED. The PowerPoint is full of comparative information about the State of Illinois and Will County regarding topics like CED services, good news about Illinois and basic Will County economic conditions, unemployment rates, etc. **CED PowerPoint Presentation Attached.**

UNIQUE FALL ACTIVITIES IN HOMER GLEN

Autumn is a time to celebrate what makes Homer Glen truly unique with great family activities on the farm. Opening day for **Konow's Corn Maze and Fall Fest** is September 19th! Enjoy two corn mazes, pony rides, live music, two corn pits, newly designed straw playground, petting zoo, jumpy pillow, hay rides, cow train rides, grain train rides, face painting and more. For more information, visit www.konowscornmaze.com.

The farm opens on September 26th for **Bengtson's Pumpkin Fest!** Take a hayride to the pumpkin field and enjoy kiddie rides, the fun barn, pig races, a petting zoo, pony and camel rides, 90' mega fun slide, pumpkin chucker, jimmy cracked corn box, hootenanny railroad, Halloween gift shop and more. For more information, visit www.pumpkinfarm.com.

Apple picking has started at **Garden Patch Farms!** Boasting the best tasting produce available, Garden Patch Farms is a 30 acre "U-Pick" farm. In addition to more than 4,000 apple, peach, cherry and pear trees, guests will seasonally find blackberries, strawberries, raspberries, and many varieties of garden vegetables. For more information, visit www.pickthefarm.com.

NEW MONUMENT ON VILLAGE'S HEROES TRAIL BY HIAWATHA DRIVE CONNECTION POINT

The Homer Glen Foundation has installed a beautiful new monument, recognizing the Armed Forces, at the memorial garden by the W. Hiawatha Drive connection to the Village's Heroes Trail system. This beautiful polished black granite monument was just installed last week and is approximately three feet tall. Thank you to the Homer Glen Foundation for their generosity and for this beautiful new addition to our community.



HOMER HARVEST DAYS A BIG SUCCESS!

This past weekends' Homer Harvest Days event was a huge success! A great time was had by everyone who attended. I want to thank every member of the volunteer Homer Harvest Days Committee, the event volunteers and the Village, Township, Highway Department and EMA staff that helped make this fun weekend a reality.

If you were not able to attend this year, I invite you to attend next September's HHD 2016 event. The event will continue to feature food, live music, old-fashioned entertainment and games, children's activities, living history and pioneer demonstrations, antique tractors, hay rides, artisan & unique craft vendors, and much, much more!

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- Chamber of Commerce Business-After-Hours Event (Thursday, September 17, 2015). This Chamber event will be held at the First American Bank, 14741 Founders Crossing, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Refreshments and light appetizers, while networking, will be served. RSVP to Marlene Garcia-Bell at (708) 398-3055.
- Community and Nature in Harmony Awards (September 23, 2015). The Mayor and the Village's Environment Committee will present the annual Community and Nature in Harmony Awards at the start of the September 23rd Village Board meeting at 7p.m.
- Bi-Chamber Women in Business Networking Event (Wednesday, September 30, 2015). This event is being co-hosted by the Homer Township Chamber of Commerce and the Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at Mullet's Restaurant at 14903 Bell Road in Homer Glen. To register, visit www.homerchamber.com.
- Chamber of Commerce Business-After-Hours Event (Tuesday, October 6, 2015). This Chamber event will be held at Illinois American Waters Oak Valley Water Reclamation Facility at 16230 S. Bell Road. The event will run from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Mike Hike 5K Walk/Run (Saturday, November 7, 2015). The Mike Hike, in memory of PFC Michael Olivieri, is always a great event. The walk/run is held in Homer Glen on portions of the Village's Heroes Trail. Go to Mikehike5k.com for more information.

ADDITIONAL RABID BAT FOUND IN HOMER GLEN

The County Health Department notified the Village on Monday that another rabid bat has been found in Homer Glen. This bat was found on Woodcrest Avenue. The Department representative told us the bat was found inside the home, hanging in a closet.

The Village would like to remind everyone that bats and wildlife should never be approached or handled. Notify Will County Animal Control at 815-462-5633 of any sick, injured or dead bats in or around your home.

UPDATE REGARDING CITY OF LOCKPORT INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

On occasion, I will update Homer Glen residents on various items being considered or approved by City Councils or Village Boards in adjacent communities. Obviously, what communities that border us approve for development can have an impact on our community.

The City of Lockport has recently approved the HILLWOOD Investment Properties development of a four-building, 1.4 million square-foot industrial warehouse development on 110 acres of land SW of Homer Glen between W. 163rd Street and W. 167th Street, just East of I355. The Lockport City Council approved the plan at a recent Board Meeting. **Site Plan Attached.**

Industrial warehouse developments in Lockport, either under construction or recently approved, total over 5 million square feet of warehousing under roof with hundreds of truck bays. Many of these approved developments are on the east side of Lockport, close to the Village of Homer Glen's corporate boundaries.

<u>Industrial Warehouse</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Truck Bays</u>
➤ Hillwood Investment Properties 4 Buildings (163 rd Street & I355)	1,464,320	264
➤ Tandem Development Group (163 rd Street & I355)	524,000	100
➤ ML Realty Partners	2,600,000	
➤ Panattoni Development (163 rd Street)	<u>846,500</u>	
Total	5,434,820 sq ft	

All of the above developments are within the taxing jurisdiction of School District 205.

UPDATE REGARDING THE WILL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

The Will County Forest Preserve District is revising its procedures for how permit violations are handled. The revisions include implementing written documentation, eliminating verbal warnings for offenses, and setting up an administrative review program. These revisions were prompted by a recent incident in which a dog-walking business was denied a renewal for their dog park permit because of repeat violations in a District property.

Apparently, the Forest Preserve District procedures allow for repeat offenses to be formally documented. Third offenses could result in an automatic one-year permit suspension but if there is an aggressive dog or owner, there could be no written warning and a dog permit could be suspended on a second offense. The District's website can be found at

www.reconnectwithnature.org

SUMMARY FROM THIS WEEK'S NORTHERN WILL COUNTY WATER AGENCY BOARD MEETING

The Northern Will County Water Agency (NWCWA) Board of Directors met in Homer Glen on Monday. On the agenda were several items related to the Agency's lawsuit with American Lake Water/Illinois American Water, regarding the Agency's efforts to acquire ALW/IAW's Bedford Park Water Transmission Line. The Agency, made up of five municipalities (Bolingbrook, Homer Glen, Lemont, Romeoville and Woodridge) heard an update from our attorneys regarding the lawsuit. The Board also passed a resolution authorizing the removal of the Illinois Central Railroad as an interested party in the lawsuit.

