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Grand Island
New York 14072

July 29, 2020

Dear Mr. Polonca,

We are writing to you because of your being vocal about the Olive Project (Amazon) on Grand Island.

We do not support this project! We don't need this in our neighborhood, our backyards or on Grand Island.

Would you want this in your neighborhood or backyard? Answer - no, probably not!

Here are just a few reasons:

- The Olive project belongs in a commercial/industrial area (several sites in the industrial ~~River~~ Road corridor in the Town of Tonawanda, or other areas near thruway access).
- It does not belong in a residential area. The Amazon built in Clay, NY is in a commercial.
- It will bring traffic, congestion on local roads and the thruway.
- There will be pollution, emissions, noise, beeping, lights from trucks and cars, and also from parking lot lights.
- Trucks and cars 365 days a year / 24 hours daily - eg. 484 plus trucks

daily and 1,000 plus cars using an entrance on a residential road with homes on both sides

- Infrastructure will be overloaded.
- Police, emergency, fire, EMT services will be more in demand
- Water / fauna / flora and green space will be effected
- This project will also impact the West River Bike Path which was to promote beauty and to be an ecological asset

Our list of issues to you has been shortened because it is never ending.

The impact of this project is still another serious concern for the potential for the spreading of the virus on the Island.

In all fairness, it is sad that the Olive Project has only recently come under public awareness and scrutiny when apparently all the deal makers had the information to manipulate for their own biases, purposes and personal gains for a couple of years.

Perhaps you should now buy a house in the general area so you could better understand what a disaster this project would be

for all of Grand Island.

There is more to life than money. Money isn't everything. The tax revenue will have a small trickle down effect on the Islanders.

Jobs are important but again there is much more to consider. The cost of what is lost is far greater and the lasting effects would be as well.

It seems to us that you have been doing a good job on some issues but this surely isn't one of them.

We leave you with this thought - one definition of "olive" is "the fruit of the tree with a hard stone and bitter pulp" - something for you to think about.

Sincerely,
Arlene J. Yaksich
Arlene J. Yaksich
James W. Yaksich
JAMES W. YAKSICH

X CC: John Whitney
Grand Island Supervisor
Kevin Hardwick
Eric County Legislator
Angelo Morinello
NY Assemblyman District 145

Pattie Frentzel

From: Michael Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 11:23 PM
To: Town Board; Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive

Members of the town board

I am a Grand Island resident and opposed to Project Olive.

I urge you to

- (1) make a positive declaration for SEQRA given the Conservation Board unanimous 9-0 vote to do so.
- (2) make available on the town website a spreadsheet containing all the many errors, clarifications, and additional information and studies requested by the peer reviews and town board. The spreadsheet would note for each item whether it was addressed and have a references (page number) to the documents submitted by the developer,
- (3) ask for a figure with a more realistic worst case, regarding the Site Sound Emissions study, of 69 trucks in their bays idling (assume < 25 degrees outside at nighttime in which truckers are legally allowed to idle in NY state). The current "worst case", see Figure 4, modeled only 5 trucks, 3 at truck bays and 2 driving on access road.

All the news stories were trumpeting Amazon giving Grand Island another \$10 Million on top of everything else. However, what was not mentioned was the revised economic impact analysis that dropped the town revenue from \$41.1 million to only 9.5 million over 15 years, due to a gross miscalculation, leaving the town with a net loss of \$21 million from what was expected just a couple weeks ago. I was disappointed that the town board did not clarify this point in interviews with the various media outlets. I believe there are other significant flaws in this economic analysis that overstate the benefit to the town. Amazon will certainly challenge legally the appraisal the town assigns and without a comparable property it will be difficult to prove the town's case. There will also be significant infrastructure costs to the town that are greatly understated by TC Buffalo.

Another week and another advisory board recommending NO to PDD. I urge you to listen to your Planning and Conservation Boards.

Sincerely,
Mike Young

Pattie Frentzel

From: Claudia Janik O'Neil [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 11:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: TC Buffalo Development SEQR
Attachments: SEQR Letter O'Neil.pdf

Hello,
Please add our letter to the Public Record.

Thank you!
Kevin & Claudia O'Neil

July 30, 2020

To Parties of Concern,

As TC Buffalo and Philip Lytle continue to push Project Olive forward, it is important to consider a number of issues that are contained within their current SEQR submission. We must demand a fully compliant Type 1 SEQR that is fully compliant with 6 NYCRR part 617. A quick review of their current effort reveals numerous shortcomings and improper applications of the data required in a properly prepared Type 1 SEQR.

A review of section 617.2 ah) of 6 NYCRR provides a clear definition of the requirements. "The division of the environmental review of an action so that various activities are addressed as independent unrelated activities needing individual determinations of significance" is not allowed. The submission of numerous aspects of the project are addressed individually however, they are never considered as an interdependent piece of the whole project. This is defined as "Segmentation" and is explained in detail in the NYSDEC SEQR handbook.

The developer has requested a zoning change to PDD which will in effect avoid issues that they will create far beyond their property lines. This will in effect eliminate the comprehensive review and allow the developer to bypass many aspects of the review process. The NYSDEC SEQR Handbook explains that the various pieces of this project are closely interrelated, and each agency involved should consider the impacts of the entire action prior to approving any of the elements of the action.

Each agency that contributes to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required to balance public need as well as the social, economic, and environmental impacts against the implied benefits. We can look at several facets of this project and find issue. Consider:

- The wetlands review was conducted in July and August of 2019 which are some of the driest months of the year. Is this representative of normal conditions?
- The drainage review was conducted using information from 2008. That information was prepared for a completely different project.
- Endangered species are written off as being of no consequence. How did they overlook the Osprey nesting adjacent to the property? This is a species federally listed as a "Species of Special Concern". Bald eagles are also a seasonal visitor to this location and are protected under the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act as well as numerous other measures.
- The site drainage plan **never** considers the consequences of runoff reaching the Niagara River located a few hundred yards to the west and marshlands of Buckhorn State Park located less than a half a mile to the north.
- Traffic issues have been a significant focus since the initial introduction of this plan. While it was previously written off as having only a minor impact that would be fixed by a red light and a turn lane, things have changed. Since Grand Island Blvd and I-190 access and interchanges are involved, the NYSDOT must become the focus for this portion of the project. While previous efforts of the DOT **were not** complete, the renewed focus on the project will require a **full - fledged** study that is in accordance with their requirements.

- NYSDOT requires that activities that fall within the SEQR program must conform to Section 4.1.2 of their Environmental Manual. 17 NYCRR Part 15 differs from 6 NYCCR Part 617 only in that it allows the DOT to comply with NEPA requirements simultaneously.
- Sections 11/51-1153, 1183, 1190, 1210, 1240, 5010, 5015, 5020, 5033, 5034, 5040, will all likely apply and should be reviewed in careful detail.
- In addition, the process requires a forward looking forecast that considers the next 30 years of data and its effect across the full spectrum of conditions. This has not yet been properly completed.
- A number of critical safety issues have been overlooked as well:
 - Amazon bound traffic will exit onto the West River Road SB on the I-190
 - Traffic entering the I-190 SB from West River Road and traffic exiting onto Long Road from the I-190 SB will create a “weave pattern” that is extremely dangerous and made more so by increased truck traffic.
 - Most truck drivers will be independent contractors and as such, not bound by any rules or agreements reached with Amazon.
 - Sidewalks are non-existent, shoulders are not properly constructed, and bridges are approaching their end of life (Long and Bedell Roads).
 - Complete lack of ADA compliant features.
 - Consideration for winter conditions and maintenance periods **have not** been addressed.
 - This is **not** an all-inclusive list, nor does it identify the multiple interdependent nature of these and other aspects of the project.

If we fail to require an in-depth examination of each of the activities that make up this project and how it pushes cause and effect into other areas, we **are not** fulfilling the requirements of a properly performed SEQR process. This will allow a flawed project that the town will be liable for in countless ways easily eclipsing the value of any tax revenues it produces. The cost of implementing each of the changes mandated by SEQR must fall to the developer and must be funded before the project is even considered.

Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated!

Regards,

Kevin & Claudia O’Neil

RESIDENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Parties of Concern:

Grand Island Town Board
Grand Island Planning Board
Grand Island Zoning Appeals Board
Dick Crawford, Grand Island Superintendent of Highways
Brian Higgins, Congressman, NY-26
Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Executive
Robert Sack, Director DOT Technical Services
Russell D. Thielke, DOT Pavement Management
Abby Snyder, Director DEC Region 9
Connie Adams, DEC
New York State Thruway Authority

Pattie Frentzel

From: Mark Pino [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 7:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: My Family Says YES To Amazon

To Whom It May Concern,

My wife and I and our four children are in favor of the Amazon warehouse project being green lit for construction on Grand Island.

I have read all the facts on the project and have heard the vocal minority who continue to complain aloud about the Amazon project. The vocal minority do NOT speak for me and my family. We speak proudly and passionately for ourselves.

I view the Amazon warehouse project as an essential addition to the tax base of that will ensure short and long term economic growth and development of the town of Grand Island.

Please ignore the minority group of Island residents who routinely oppose expansion and growth plans by putting their own needs ahead of the needs of the entire Grand Island community.

Please Vote YES. Amazon belongs on Grand Island.

Thank you.

Mark Pino
[redacted]

Pattie Frentzel

From: Marilyn Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive
Attachments: AmazNO-.pdf

Gentlemen:

I am writing to voice my disapproval of the proposed Project Olive....As a 50 year resident of the Island, I believe this project is totally incompatible with our lifestyle & would be a detriment to our way of life.

Please consider the residents of this beautiful town & do not cave in to corporate America.

Respectfully yours,

Marilyn Johnson

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad



Why is Amazon a Bad Idea on Grand Island?

Because we live on an island, the ecosystem is fragile and changes to it affect the land, water, air, birds, and other wildlife who live on the Island and around us. A major hazardous spill on Grand Island would not only affect our community, but the towns, waterways, and people all around us and downstream. This is such an important ecological location that the Niagara River Corridor, within which Grand Island resides, has been designated a *Globally Significant Important Bird Area* and is recognized as one of the most important and threatened bird habitats on Earth. The Niagara River has also received a Ramsar designation, a rare distinction indicating a Wetland of International Importance.

Grand Island recently engaged in a long-range planning process to define its cultural, social, and economic vision for the future. A project of this size and nature is inconsistent with our goals, our plans, our health and wellness, and our responsibility to protect and enhance our environment for future generations!

Here are a few of the biggest concerns and why we need to stop this proposed development:

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT!

- **Our Community's Water Quality:** The run-off from acres of paved parking lots mixed with oil and other chemicals consistent with heavy truck traffic and other vehicles will contaminate the soil and the run-off will end up in the Niagara River.
 - The result is potential degradation of the entire tributary system, including the Niagara River, from discharges of oil, grease and road salt laden waters.
 - Salt laden runoff can change the composition of the insect populations along receiving freshwater creeks and streams, allowing costal salt marsh mosquitos to gain a foothold here.
 - Potential degradation of the riparian zones – river banks, plant life and vegetation – of communities along the Niagara River on Grand Island and beyond.

- **Air Quality:** The proposed project would concentrate diesel powered vehicles within a small footprint. Trucks are often left idling, spewing carcinogenic pollutants and micro-particulates into the atmosphere. Although NYS law prohibits the idling of diesel engines for more than five minutes, enforcement is random at best.
 - Since this facility will introduce heavy truck and vehicle traffic to the Long Road interchange with Route 190, trucks will have to accelerate down the access ramps to achieve highway speed. Diesel exhaust releases large amounts of micro-particulate matter that has the potential to embed itself in the deep tissues of our lungs causing respiratory distress in children, adults and senior citizens.
 - Downwind to this development there is a large apartment complex, residential housing, public campground, a senior citizens living facility and an elementary school.
 - The additive effects of the fast moving traffic on Route 190 and the slowly accelerating diesel truck traffic will likely deteriorate localized air quality within the Grand Island Town Center.
 - Diesel fumes are carcinogenic (cancer-causing)! There are 40 different toxic compounds found in diesel exhaust that can cause immediate and serious health concerns and environmental impacts.
 - These air quality dangers led NYS to transform our toll system to cashless tolling at the GI Bridges.
- **Noise Pollution:** The proposed project is likely – both during construction and following during normal operations – to disrupt the surrounding neighborhoods, homes, and negatively impact wildlife.
- **Habitat Destruction:** The proposed project compromises greenspace and would pollute and adversely affect the natural vegetation, wetlands, and adjacent waterways. The impact on Grand Island’s wildlife would be negative.
- **Endangered Species:** **The developer’s field survey indicates that there are multiple endangered species on or in the vicinity of the site, including the long-eared bat and the short-eared owl. The northern long-eared bat is noted by the developer as a species that should be considered in an effects analysis for the project.**

CONGESTION AND HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS!

- The proposed distribution facility will introduce a large number of commercial vehicles into the Long Road interchange with Thruway Route 190. To accommodate the increase truck traffic the entire interchange would in all likelihood have to be redesigned and additional traffic control signals would have to be added. The addition of those signals would cause trucks to back up on the existing ramps where they would idle for a period of time.

INFAMOUS UNETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES!

Although a primary argument for bringing Amazon to Grand Island is the employment opportunities, the criticisms of Amazon’s business practices are extensive and far-ranging.

- **The exploitation of workers by Amazon has been well-documented and a Google search on the terms “Amazon” and “worker exploitation” returns 8.4 million links! Here are a few:**
 - Amazon’s poor treatment of workers is catching up to it during the coronavirus crisis:
<https://www.theverge.com/interface/2020/4/1/21201162/amazon-delivery-delays-coronavirus-worker-strikes>
 - ‘We are not robots’: Amazon warehouse employees push to unionize:
<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/jan/01/amazon-fulfillment-center-warehouse-employees-union-new-york-minnesota>

- Inside the hellish workday of an Amazon warehouse employee: <https://nypost.com/2019/07/13/inside-the-hellish-workday-of-an-amazon-warehouse-employee/>
- Ruthless Quotas at Amazon Are Maiming Employees: <https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2019/11/amazon-warehouse-reports-show-worker-injuries/602530/>
- Peeing in trash cans, constant surveillance, and asthma attacks on the job: Amazon workers tell us their warehouse horror stories: <https://www.businessinsider.com/amazon-warehouse-workers-share-their-horror-stories-2018-4>
- **Documentaries have detailed and captured many of the most egregious practices and actions by Amazon:**
 - “As Amazon comes under scrutiny for aggressive tactics, treatment of workers and concerns about its market dominance,” PBS released an investigation into *Amazon Empire: The Rise and Reign of Jeff Bezos*: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/amazon-worker-safety-bezos-documentary-watch/>
- **Wikipedia has an extensive listing of criticisms of Amazon:**
 - Topics include: anti-competitive practices, opposition to trade unions, warehouse conditions in the US, working conditions for delivery drivers, coronavirus policies, differential pricing, product substitution, tax avoidance, effect on small businesses, government contracts, environmental impact (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Criticism_of_Amazon).
- **Amazon has been accused of fueling racism and engaging in racist practices**
 - In 2018, a report issued by advocacy groups — Partnership for Working Families and Action Center on Race and the Economy – entitled “Delivering Hate: How Amazon’s Platforms Are Used to Spread White Supremacy, Anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia,” details a variety of ways that hate groups take advantage of Amazon’s massive platforms and inconsistently enforced policies (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/amazon-hate-groups-racism_n_5b3f7d5be4b07b827cbfcd43).
 - The John Oliver show “Last Week Tonight” highlighted “‘Racist’ Smears Against a Black Worker” by Amazon and Jeff Bezos (<https://www.thedailybeast.com/john-oliver-appalled-by-amazon-and-jeff-bezos-racist-smears-against-black-worker>).
- **Amazon fights against the improvement of worker conditions by union-busting:**
 - Amazon accused of 'aggressive anti-union tactics' after training video is leaked: <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/usa-amazon-accused-of-aggressive-anti-union-tactics-after-training-video-is-leaked-incl-amazons-response-whole-worker-rejoinder>
 - How Amazon is fighting back against workers’ increasing efforts to unionize: <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/08/22/how-amazon-is-fighting-back-against-workers-efforts-to-unionize.html>
 - Fired in a Pandemic Because ‘We Tried to Start a Union,’ Workers Say: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/28/business/coronavirus-unions-layoffs.html>
- **Amazon is repeatedly accused (with evidence) of what Money, Inc. has described as “infamous unethical business practices,” including warehouse abuses, tax avoidance, and creating a toxic work environment. Here are a few examples:**
 - 20 Facts About Amazon’s Business That Are Downright Scary: <https://moneyinc.com/20-facts-amazons-business-downright-scary/>
 - How ethical is Amazon? <https://ethicalunicorn.com/2019/01/12/how-ethical-is-amazon/>
 - The Pandemic Has Ended the Amazon Debate – It’s clearer than ever that supporting Amazon is a tacit endorsement of abusive work policies and more: <https://onezero.medium.com/its-now-100-unethical-to-shop-on-amazon-48d553181a6c>