In addition to approving bill payment, the Agency's Board of Directors also approved and accepted the independent auditor's report for May 2014 through December 31, 2014. The next meeting of the NWCWA Board will be 11 a.m. on December 14th at the Romeoville Village Hall.



Community and Nature . . . in Harmony

14933 S. Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

Phone (708) 301-0632
Fax (708) 301-8407

Dear Neighbor:

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well! I'm writing to you today to give you a brief update on the status of the future Village Hall park property (Former Woodbine Golf Course) and on the Village's work with the engineering firm HR Green regarding the development of a regional drainage improvement project plan for your area. In addition, a questionnaire is included that I hope you will fill out and return.

Village Hall Park Property – The Village Board and I are eager to open the Village Hall Park property for passive recreation. Over this past month, we've been doing work on the property ranging from filling in holes to removing dead trees, from improving the path to removing dead, hanging branches. All of this has been done in an effort to open the park property for passive recreation.

The Village hopes to open the park property before the end of this month. The park's hours will be dawn to dusk, like all of Homer Glen's park properties, with park rules clearly posted. There will be a 1.2 mile path to enjoy, along with many grassy fields to explore. Port-a-johns and garbage cans will be located on the park property, along with several picnic tables for residents to utilize. The property is a beautiful parcel and we want you and your fellow residents to be able to enjoy it. Like all of the Village's park properties, the Village will make sure that it is regularly patrolled by the Will County Sheriff's Deputies.

Development Of A Regional Drainage Improvement Project Plan – The Village has hired the engineering firm HR Green to perform a detailed, regional drainage improvement plan for the area around and including the former Woodbine Golf Course. Development of the plan, which will include providing the Village with several different options to improve stormwater functioning, will be completed in 12 weeks.

As a part of the projects' information gathering phase, you and your neighbors are receiving the enclosed questionnaire. Through the use of the questionnaire, the engineers are seeking your input on stormwater issues in and around your neighborhood. I encourage you to complete the survey and to return it so that your input can be considered in the planning process. Also, if you see HR Green personnel or vehicles in your neighborhood, please know that they are working to gather stormwater related information to help them in the completion of this regional plan.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter I encourage you to contact Village Hall at 708-301-0632. Again, my best to you and your family!

Respectfully,
Village of Homer Glen

George Yukich
Mayor



Village of Homer Glen
Woodbine Area Regional Drainage Improvement Project
Property Owner/Renter Questionnaire
(Saddle Brook, Stadtler Ridge, Woodbine and Woodbine West Subdivisions)

Please return this questionnaire to the Village of Homer Glen no later than October 2, 2015. We appreciate your participation by completing and returning this questionnaire. The information that is gathered will help the engineers in the completion of the regional drainage improvement project.

Mail or Drop off: Village Hall
Village of Homer Glen
14933 S. Founders Crossing
Homer Glen, IL 60491

or, Via E-mail: village@homerglen.org

1. What is the address of your property?

2. Do you currently own/rent this property?

Own Rent

If "rent," please provide property owner information -

3. How long have you lived at your current address?

- Less than one year
 One to five years
 Six to ten years
 Ten years or more

4. During this time, have you ever experienced any problems due to flooding? Yes No

If "yes," please complete this entire questionnaire.

If "no," please skip to question 10 and then complete the rest of the questionnaire.

5. In what years did your property flood?

6. What type of foundation structure does your home sit on? (Check all that apply)

- Basement
- Slab
- Crawl Space
- Don't know

7. Where did you get water and how deep did it get? (Check all that apply)

- In basement: _____ deep
- In crawl space: _____ deep
- First floor: _____ deep
- In yard only: _____ deep
- In street only: _____ deep
- Water kept out of house by sandbagging, sewer valve or other protective measure.

8. If you have a basement or a crawl space, do either or both of them have a sump pump? (Check all that apply)

- Basement: Yes No Crawl Space: Yes No

If yes, did your home flood because of a sump pump failure? Yes No

9. What do you feel was the cause of your flooding?

- Storm sewer backup
 - Standing water next to house
 - Sump pump failure/power failure
 - Saturated ground/leaks in basement walls
 - Upstream runoff
 - Other: _____
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10. Have you ever been blocked from vehicular access to your property due to flood waters in the roadway?

- Yes No

If yes, which roadway(s)?

11. Do you have flood insurance or a sewer/basement flood rider on your insurance policy?

- Yes No

WILL COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

**CED Eye Opener Breakfast
Thursday, June 25, 2015**

**Harrah's Joliet
Nevada Room**

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About the Will County Center for Economic Development

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CED Mission Statement

The mission of the Will County Center for Economic Development is to *assist in*:

- The retention and expansion of existing business
- The recruitment of new business, and
- The creation of new jobs and investment within Will County

CED Purpose Statement

- To engage public and private sector leaders in a pro-active economic development program that fulfills the CED mission;
- To influence public policy that furthers business expansion in Will County and the State;
- To make business and industry aware of the business growth opportunities in Will County and its communities;
- To insure that public investment in infrastructure critical to our economic future happens in a timely fashion;

CED Purpose Statement

- To brand Will County as the Jobs County for the Metro-Chicago area;
- To measure and communicate the economic development successes in Will County to demonstrate that supporting the CED is critical to moving the economy forward;
- Create a "Culture of Economic Development" throughout the County.