What can the community do?

- Let Town Officials know that you oppose this project. The Town Board will immediately begin accepting written public comments on the below matters by e-mail at publiccomments@grand-island.ny.us, by fax at 716-773-9618, and by U.S. mail to the Town Clerk at 2255 Baseline Road, Grand Island, NY 14072. Written public comments shall be accepted on a continuing basis.
- Attend the virtual Town Board meetings to voice opposition to this project. The first “Project Olive” public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th at 7 PM. The public hearings will be held remotely via ZOOM with a telephone dial-in component. The ZOOM public meeting at which the public hearings will be conducted will be accessible either with a computer, smartphone, or tablet with internet connection at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83361891680?pwd=SWQ1eWk3dDk2czZOQ1ZDQkRvZWszdz09>
 - The ZOOM meeting ID number is 833 6189 1680; the password is 011689.
 - This link will be available in hyperlink version on the Town’s website at <http://www.grand-island.ny.us/> so that the meeting may be joined with a simple click. Alternatively, the meeting may be joined by telephone by dialing 646-558-8656 and by entering the passcode 833 6189 1680 when prompted. Instructions on how to access the ZOOM meeting will also be available on the Town’s website.
 - The public hearing will include all aspects of the Project Olive application and all approvals requested, including, but not limited to, the proposed local law changing the zoning designation for the property, the proposed development plan, the proposed subdivision request, and environmental or other impacts.
 - Copies of the application materials are available on the Town’s website: <http://www.grandislandny.us/> and on the website provided by the applicant, www.tcbuffalograndisland.com.

Together we can define a future for Grand Island that we can be proud of, and protect our community and environment for future generations!



Pattie Frentzel

From: Steve Marcel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Questions on amazon project

Grand island,
I live at [REDACTED] Everyone is talking about the amazon project, but no one can give me details in order to draw my own opinions. I found some links on youtube of some town meetings, but its hard to navigate to find good information. Do you have any links that would be a good resource for me? I guess my current question is: if the project went through, im guessing they would pay local taxes, does that mean that my local taxes would be expected to go down? What is the estimates?

Thanks,

Steve Marcel

Pattie Frentzel

From: Dianne Tiede <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon warehouse

Dear Grand Island Town Board,

I DO NOT want the Amazon Warehouse on Grand Island because of:

- Too big for Grand Island and the neighborhoods and Buckhorn Park near the site
- Air pollution from the trucks
- Noise pollution from the trucks
- Light pollution from the HUGE building
- Substantial environmental damage to the fragile land around the HUGE building
- Overuse of the local roads from the trucks
- Traffic and overuse will cause major damage to the Grand Island Bridges from the trucks

The existing M-1 zone should not be modified to suit their needs.

Will their "promise of tax relief/PILOT" and their "\$10 million bribe" pay for repairing all the damage they will be doing to our beautiful island?

Also, the 100 promised jobs is not that great either. About ¼ of the workers still need to get financial assistance. There is a large turnover of employees. They are overworked getting only 30 minutes for a lunch break. Amazon employees also have a higher than average accident rate. Many of the jobs will be taken over by robots in the future.

I hope you do not get pressure from Mr. Polencarz to approve this deal. It was shocking to hear this have been in the works for over 2 years.

Please have more meetings open to the public. It is truly unfortunate because of the pandemic that you cannot see how many of us are against this deal. Please consider having public meetings outside on the Town Hall grass, Veteran's Park, or at Beaver Island. There really is not much space for the public to meet in the courtroom for the 8/13 meeting. Also, please make sure that everyone's microphone is working so we can hear what each person is saying when you hold the Zoom meetings.

Thank you,
Dianne Tiede [REDACTED]

Pattie Frentzel

From: Barbara Korman <antbarbie@voh...>
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon

Shame on all of you who live on this beautiful Island that would even entertain the idea of this ridiculous warehouse. No amount of bribe money is worth the destruction it would do.

Between the solar fields & this, you may as well rename this "Industrial Park Island" . It would no longer be a GRAND place to live!

Barbara Korman

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: David and Jess Brodie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: YES to Amazon Warehouse

To Whom It May Concern,

We have recently purchased a new home for our growing family here on Grand Island. One of the contributing factors to this was the proposed Amazon Warehouse. We believe not only will it bring added value to the area, but the sheer amount of tax dollars it would bring not only to our town, but also to our school district could potentially place us into the Top 10 school districts in Western New York. Those who have been openly vocal and active against this project, we feel do not truly represent the collective will of the people of Grand Island. They are a boisterous minority. Please consider the "silent majority" of residents who may not come to public meetings for fear of retaliation from those so openly against the project. Shutting down this project would cost our community millions of dollars and would be a HUGE mistake. Thank you for your time and consideration. We welcome any feedback you might have and are open to more dialog.

David and Jessica Brodie
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Pattie Frentzel

From: BY [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Stop Project Olive and Amazon

To the G.I. Town Board,

This is a horrible project for GI, on so many levels. There is the environmental IE: noise, traffic, displacement of wildlife, destruction of habitat and adverse effect to the health and well-being of nearby residence. There is already too much construction on GI that has destroyed important woodlands and habitat including the housing and solar projects where is this wildlife supposed to go? Long & Bedell Rd's are narrow they cannot handle the amount of proposed traffic especially Bedell Rd it already has had its traffic doubled in the last 20 yrs. with increased housing. The noise & traffic from the increased development of the commercial business's on the western end has already gotten exponentially worse Amazon's increased traffic would completely destroy the area and force residents to relocate. Bedell Rd is a narrow Street and is already a hazard to pedestrians, bicyclist & wildlife, It's speed limit 45 mph (*Which I don't understand why it is when virtually everywhere else is a max 40 mph including GI Blvd*) the added traffic from Amazon would massively increase the hazards. Now add in the noise pollution which has already had a huge increase due to recent destruction of woodlands due commercial development and traffic from the Thruway, Amazon's traffic would make it unbearable for residents especially those on the west end of Bedell Rd and worse with any night time traffic. Those that are for Amazon invading G.I. truly do not have the Island's best interest at heart, for them it's all about the money and their own self-interest. **THIS PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE DEVELOPED ON GRAND ISLAND, IT WILL ONLY RESULT IN A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE ENVIROMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE RESIDENTS!**

Brian Young
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Pattie Frentzel

From: LAWRENCE CULP [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon Warehouse

I would like to tell you what it is like to live next to a minor truck terminal. You see, I live across the river from the old CF truck terminal. I figure my house is about ½ mile away give or take a few. Of course, everyone knows about noise, exhaust and light pollution, but let me tell you really about them. First, let me say that the current operators are decent corporate citizens, but this is the result of their complying with the various laws and regulations that they must operate under.

- Light pollution. In order to have a safe yard at night for the truckers to see where they are backing up and so that yard workers don't get run over, the yard is lit. As a result, I can read a newspaper at night in my backyard let alone in my front yard. However, I am somewhat hopeful that new LED lighting would help the escaping light pollution.
- The terminal is surrounded by a security fence. The truck drivers in their haste want the gate open when they come in so they don't have to stop on the highway. To accomplish this the drivers had worked out a signal with the guards to beep out a certain tune on their horns a quarter mile out. Complaints about this practice were rebuffed with "this is a safety practice to get the trucks off the highway quicker". The practice stopped with new owners.
- The next loudest noise is when the drivers use the practice of "jake braking" to slow down. This practice is generally not used as much, but when it is, you can hear them a mile away on a still night. Complaints about this usually get a "he must be a new driver, we will talk to the drivers".
- Next is the incessant noise mandated by OSHA. The law states that whenever a truck backs up it must have a beeper on it that gives out a 90 dbs or louder beep for employees and civilians safety. This beep can be heard across the river. On a still night it is very audible and goes on constantly as trucks are always backing into docks and trailers are being connected to tractors. But hey, you get used to this noise – its just part of the every day cacophony of noise pollution.
- Next comes the noise pollution when the tractors leave the terminal, especially the tandems. That's when you hear the engine struggle to get the loads started, we've all heard this, its just part of the background again. BTW, you can pass all the no idling restrictions you want, they pale by comparison to the start up noise and exhaust emissions on start up, but we can't do a thing about this.
- Next comes the sudden bang that will wake the dead in the middle of the night. What I am talking about here is when the driver misjudges and slams an empty into the dock. Nothing to see here, it doesn't happen that much, wanna bet?
- Next is the P/A system that they use in the yard to call in the trucks to the dock. On a still night you can hear the conversation since the P/A must be louder than the 90 dbs or you would not hear it. Same for the phone ringing. Most terminals are the busiest at night – so get use to it.

Lawrence Culp

Pattie Frentzel

From: Karen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Vote NO to Amazon

Vote NO to Amazon! Grand Island is a unique and beautiful place to live. Do not destroy that. My family - both sides - have been on Grand Island since the 1850's. My grandmother is a Long..ironically the same name as the road we are about to destroy. Once this monstrosity is built, it will FOREVER change the Island as we know it. Think of the other great statistical errors made by earlier generations in the utilization of the property around Niagara Falls. It was filled with industry that blackened our air and decades later we are still trying to get rid of those old, rotting buildings that blur our view of one of the area's most beautiful sites. Sorry to say that Canada had a much better vision. Buffalo did the same with their lakefront. All the manufacturing and steel plants have left a most unsightly view on the entire river and Lake Erie waterfront to Lackawanna. How many decades and dollars will this clean-up take? All for the mighty dollar. Do you think that Amazon REALLY cares about Grand Island and its residents with the promise of many jobs??? Just making Jeff Bezos, currently worth \$196.6 billion even richer. This \$10 million being offered to Grand Island is pocket change to him.

I fully understand Mark Poloncarz wants to bring jobs to the area, but let him actually LIVE where he wants to put this "two Walden Gallerias " complex. See how he likes sitting in long lines trying to get on and off the Island. What about emergency vehicles? Are we to see our loved ones die if they cannot get medical help? As a senior, I won't make doctor appointments before 10am or after 2PM due to possible traffic issues. That's a mighty small window. I check the area traffic website almost all times I leave here. That's crazy! How about the seasonal tourists? Normally they clog up the Island traffic all day long during the summer months.

Just a final comment. I buy from Amazon and other on-line companies all the time, so it's not like I am not internet savvy. I love being able to do it, but do not need those companies in my back yard!

There are other sites these mega billionaires can choose. Let it NOT be Grand Island..our beautiful place to live for generations to come.

Karen Vanthoff

[REDACTED]
1442 Whitehaven Road

Pattie Frentzel

From: Jeanne [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Regarding Project Olive

So Amazon wants to sweeten the deal with 10 million dollars... Should we be impressed? Several years ago, I moved to Grand Island from Clarence, NY. Clarence had one road that was desperately in need of repaving. Connor Road is a residential road just under a mile long. Erie County estimated that it would cost ONE MILLION DOLLARS to redo it correctly. ONE MILE = ONE MILLION DOLLARS! Just in case anyone thinks that Amazon's 10 million dollar 'gift' to GI should sweeten the deal, consider what a mile of road costs. (You can find an article on WGRZ's website)

Jeanne Treat
Whitehaven RD

Pattie Frentzel

From: Sherry Walsh [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 7:57 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: The Amazon Project

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Town Board,

The Amazon Warehouse will ruin the character of Grand Island. Not only will the environment be altered but the bridges will be more of a nightmare than they already are. My parents moved on Grand Island in 1953 and my own family moved back to Grand Island in 1987. We looked at houses in Amherst but I always loved the charm of GI. The charm will be replaced by Amazon trucks, congestion on the bridges and pollution. Please don't let Amazon bribe the community with some new center.

Sincerely,
Sherry Walsh

Pattie Frentzel

From: Donald Loder [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 9:51 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: No Amazon Warehouse

GI town board members,

I am a lifelong Grand Island resident, my ancestors have lived here since the 1800's and we are all totally opposed to the proposed Amazon warehouse project.

My wife and I as well as my father who lives next door live on Bedell Rd. between Grand Island Blvd. and the thruway overpass. All of the employee traffic will pass our house twice a day and the thought is terrifying!

This is in addition to the nightmare of the additional traffic on the already overworked north and south bridges and the huge negative impact on the environment and our quality of life.

Do not let this atrocity happen to our Island!

Sincerely,
Donald B. Loder, Jr.

Sent from my iPad

Pattie Frentzel

From: Karen Loder [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 8:43 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon Warehouse

To Whom it May Concern (which in reality is every resident on Grand Island, especially the Grand Island Town Board):

Good Lord, there are so many reason why Amazon should not be allowed to build one of the world's largest warehouses here on Grand Island.

I live on Bedell Road, on the West River side of Grand Island Blvd. and it is quite peaceful, that's why I live there. I DO NOT want an additional 1800 (employee) vehicles driving by my house, twice a day, not to mention all the semi's and delivery trucks.

The wear and tear on the roads and bridges is going to be astronomical with the ENORMOUS additional traffic load.

Is Amazon aware the bridges back up because of accidents and/or inclement weather and could impede their ability to guarantee same-day delivery? That's just not good for business.

How can Amazon justify putting their warehouse here when there are only two ways to get on and off the island, which are only two lanes each? How can this much EXTRA traffic be justified and not cause bottlenecks, when there are only two ways to get onto the island to the warehouse and for deliveries off the island? You would think someone at Amazon read the study results incorrectly if they think it is a good idea to build 3.8 million sq ft warehouse on an island with only two bridges. How can any part of this project be realistically feasible with such limited access, being an island with only 2 ways to get on and off????? How many ways are there to access/lead to, let's say Transit Road? Just two? How many ways are there to get to/access the Buffalo Airport? Two?

Tax relief is another issue not to mention rezoning the property.

Common sense says loud and clear this is not feasible for Grand Island!

Karen Loder
[REDACTED]

Pattie Frentzel

From: Bryan Parkes <bryann454@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon warehouse

I am writing in regards to the proposed Amazon warehouse on GI. This would be a negative benefit for the community and would increase traffic to unwanted levels. With or without the PILOT I am requesting you to turn this application down.

Thanks for your time,
Bryan P
Resident GI,NY

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Pattie Frentzel

From: psjudann <psjudann@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon

We have lived here over 45 years and are in favor of Amazon coming. It will provide jobs that people desperately need.

People protested about the West River project and now it is being used and enjoyed and the world still revolves.