CED Services to Business

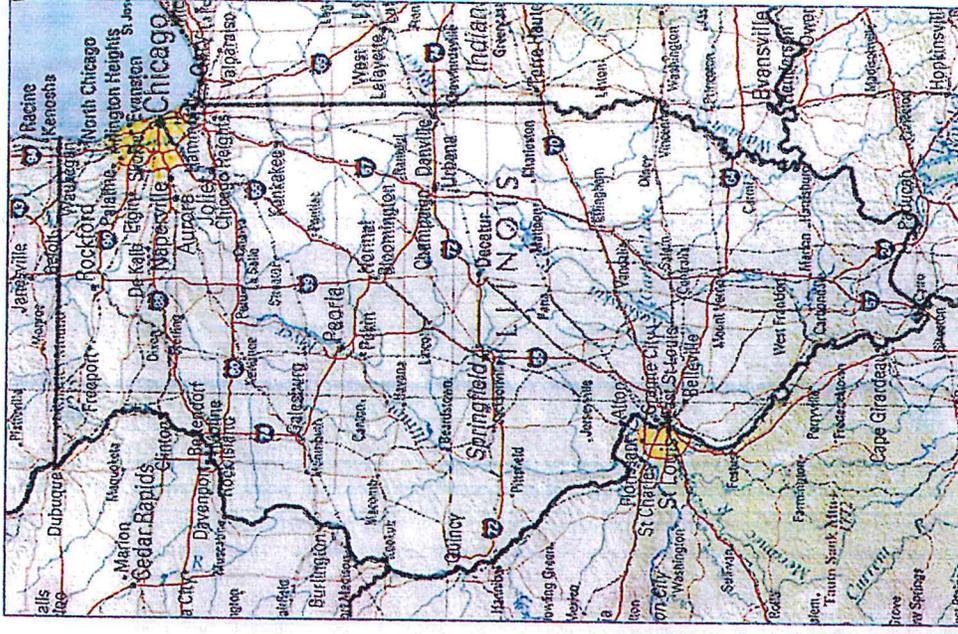
- **Real Estate:** Site and Building Search
- **Money:** Incentive Program Assistance
- **Government Contacts:** Coordination with State, County and Municipalities
- **Data:** Demographic, Workforce Data, Economic Trends
- **Custom Studies:** Research and Statistical Data
- **Presence Where It Counts:** Federal and State Lobbying

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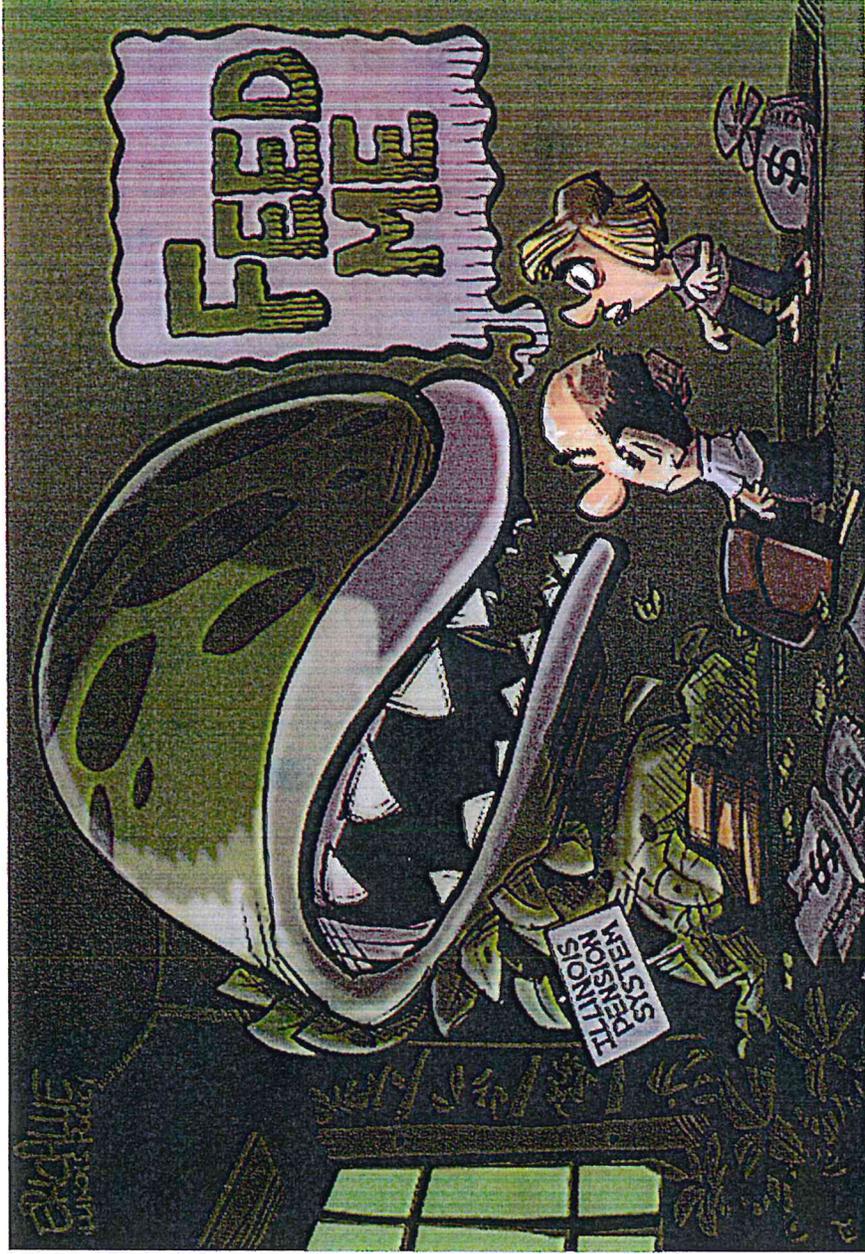
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The "State" of Illinois

- State's Unfunded Pension Liability \$111 Billion (up from \$62B in 2009)
- \$6 Billion Budget Deficit
- Change in Employment Growth Rate last 3 years: -39.3%
- Net loss of residents last year: 95,000
- Ranked 48th (Again!) by *CEO Magazine* as a good state to do business