Eventually that land will be utilized and improvements needed but atleast Amazon has the dollars to fund them now. I would rather see a job maker than more housing.

That site is not a park or public land and is not utilized in anyway. There will still be plenty of vacant land for people to look at.

We trust the decision will be for all the residents and not just because some signed a petition so as not to alienate a neighbor.

Sincerely, The Sahlems

Pattie Frentzel

From: Troy Hugick [mailto:thugick@grandisland.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Support for TC Buffalo Project

Hello,

I am emailing to let you know that as someone who has lived here for 2 years I think that the Amazon warehouse would be a huge help to Grand Island! Especially in these recession slow downtimes, an increase in tax income and jobs would sure help our local economy get back and going without having to raise some resident taxes.

I do wonder if you have any sort of agreement from Amazon to agree to help expand our infrastructure if the traffic does become a problem? The removal of the toll booths has really helped cut down on traffic on the bridges but is there some sort of agreement where money can be set aside to possibly help if traffic is higher than expected?

Thank you, I look forward to seeing this project go up :)
Troy Hugick

Pattie Frentzel

From: D. Fitzgerald [mailto:dfitzgerald@grandisland.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Fw: Don't Sell Us Down the River

My name is Dawn Fitzgerald. I live at 4000 West River Road directly behind the proposed Amazon facility. My husband and I bought our home approximately 30 years ago. Over time, we've invested in our home to make it a place of peace and quiet and a place that we were looking forward to spending our retirement years.

Some have said that we should have known that we bought our home behind an area zoned M1, light industrial. Yes, we did know, but the Town had zoning laws & a Master Plan in place that would protect us from the monstrosity that is now in play.

Each day we look out over our backyard and see deer, fox, coyotes, turkeys, pheasant, opossum, and many other wildlife species. Across the street, in the Niagara River Corridor, are Great Blue Heron, Egrets, Eagles, Red Tail Hawks, and many other rare waterfowl. This project will devastate the habitat of countless wildlife species. In addition, please consider the air pollution of hundreds of semis a day emitting diesel fuel while continually idling and the incessant noise pollution created by those same trucks. Also, the lighting that will surround the homes bordering this project will be like watching an evening football game at the stadium every single night.

The proposed development not only affects us, but all of Grand Island. Our current infrastructure cannot accommodate a project of this size. The traffic will be unbearable and the condition of our Town roads and bridges will deteriorate quickly. The truckers will find alternate routes to get to and from Amazon, potentially destroying the roads on Grand Island Blvd, Baseline Road, Whitehaven Road, Bedell Road, and the portion of East and West River Roads that run through Buckhorn State Park as well.

Supervisor Whitney and Town Council, please don't sell our Island and our Quality of Life down the river. Please listen to your advisory boards. We implore you to just say No to Amazon and leave our island a Grand place to live.

Dawn Fitzgerald

Pattie Frentzel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive (PLEASE APPROVE IT)

Dear Board Members,

I wanted to provide you with my input and opinions regarding the proposed Amazon distribution center in our Town.

I'll make this short and to the point: **Please approved this proposal!**

The economic benefit to our Town, provided there are infrastructure improvements, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to change the backward-thinking culture in this community.

While not an "original Islander", I have lived here consecutively for almost 30 years. That's more than I can say for Ms. Rayhill, who has spent the last 15 years in California!

The tax benefit, as well as the increase in revenue to Island businesses, is something that the "vocal minority" should not derail. These are the same people that didn't want to close down West River Parkway, but are now happy to use it. Look, I'm a nature lover and enjoy walks, bike rides etc. The impact on the environment, while important, is manageable.

If we can get a community center out of it, along with improvements to roads, overpasses and highway ramps then it makes this a "no-brainer".

Supervisor Whitney said "people will hate me, no matter which way I vote". If true, then be hated by the minority and take the economic windfall.

Regards,

Craig and Sandy Toth

Pattie Frentzel

From: Brian McKie [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: No Amazon

To Whom It May concern:

I would like to protest the building of this warehouse, Grand Island is not the proper site for such a large building, there are many more appropriate places.

I have had to get my grandchildren to schools off the island in the winter and cannot tell you how many times there was a fender bender on the bridges and the kids were late, and the backup was miles, can you imagine all the amazon trucks stuck and running in this situation!!

Please! common sense needs to prevail here.

Brian and Sally McKie

Grand Island residents for 29 yrs.

Pattie Frentzel

From: Jodi W <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 10:44 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Thoughts on Project Olive

Members of the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island,

As a resident of Grand Island I am opposed to the Amazon warehouse building on Grand Island for environmental and traffic reasons. As a citizen of Western New York, I am opposed for the impact on our local businesses.

We have a special ecosystem on this island, internationally recognized. Are we willing to disrupt that for the (when you break it down) minimal amount of money that this trillion dollar company is willing to give us? I am not. The air, noise and light pollution will be noticeable and affect the citizens of this town and animals such as migratory birds. We have made progress in protecting lands and getting rid of pollutants, I worry a project this size will set us back.

Traffic is another concern in this project. If you live on Grand Island and have to leave for work in the morning in the winter, you know the nightmare that ensues. Returning to the Island after work in the summer is also a nightmare with the added tourist traffic heading to Niagara Falls. How about the traffic after Art Park concerts? Will this be taken into account?

I worked for a local sporting goods company for 13 years. When I started, the company had six retail locations and was prosperous. By the time I left in January of 2019, they were about to have only one retail location remaining. Towards the end of my employment they decided to sell on Amazon because if you can beat them, join them. I can tell you first hand that the behemoth Amazon does not favor third party sellers in the way they may make it seem. This is just one story. We have seen malls nearly emptied from this economic trend. Allowing this facility sends a loud and clear message to the business community (our friends and neighbors) that you do not have their best interest in mind.

I ask that you hold in person public hearings allowing those who do not have access to technology to have a voice. If there has to be multiple to adhere with social distancing guidelines, so be it. The size of this project is not like anything we have seen before-we deserve to have our voices heard. I also ask that you take a look into the impact this will have on migratory birds and other environmental factors, traffic patterns (especially in the winter), how our fire and police will be able to handle added accidents and any accidents at the facility, impact once the facility is fully automated and most importantly, the impact when Amazon no longer occupies the building.

Thank you for your time. I trust that you will make the best decision for the residents of Grand Island.

Jodi Wroblewski

Pattie Frentzel

From: Judy Siehnel [redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 9:33 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon Warehouse

My name is Judy Siehnel, I grew up on Grand Island and now live in the Sandy Beach neighborhood. I am opposed to the Amazon warehouse on Grand Island because of the tremendous environmental impact it would have.

Pattie Frentzel

From: Nancy Mondich (nancy.mondich@gmail.com)
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 8:08 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Opposition to Project Olive

Dear Mr. Whitney and Town Council Members:

Please note my opposition to Project Olive, the proposal to erect a warehouse for use by Amazon on Grand Island.

I oppose the project based on the many negative effects you have already heard: noise, pollution, traffic, destruction of wetlands, and other concerns. I have not noticed any mention of the disposition of the mammoth warehouse in the event Amazon were to abandon it, with the exception of a reference to the expanse of concrete that could be left behind. The former Hooker office building was an eyesore for too many years before the Holiday Inn Express made good use of the property opposite the proposed Amazon site. Throughout western New York are many reminders of what could happen on Grand Island were Amazon to abandon the warehouse as have many companies that have left their properties vacant upon the expiration of their tax benefits.

I respectfully ask that the Town of Grand Island reject the proposal of Project Olive.