The "State" of Illinois



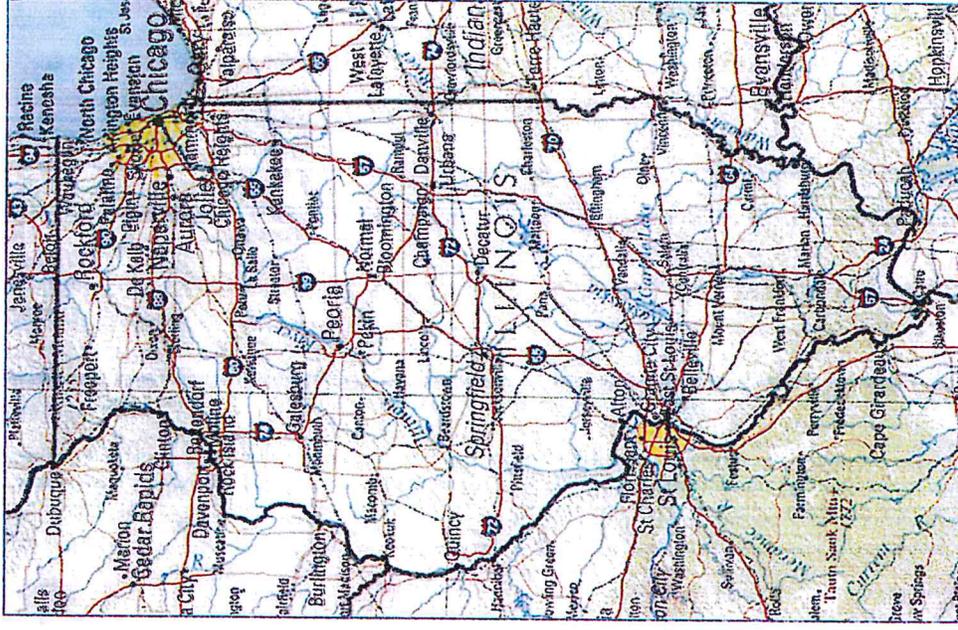
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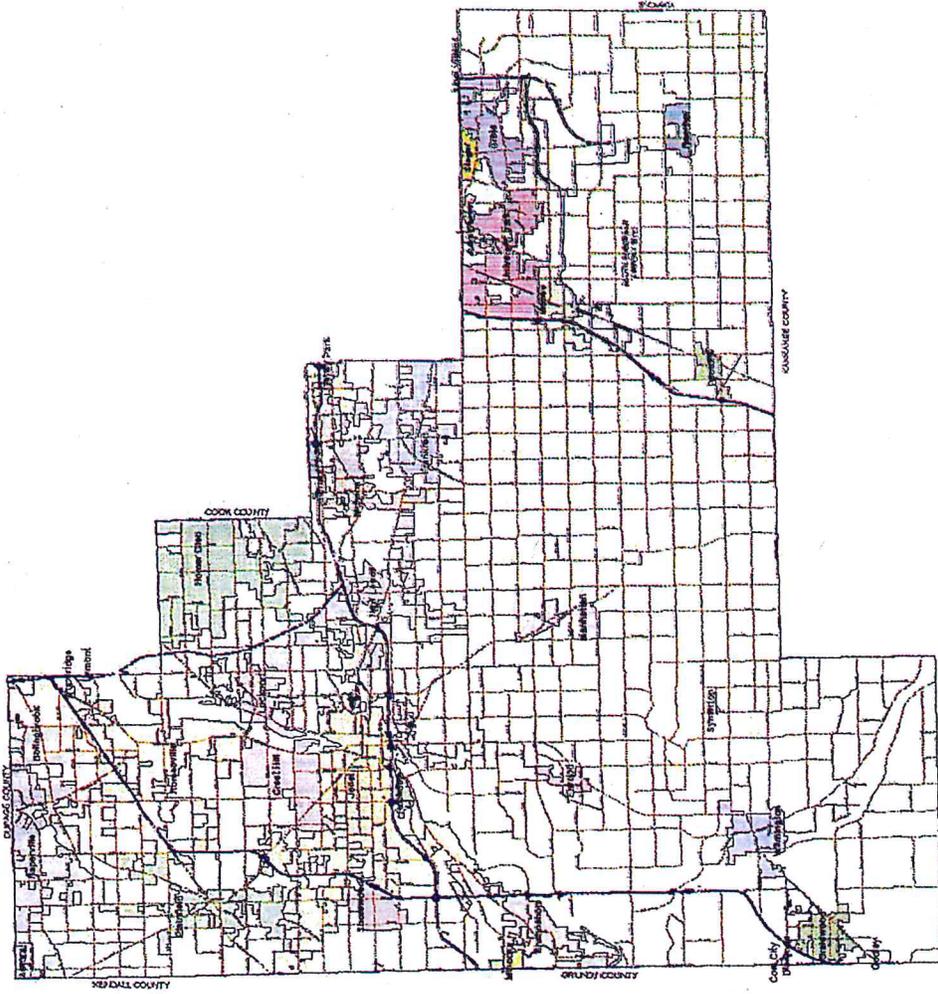
The “State” of Illinois

SOME GOOD NEWS:

- The unemployment rate in Illinois dropped to 6 % last month down from 7.1% a year ago;
- That 1.1% yearly drop trailed the percentage drop found in only a few other states;
- Illinois added 62,100 jobs from May 2014 to May 2015, which was also one of the top gains in the country.