Yours truly,
Nancy Mondich

Pattie Frentzel

From: Susan Andrews <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: No Amazon

Dear Town Board,

I am writing you to express my opinion and request that you do NOT allow Amazon to build a warehouse on Grand Island. I have lived here my entire life and I love it here because of the green environment, large open wooded spaces, and residential community. If you allow Amazon to build here, an extremely large amount of green space will be destroyed forever and fleets of delivery and shipping trucks will cause us significant air pollution and damage our already aging roads and bridges. We already experience many traffic problems with the bridges because of accidents and bad weather conditions. Adding a fleet of trucks and thousands of cars for workers at the facility will just exasperate the problem. Our environment, animal life, green space, and air quality will be negatively impacted by such a large warehouse. I believe that in the long term, if this warehouse is built, it will be a huge regret for the Grand Island community and have a negative impact on the quality of life for the residents and animal life of Grand Island for many, many years to come. This is not the place to build such a large and massive warehouse. Please do not let this happen. I thank you for reading my letter and considering my thoughts in your decision.

Sincerely,
Susan Andrews
Grand Island resident for over 50 years

Pattie Frentzel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 7:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon

Dear Grand Island Town Board -

I whole heartily SUPPORT the decision to add the Amazon Distribution center to Grand Island. It would bring more tax revenue than big housing/apartments! No one talks about the traffic issues Southpoint will have leaving the island at morning work times. I think it is time we move forward with change on our island. We could use the tax revenue and improvements that may come with the center. The so called coalition is ill-informed in some of their facts and you should not be misled by their doings. There is a wide support system on the island that is welcoming to the idea of Amazon coming.

We may be an island but the world is watching what our move is and it is an important one. This could be a make or break decision for Grand Island and what may or may not be our future growth in economy, people, and beautification.

Please keep an open mind when making your decision.

Thank you.

Carolyn Anderson

Sent from my iPad

Pattie Frentzel

From: dcondino50 <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 6:44 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon warehousr

As a long time Grand Island resident, I am in favor of this project.
We are in a recession. The federal government is incompetent.
We needs jobs and an expansion of the tax base.
Negotiations with Amazon should include local road improvements, staggered workforce hours to mitigate traffic issues and perhaps contributions to our schools. The local and school budgets need this financial infusion.

I agree with the county executive, we cannot afford to lose this project.

Dalinda A Condino, MD
[REDACTED]

Pattie Frentzel

From: Renee Woloszyn [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 4:54 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: I'm in favor of Amazon Warehouse

Please take the \$10 million and build us a community center!

I think this will benefit GI and WNY in many ways.

Thank you!

Renee Woloszyn
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: Edward Nickson [mailto:ednickson@att.net]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Proposed Amazon Warehouse

My wife and I have been Grand Island residents for 17 years and have come to love it as a place to live and enjoy easy access to all parts of Western New York. The only shortcoming that has concerned us is the limited access and egress to the island presented by the bridges. While the recent removal of the toll barriers has helped stem the occasional but very upsetting and even dangerous delays caused by heavy traffic and accidents on the bridges it has not eliminated it. Should an island resident need access to a hospital, back ups on the bridges could literally be fatal.

The proposed Amazon Warehouse facility which combines substantial passenger car traffic with heavier truck traffic (truthfully I believe the developer is purposely underestimating that traffic) will greatly exacerbate the problem. That combined with the following concerns makes us very strongly opposed to the approval of this facility on the Island. The others include:

-dramatic reduction of the amount of open land which as a result will no longer be able to handle water runoff filtration and natural treatment of groundwater. The runoff from parking lots, buildings, and vehicles will probably deteriorate the environment on the island. Nearby residents could well see pollution seeping onto their properties as the contaminated water from parking lots makes it way to the Niagara River. The pollution could then make its way into the nearby and downstream Buckhorn Island State Park. This is a separate issue from the following item.

-speaking of water and sewage treatment, a facility of this type stands a good chance of putting a substantial added strain on our sanitary sewer infrastructure which in the future will cost all residents large amounts of dollars to remedy. You will have to go to the voters with the tax increases needed to pay for this. Storm sewers will likely carry surface, especially parking lot vehicle released oil and chemicals into the Niagara River causing degradation of that waterway and if it does, chances are the NY DEC could be expected to require Grand Island to further treat this runoff adding even more expense for all Island residents.

-additional noise and air pollution will result from all the added vehicles and especially the trucks which may idle while waiting to be unloaded. An important question will be what kind of trucks will be coming here - I would suspect tractor trailers of various sizes as this appears to be a facility designed to break down larger truck shipments for further delivery to sub warehouses which make the final deliveries to purchasers. Think of the Tops warehouse in Lancaster.

-one of the factors which adversely affects the bridges on and off the island is the need to make major and minor repairs. When this happens the traffic jams become really frustrating. I believe if you consult with a bridge engineer you will learn that the added vehicles and especially truck traffic will cause the frequency of repair cycles to increase creating more problems. I understand that the Island is not directly responsible for maintenance of the I 190 and the bridges but we are all directly affected by what happens with the roadway and bridges.

-I am sure if you approve this project you will do your best to include substantial contributions from the owner to offset the cost of infrastructure such as new roads, signals, direct sewer lines, lift stations, and other related costs. The problem is that I believe that there will be substantial additional infrastructure costs in the future which you probably can't anticipate or price at this time and which won't be included in any agreements. Amazon is a big company with incredible resources and attorneys advised by all kinds of experts. They will not allow you to force them to create escrowed funds to offset those future infrastructure costs especially ones you can't currently detail and price out.

-the Amazon warehouse facility is totally out of scale for a community like Grand Island. It will change the nature of the Island in a negative way because it is not consistent with the Master Plan concepts of keeping the Town as primarily a residential community with some retail, service, government, and light industrial/business structures. I must say, as a former real estate and facilities professional, that I am mystified as to Amazon's rationale for locating the warehouse on Grand Island. The only thing I can come up with is that this warehouse is also intended to serve Southern Ontario. If that is the case I think that their estimates of truck traffic are low. I would think that once the border opens up again and the truck traffic starts to grow that there will be even more traffic than even they anticipate. I do see a risk factor here. If I am right and Amazon anticipates using this site as a point of entry or exit to and from Canada and they locate the warehouse in Niagara County we could be faced with some, but by no means all, of the negatives without the positive of additional tax income for the Town. On balance, however, I think that is a risk worth taking.

I fully understand your dilemma here. I have presented many times before planning, zoning, and town boards and they always have a challenge of trying to find a balance among increasing the tax base, developing new business and job opportunities versus trying to maintain the character of their municipality. I also understand that you are under substantial pressure from local businesses and even the County Executive to "take one for the team" and approve this project to increase job opportunities, tax revenues, and spin off business opportunities for Island businesses and the entire region. Be sure to understand the nature of this property. It will be manned by mainly warehouse personnel and logistics specialists who will want to get to work efficiently, do their jobs, and get back home to their families who live elsewhere. They will not likely be patronizing Island businesses - many will be working when those businesses are closed. Sadly, I think it is a false premise that the project will enhance the Island and its business community

To sum up, I believe that approving this project will be one of those colossal mistakes that will cause people in future years to look back and say "what were they thinking when they approved this." They will see all the problems it brought and remember those who approved it. Please stand up for our Island home and let it evolve the way it has been for the benefit of all its residents. This project belongs on the former Bethlehem Steel site where it could combine appropriate land use, existing infrastructure, access to road, railroad, and I suppose even ship traffic with easy access to superhighways North in South. If I was their site locator, that's where I would put them not here.

Edward H. Nickson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Pattie Frentzel

From: Kristine Muranyi [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Chris; hmuranyi@aol.com
Subject: No Amazon Warehouse

Dear Grand Island Town Board,

I am writing to request that you say no to the Amazon Warehouse. Thirteen years ago my husband and I selected the Town of Grand island to set up residence, due to the peace and tranquility that the island has to offer. When I drive home over the bridge I feel relieved to be back to a simple life and tucked in away from big city stresses. Being nature lovers, we cherish the abundant amount of natural forested space that surrounds us. How lucky we are to have 2 beautiful state parks to explore. Unfortunately, our island life as we know it is now being threatened. Allowing a giant corporation to take over such an enormous piece of our beautiful island, and so close to Buckhorn, would negatively impact us all. Diminished air quality due to all the extra traffic, the wear and tear on our roads and bridges and the congestion those Amazon trucks and employee vehicles will bring surely will prove to be detrimental to our quality of life. The money they are offering will not make up for all that will be lost. Please do not make a deal with the devil! Say no to Amazon!