The "State" of Will County, Illinois



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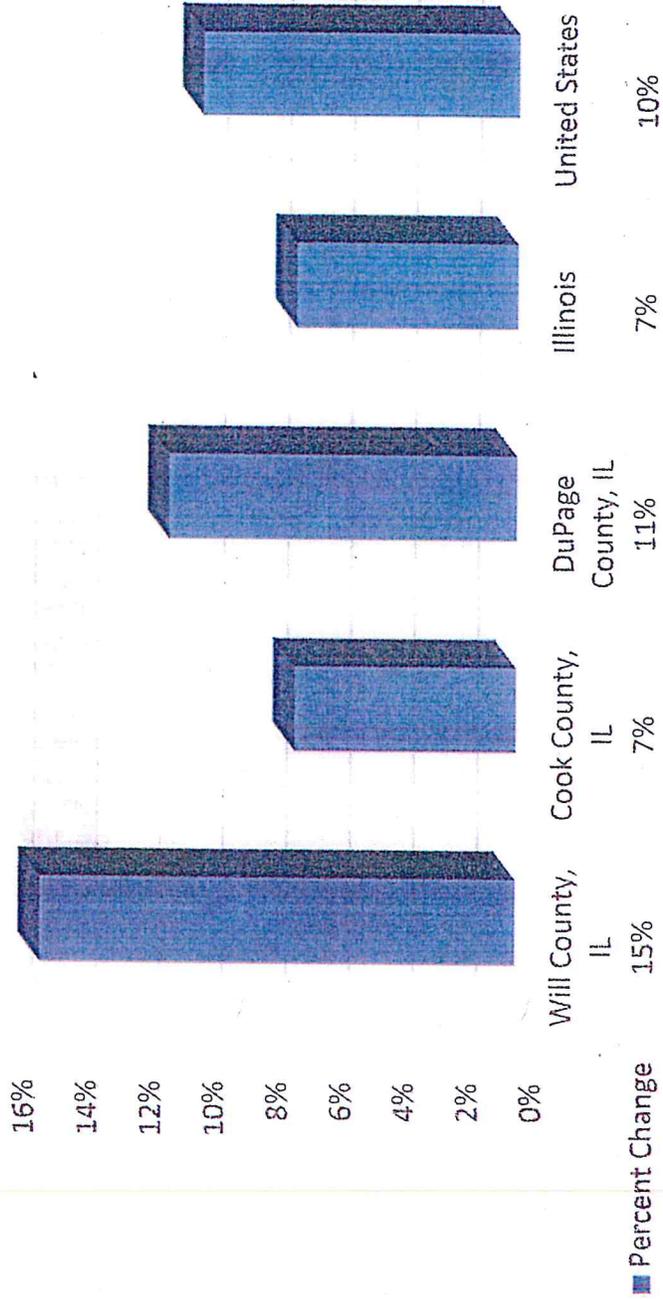
Basic Economic Conditions in Will County

- *Population: 2015 Est.: 702,547 - 2% growth since 2013 (fourth largest in Illinois)*
- *Unemployment Rate: April 2015: 6.1% (down from 7.8% in 2014)*
- *Median Household Income: \$74,669 (6th in the State)*
- *Job Growth Accelerating: Between 3/14 - 3/15; 9,569 New Jobs*
- *Housing Market: Lead the Metro Area in New Housing Starts in 2014*
- *Industrial Vacancy Rates - 1st Quarter 2015: I-55 Corridor - 7.4%; I-80 Corridor - 7.9%; Chicago Market - 14%*
- *New build to suit and speculative industrial under construction: 3,456,364-sq.ft.*

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Employment Change
2010-2015



WILL COUNTY HOUSING

U.S. Census Building Permits for Will County, IL

**U.S. Census Bureau
Single Family Housing Permits**

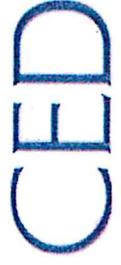
Will County, IL

1990 - April, 2015

**Year Single Family
 Bldgs Construction Cost**

1990	2,391	\$235,619,728
1991	2,320	\$235,901,956
1992	3,255	\$332,294,142
1993	4,131	\$419,302,411
1994	4,317	\$458,965,458
1995	4,323	\$457,658,931
1996	5,098	\$515,699,748
1997	4,652	\$520,410,562
1998	5,810	\$635,919,461
1999	7,074	\$823,350,427
2000	6,478	\$800,813,323
2001	7,047	\$917,739,883
2002	7,966	\$1,098,086,623
2003	8,661	\$1,356,672,707
2004	7,603	\$1,314,534,035
2005	8,036	\$1,618,695,752
2006	5,547	\$1,225,226,852
2007	2,782	\$668,789,874
2008	1,152	\$279,978,148
2009	466	\$109,114,885
2010	492	\$119,751,758
2011	526	\$127,688,631
2012	711	\$185,114,918
2013	958	\$252,166,843
2014	1,045	\$281,205,622
2015	303	\$77,113,000

TOTAL: 103,141 \$15,146,855,830



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NEW MAJOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS 2015

BOB'S FURNITURE DISCOUNT

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LOGISTICS SERVICES



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Today counts.



Ferrara
candy company

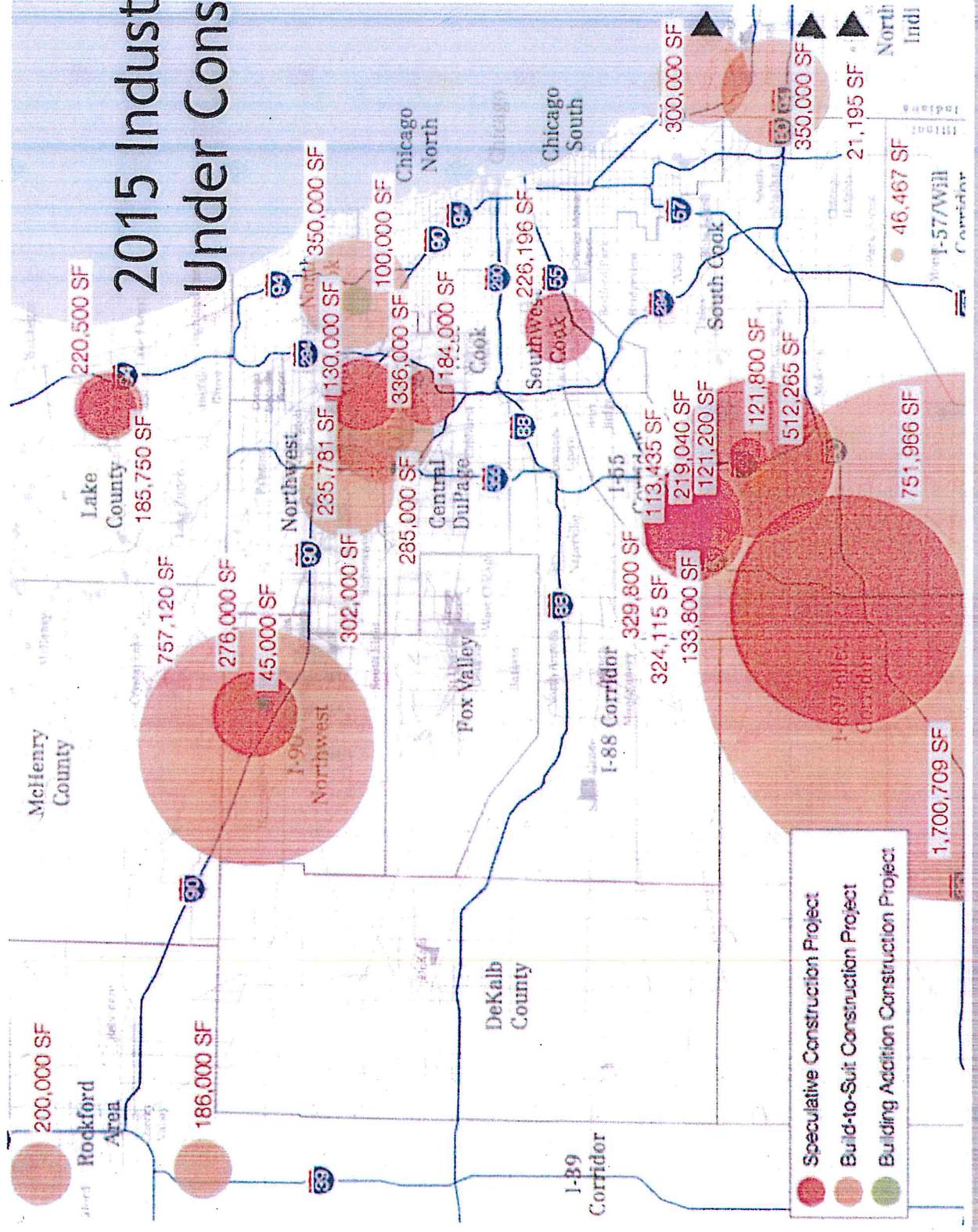
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NEW MAJOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS 2015