Respectfully Yours,

Kristine Muranyi
[Redacted]

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Pattie Frentzel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon warehouse

Please please please do not throw us to the wolf. If you see what Amazon has done to ruin other towns you would not want to do that to the people of Grand Island.

Please do not do this under pressure from Mark Polancarz. He doesn't live here. He can say whatever he wants and pressure us to accept our fate but this is not in his backyard. We will be trapped in Amazon hell and once it's here they will do whatever they please because you no longer have any power to stop them.

Remember the people who live here do so because it's unique and special to us. Do not take that away for a dollar.

Mark Polancarz will move on to his next project and won't care if we suffer. If we refuse to accept our fate we can do wonderful things in the future with our ecosystem in tact. Please remember all the projects that have gone wrong such as Robert Moses Parkway etc. Someone pushed and someone folded. Please don't be that someone.

Best wishes,
Laura Gutt

Pattie Frentzel

From: Sandi Sexton [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Approve Amazon!

My letter: Dear Town Board,

I fully support the building of the Amazon Warehouse, or Project Olive, on the Huntress property as proposed.

The parcel is zoned properly for the project and the variances requested do little to affect the Town. The major complaint I've heard so far has been the truck traffic coming to the town but that property could add that traffic with many other projects that could fit the zoning.

The height of the project, in my opinion, is not objectionable because of the lack of direct sight lines from anywhere other than the Thruway. I see tall buildings as I travel the interstate system all the time.

The tax benefits to Grand Island are enormous. We can either build things with that money to improve life on GI, we can reduce taxes now or we can simply set up a reserve to mitigate future tax increases. Or we can do some of all 3. Without this influx of new taxes I fear that my own taxes will continue to rise every year just from inflation without any improvements to GI.

The town has been zoned as it has in a planned way to keep well planned areas separated so that we can have economic and residential growth. If we succumb to the NIMBY group we will undoubtedly be turning down projects that fit out zoning and we will lose battles in court and probably face significant damage settlements.

Please negotiate with the developer for the best package for The GI community and schools but, in the end, please approve the project.

Sandi Sexton

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: janet leclair <jleclair1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 3:58 PM
To: Public Comments

Say no to amazon. We depend on you to ensure the peaceful, serene existence we enjoy on Grand Island. Don't let us down.

Richard and JanetLeClaire

Sent from my iPad

Pattie Frentzel

From: Patricia Migaj [redacted]@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive

Dear Town board Members,

Please note that I am not in favor of Project Olive. I do NOT believe that it is in alignment with Grand Island's vision. Please do NOT let this happen.

Sincerely,

Patricia Migaj
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
Grand Island, New York 11952

Pattie Frentzel

From: Arlene Larry [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: No Amazon warehouse on GI

As a longtime resident of Grand Island I would like to express my disappointment that the Amazon warehouse is even being considered for Grand Island. There has to be a better location in all of Erie County that would be a better fit for this. Last week in the Dispatch there was an article about how the Island was going to become a ecotourism destination. How can that happen when we will have a giant warehouse that will be busy with activity 24/7? I don't even live on that side of the Island but I am against it. House values on the Island will go down. Who want to live by a giant warehouse?

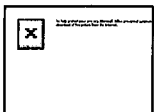
The bridge traffic in the morning is horrible getting off the Island, that won't be impacted by the trucks and the employees? That is hard to believe.

We came to Grand Island from North Tonawanda to get away from what Industry was left there. We enjoyed being able to breath fresh and see wild life. Don't take that away from the people of Grand Island. How many things in WNY have seemed like such a great idea with our rose colored glasses on to find out later that it definitely was not good for the area. Too many. Vacant buildings, roadways that were put in the wrong places obstructing views of the water and nature.

Also, don't be bribed by the 10 million Dollars they want to give Grand Island. See it for what it is a bribe!

Thank you for your time.

Arlene Larry
[REDACTED]
Grand Island, NY



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Pattie Frentzel

From: PAUL MCNAMARA [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon Warehouse

Hi I am writing in opposition to the Amazon warehouse on Grand Island. Two main reasons. One is that Amazon doesn't pay any taxes, so residents won't get much in the way of tax revenue. The main reason is that the only two bridges to get on and off the Island are already over capacity (pre-covid). As it stands, the thruway has done absolutely nothing to try different traffic controls to remedy this. For example they could try signage such as re-posting the speed limit on the bridge, slower traffic keep right signs and no trucks in the left lane.

Paul McNamara

[REDACTED]
Grand Island, NY 14072

Pattie Frentzel

From: Matt Cherry [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon Distribution Center

I am the owner of 60 apartments on Grand Island. We have made a substantial investment in this community and as such I am very interested in the health of the community and its quality of life as well.

I believe it would be a huge mistake to turn away one of the largest employers in our country at anytime but especially during the current crisis. With high unemployment locally and nationally this project has the potential to be a catalyst for our local recovery. Passing up that opportunity could resonate negatively in Grand Island for years to come.

With many good paying jobs proposed the economic spinoff from this project will have an immensely positive impact on the local economy. Schools, parks and infrastructure will be the beneficiary of increased tax revenues. Grand Islands housing stock will increase in value as those working at this facility seek conveniently located housing increasing demand and prices with it.

In short this is a great opportunity that shouldn't be squandered. These opportunities don't come along every day. Although no development is perfect, this is for the better good of Grand Island. I hope the leaders of the town will agree and work with the developer to bring this once in a lifetime opportunity to Grand Island.

Thanks,

Matt Cherry
[REDACTED]

Pattie Frentzel

From: thom [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Let Project Olive Die

Project Olive.

In short an end to the rural aspect of Grand Island, a reversal of ZONING laws that were in place when residents invested in Grand Island by purchasing or built their homes. A reversal of zoning laws that would allow this project to move forward would result in significant monetary losses and degrade quality of life aspect's for all residents within miles of the site..

I attended the Planning Board Meeting in town hall (pre-covid), where the project Olive team presented, residents were not allowed to speak during the presentation or ask questions after. There was a planned meeting in April since cancelled, replaced by a non-publicized Zoom meeting.

Project Olive did a traffic study in November, be serious anyone on the island know the highest traffic volume is in the summer during tourist season. This year due to Covid it is impossible to do an accurate traffic study anytime in the near future. Anyone who commutes regularly knows that virtually every day getting on the island during the evening commute in the summer is a bumper to bumper experience. Ever been behind two semi's One in each on each lane on the bridge, not pretty. This claim by the Olive group of driving off hours is not enforceable or predicable it is a farce. There is no way to stop traffic at whatever time the workers or trucks want to cross onto or off the island. How about getting off the island virtually every morning, Traffic circle is full and 190 backed up half way or all the way to Whitehaven. Yes Covid has changed everything this year, but normality will return, traffic will return.

Traffic is certainly not the worse effect of this project. Environment impact, Quality of life, and monetary loss to residents is the real sin. 150 acres of greenspace, death to everything in the creek that will be moved, displacement of wildlife to go where? Replace this tranquil setting with a 7 by 24 highly illuminated high rise warehouse, with the noise of constant traffic and shipping activities, is that what Grand Island wants? The answer is No No and No, Zoning laws are in place for a reason.

Local leaders must stop this project dead in its tracks; there are plenty of brown field (old industrial sites) in WNY where this type of facility can be built, without destroying Green space, killing wildlife and replacing it with noise and light pollution.

There needs to be more Transparency into the process and More Opportunities for residents to attend presentations and expose the real impacts of this project.

Thomas & Jane Igiel
[REDACTED]

Grand Island NY 14072.

Pattie Frentzel

From: stephen heuser [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon warehouse

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Grand Island (on Bedell Rd, to be specific), I want to voice my opposition to the Amazon property that is planned for the island.