IKEA Home Furnishings	1.4 million-sq.ft.	Laraway Crossing, Joliet
Saddle Creek Logistics	1 million-sq.ft.	CenterPoint Intermodal Joliet
Bob's Discount Furniture	761,966-sq.ft.	Heartland Corp Center, Shorewood
Pacific Architects & Engineer	723,291-sq.ft.	Romeoville
International Transload Logistics	485,476-sq.ft.	CenterPoint Intermodal Joliet
Consolidated Distribution Corp.	398,111-sq.ft.	RidgePort, Wilmington
Ferrara Candy Co.	250,000-sq.ft.	Bolingbrook
Presence Healing Arts Pavilion	25,000-sq.ft.	Rte. 59, Plainfield
Joliet Bulk, Barge & Rail Terminal		Port of Will County, Joliet

2015 Industrial Under Construction



WILL COUNTY RETAIL SALES

Chicago Metropolitan Area County Retail Sales Growth 2007-2014

<i>Civil Subdivisions</i>	2007	2014	<i>Percent Change</i>
Chicago	\$22,954,101,315	\$26,656,194,685	16.1%
Cook Co. (less Chicago)	\$37,844,015,866	\$40,247,697,133	6.4%
Total Cook County	\$60,798,117,181	\$66,903,891,818	10.0%
DuPage County	\$17,622,667,513	\$18,951,270,231	7.5%
Kane County	\$5,983,161,786	\$6,329,402,682	5.8%
Lake County	\$10,855,849,976	\$11,810,821,516	8.8%
McHenry County	\$3,467,252,766	\$3,701,824,697	6.8%
Will County	\$7,108,958,603	\$8,525,593,434	19.9%
Total Counties	\$106,868,471,989	\$116,222,804,378	8.8%

MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS 2015

ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY:

- What a Difference an Election Makes!!
- Rauner's Stop Order
- Environmental Law Suit - Tier One EIS Flawed
- Next Step: What will IDOT, INDOT, USDOT Do?
- Regional Planners want infrastructure investments to benefit existing communities - So Will County Communities Don't Count?

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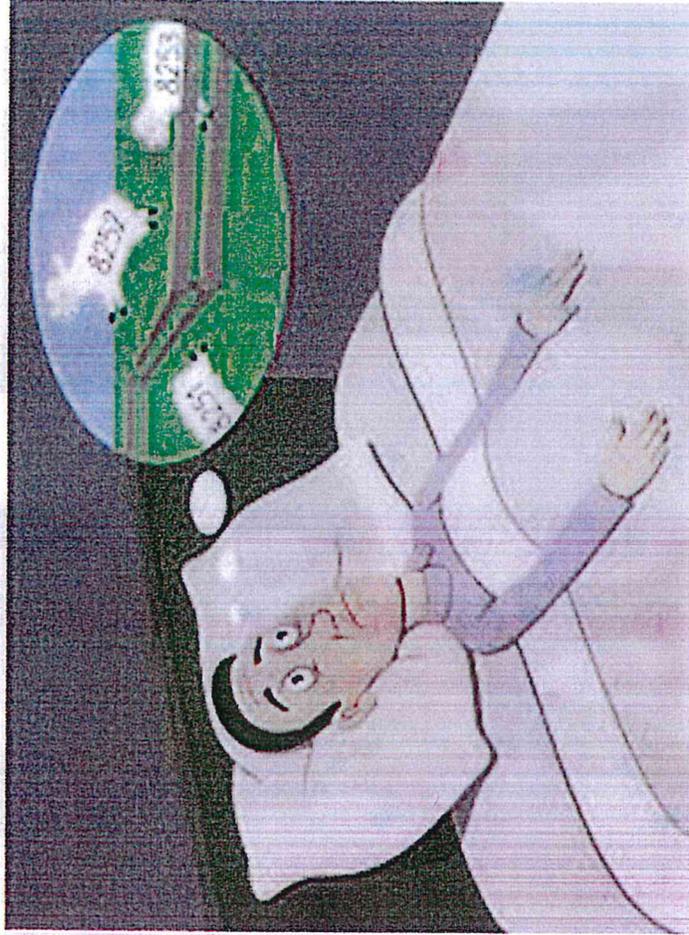
SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT:

- What a Difference an Election Makes (again)!!
- Rauner's Stop Order
- Land Acquisition Halted
- Next Step: What will IDOT and the Governor Do?

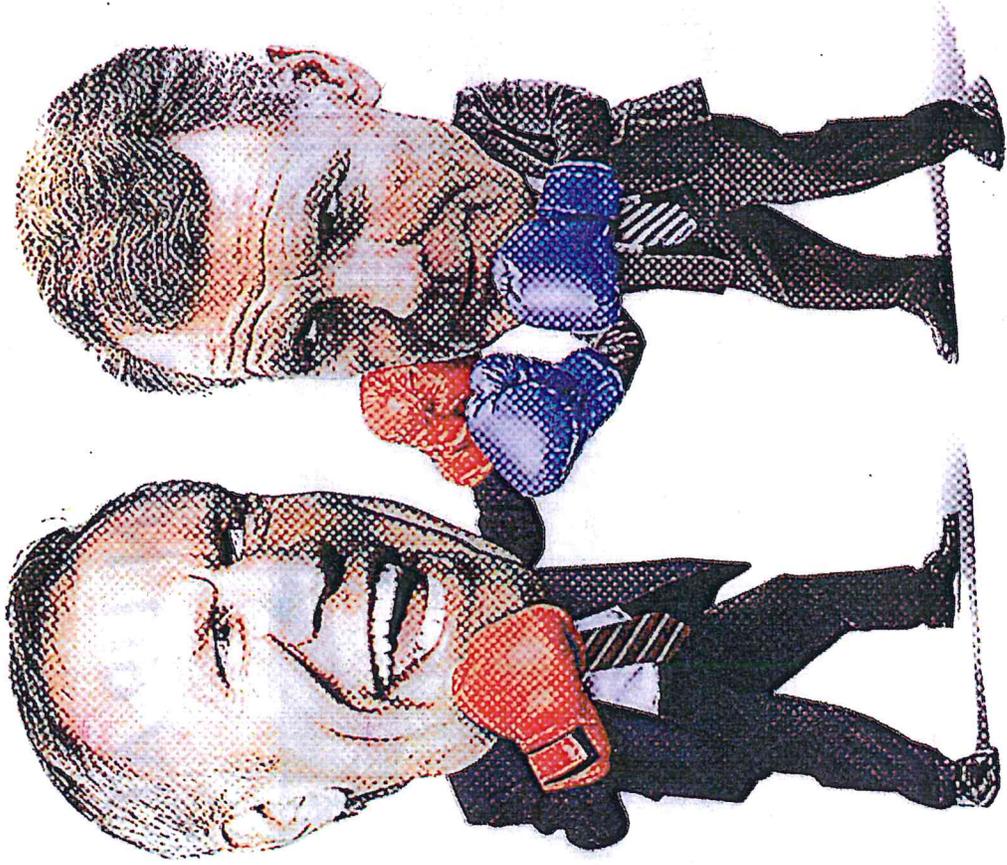
MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS 2015

- I-80 Widening - On Hold
- Weber Rd. Interchange - *Moving Forward*
- Rt. 6 & I-55 Interchange - *Moving Forward*
- Stuenkel Rd. Interchange - *Moving Forward*
- Houbolt Bridge at I-80/Rte. 6 - *Gaining Momentum*

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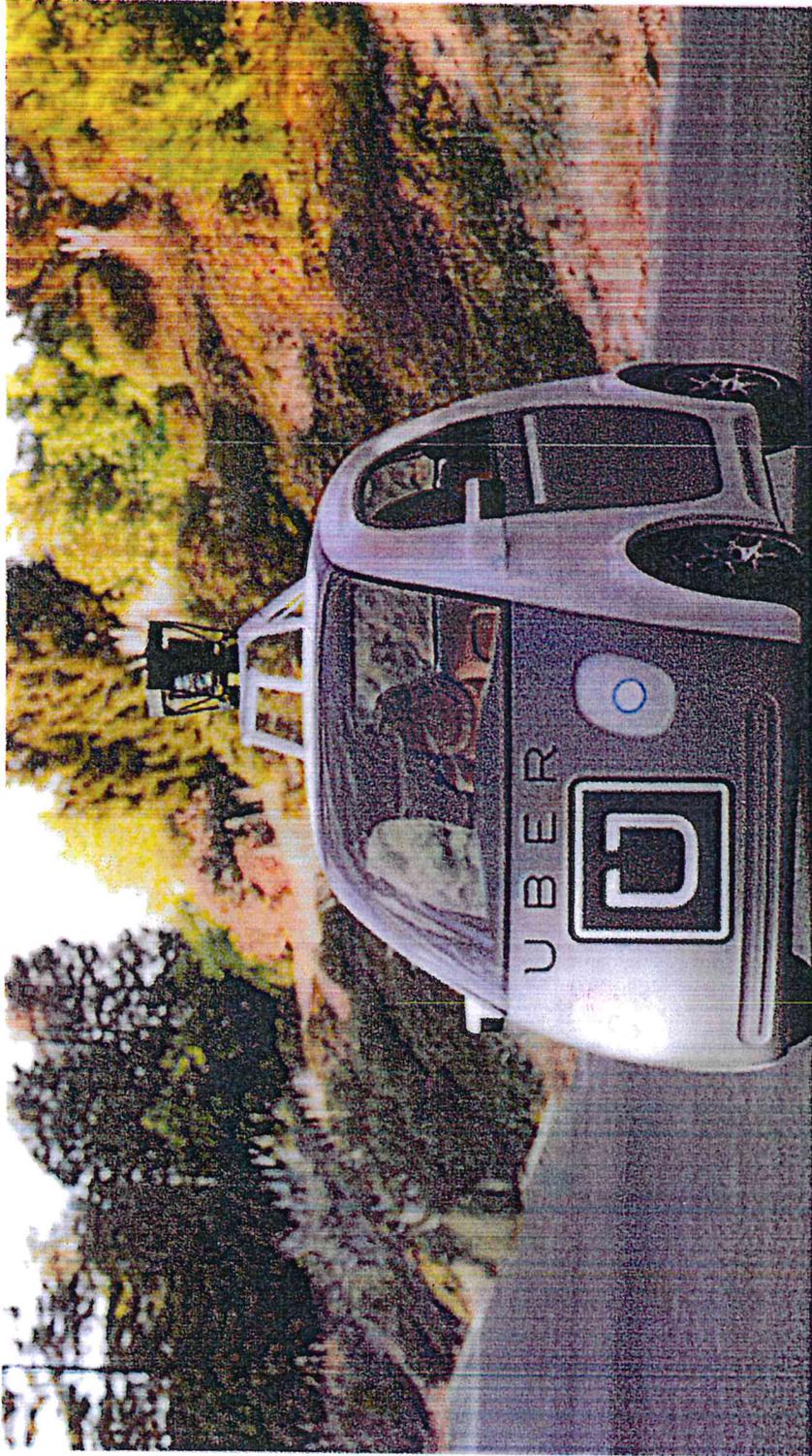
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WHAT KEEPS JOHN UP AT NIGHT?

- The Illinois Commerce Commission closing key rail crossings without a study of the impacts of freight movement in Will County.
- Watching four years of Illiana studies get tossed aside on a use projection technicality not by the Peotone Unicorn.
- No state capital bill for needed road projects.
- A pro-business Governor stopping the use of all state business incentives.
- Wondering what will happen to state services if a compromise budget is not reached - and does anybody care?
- Why has economic development become so partisan?
- Why can't the Chicago Tribune, Crain's, and the Chicago planning cabal understand that supporting infrastructure investment in Will County will benefit the entire Chicago region, creating tens of thousands of jobs and billions of \$ of new investment?

WHAT KEEPS JOHN ASLEEP AT NIGHT?



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- WILL COUNTY leading the region in new job creation, retail sales and housing.
- New private investment in WILL COUNTY shows continued confidence in the local economy.
- WILL COUNTY is investing in roads and new facilities to meet the demands of the future.
- Local WILL COUNTY governments are balancing their budgets, making shrewd investments and committed to a competitive business environment.
- The quality of health care, education (K-12 and Higher Education), recreational facilities and community services makes WILL COUNTY one of the best places for businesses and people in the Midwest.
- Knowing the CED is a leader in county, regional, state and national economic development initiatives and programs.
- The CED is one of the best ways for individuals and businesses to make a difference in the WILL COUNTY and Illinois economies.

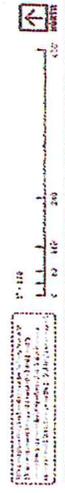
Lockport Proposed Ind. Park

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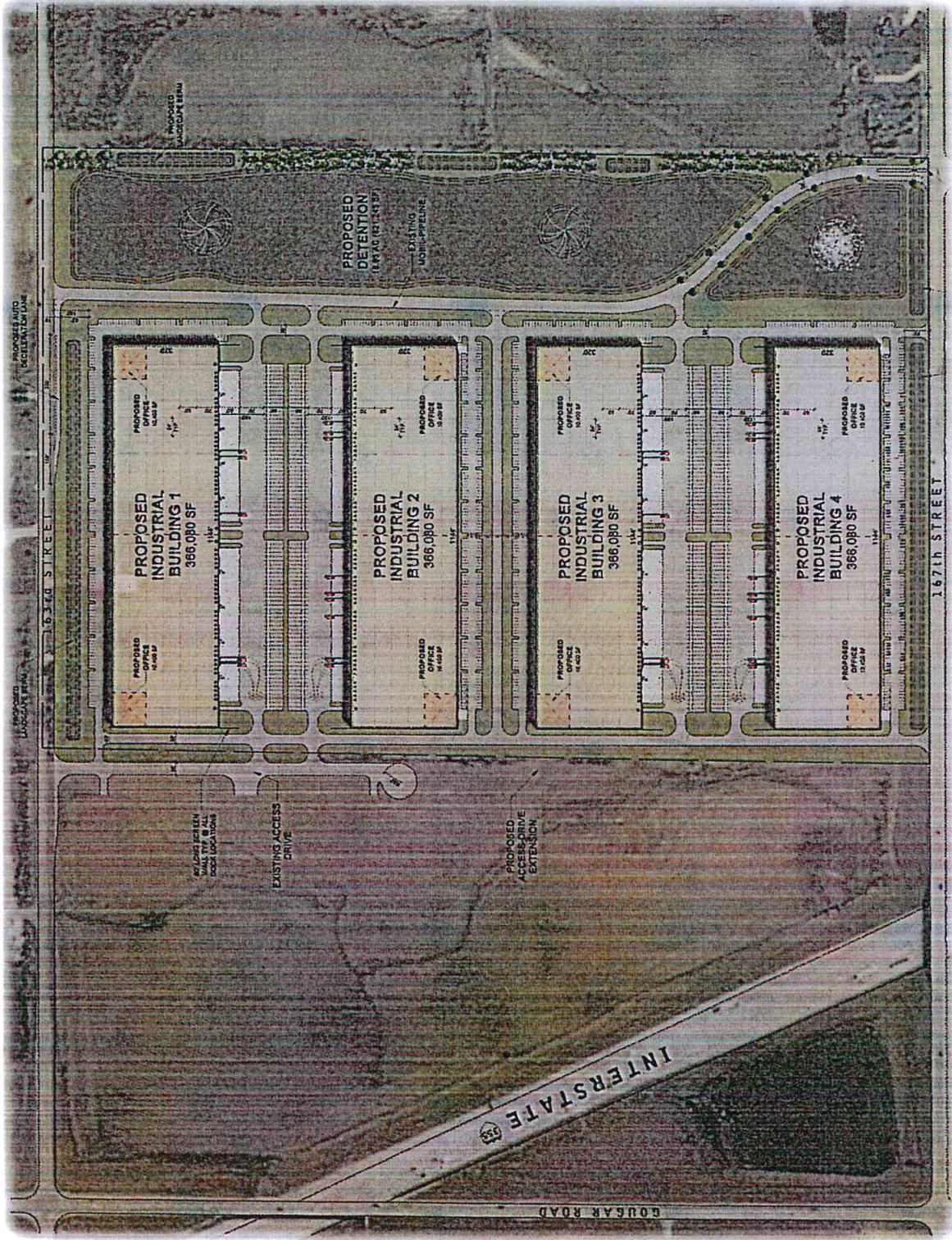
SITE AREA: 110.03 AC (4,793,213 SF)
GROSS: 91.18 AC (3,971,967 SF)
NET: (LESS SLOPES, DETENTION)
BUILDING AREA: 1,464,320 SF
F.A.R.: 0.369 (NET)
AUTO PARKING: 1,164 STALLS
TRAILER PARKING: 396 STALLS
DOCK-DOORS: 248 TOTAL
DRIVE-IN-DOORS: 16 TOTAL

SITE LEGEND:

- ◀ DOCK HIGH TRUCK DOOR
- GRADE LEVEL TRUCK DOOR



WARE MALCOMB
 CONSULTING
 civil-arch.
 SHEET #1



Conceptual Site Plan
 Lockport, Illinois
 Lockport, Illinois

Scheme: 03