First off, Amazon is a disgusting, abhorrent company that abuses its workers, and Bezos is nothing more than a psychopath for whom this is all a real-life game of Monopoly. Second, there is precious little nature in Buffalo to begin with, and the thought of Amazon putting a tumor on Grand Island sickens me; the island has a great deal of natural beauty, which will be negatively affected by Amazon here, and anyone who says otherwise is lying through their teeth. That, and the fact that it will be running 24/7 means it will do nothing but congest the traffic, and poison the air with a massive increase in truck exhaust.

Please, do not let Amazon destroy this wonderful city.

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Stephen Heuser
[REDACTED]



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Pattie Frentzel

From: jim [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Ambient Noise Measurements and Comments on Amazon Warehouse Noise Study
Attachments: Amazon Warehouse PDD Application - Ambient Noise Study.pdf

Please find the results of an ambient noise survey completed at residential properties in the vicinity of the proposed Amazon Warehouse. Also, see our comments and questions related to Amazon's PDD Application that supplement our July 15, 2020 comments on the Noise Study.

Jim Daigler
[REDACTED]

AMBIENT NOISE LEVEL MEASUREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO THE PROPOSED AMAZON WAREHOUSE PDD APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

TC Buffalo Development Associates, LLC (TC Buffalo) is proposing the construction of a five story 823,400 square foot warehouse building with 69 loading docks, 219 trailer parking stalls, and 1,855 vehicle parking spaces. This development would take place on a 145.4-acre lot, with a driveway entrance at 2780 Long Road, in the Town of Grand Island. TC Buffalo is requesting the Town Board, in accordance with Article XXVI of the Town Code, designate the proposed development site as Planned Development District.

Ostergaard Acoustical Associates (OAA) was retained to complete a noise study and report. Based on that study, TC Buffalo concludes: *"...the Project will not have any significant adverse impacts due to noise"*. The flawed study prepared by OAA does not in any way support that self-serving conclusion.

The Town hired GHD to review and comment on OAA's noise study. An objective reading of TC Buffalo's responses to those comments reveals an unacceptable level of insincerity. For instance, GHD commented that ambient noise level measurements would be necessary at Locations B and C to demonstrate the assumed ambient noise levels in the study are appropriate. Rather than obtain those measurements and improve the quality and completeness of their assessment, TC Buffalo ignored the request and in response proposed to move the Long Road driveway to the east. After a site visit it became readily apparent to us that OAA's assumed ambient noise level is far too high. Accordingly, we obtained ambient sound pressure level (SPL) measurements at Location B and two other residential receptors surrounding the proposed warehouse site to determine the appropriate metrics.

Our measurements confirm ambient SPLs are significantly lower than used by OAA. Coupled with OAA's segmented CadnaA modeling exercise and other errors and omissions identified in our July 15 comments, it is clear the study conclusions are wrong. OAA's flawed assessment and predisposed assumptions appear designed to underestimate the noise levels that would be generated by the proposed facility. As a result, the proposed mitigation design is inadequate to meet accepted standards for noise abatement or TC Buffalos stated goal to minimize the *"acoustical impact"* on Grand Island residential properties.

AMBIENT NOISE MONITORING

One-hour A-weighted equivalent SPLs (L_{eq}) are used to comply with NYSDEC's policy for assessing and mitigating noise impacts. We employed a CEL-633X integrating averaging sound level meter manufactured by Casella to measure ambient SPLs at the residential locations identified in the attached figure. The microphone/wind screen was mounted on a tripod at a height of approximately five feet above the ground. A summary table of regular interval one-hour L_{eq} measurements and profiles of the continuously recorded SPLs for each location are included in the attachments. It is noted that the noise level increases before sunrise and in the early morning hours are natural sounds predominated by bird calls.

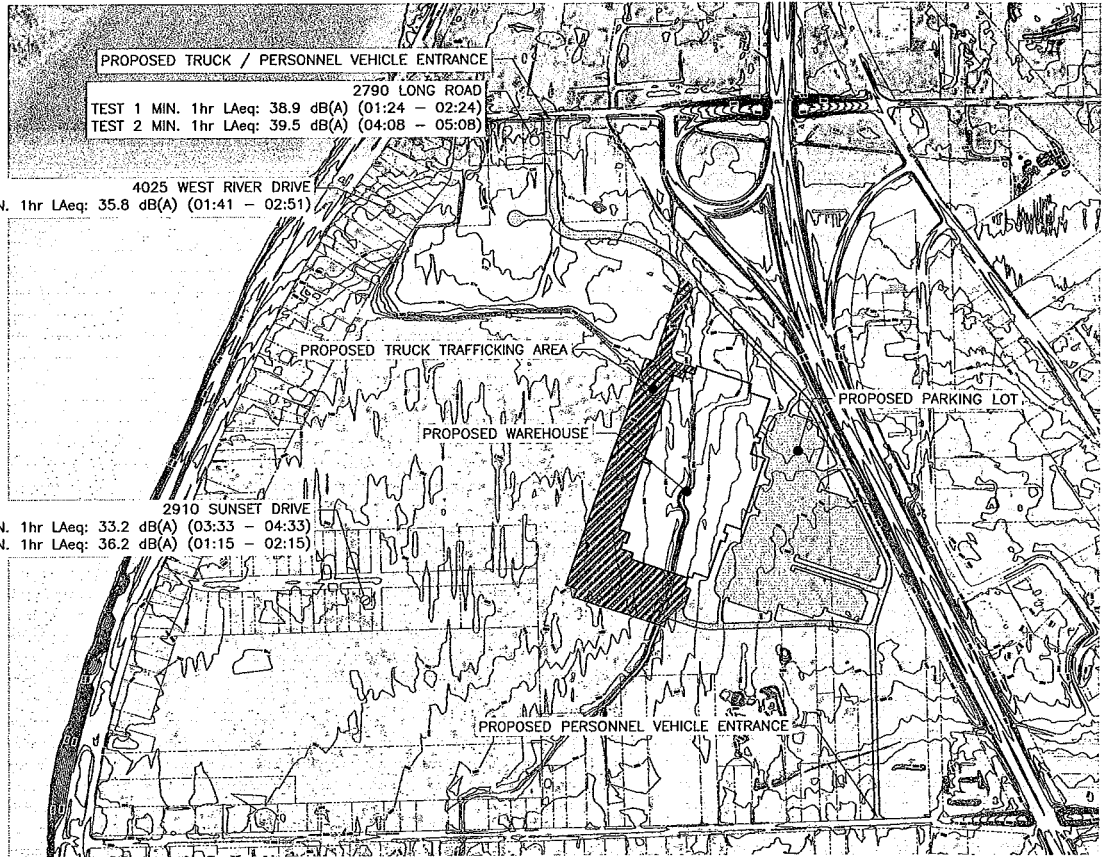
Rather than the 50 dB(A) ambient SPL used by OAA in its assessment, the target L_{eq} ranges from a low of 33.2 dB(A) at 2910 Sunset Drive to a high of 39.5 dB(A) at 2790 Long Road. This is fully 10.5 dB(A) to 16.8 dB(A) lower than OAA's assumed ambient SPL. Given the flawed CadnaA model scenarios that do not accurately model or account for all noise sources that would be present and therefore underpredicts the noise that would be generated, it is appears obvious the facility would produce very objectionable and intolerable noise level increases at a good number of Grand Island residential properties.

QUESTIONS

In summary, we have the following questions:

1. Has GHD found all TC Buffalo answers to their comments responsive and acceptable?
2. Has TC Buffalo reviewed and responded to the questions and comments we have regarding the noise study as contained in our July 15, 2020 submittal?
3. Will OAA provide supporting data to back up their model input assumptions and correct the flawed noise study?
4. The disingenuous and self-serving nature of the noise study is consistent in tone with statements and assertions throughout TC Buffalo's application. Will the Town press Amazon's consultants and representatives for proof of their assumptions and an honest presentation of the facts surrounding this proposed Mega Warehouse and Truck Facility?

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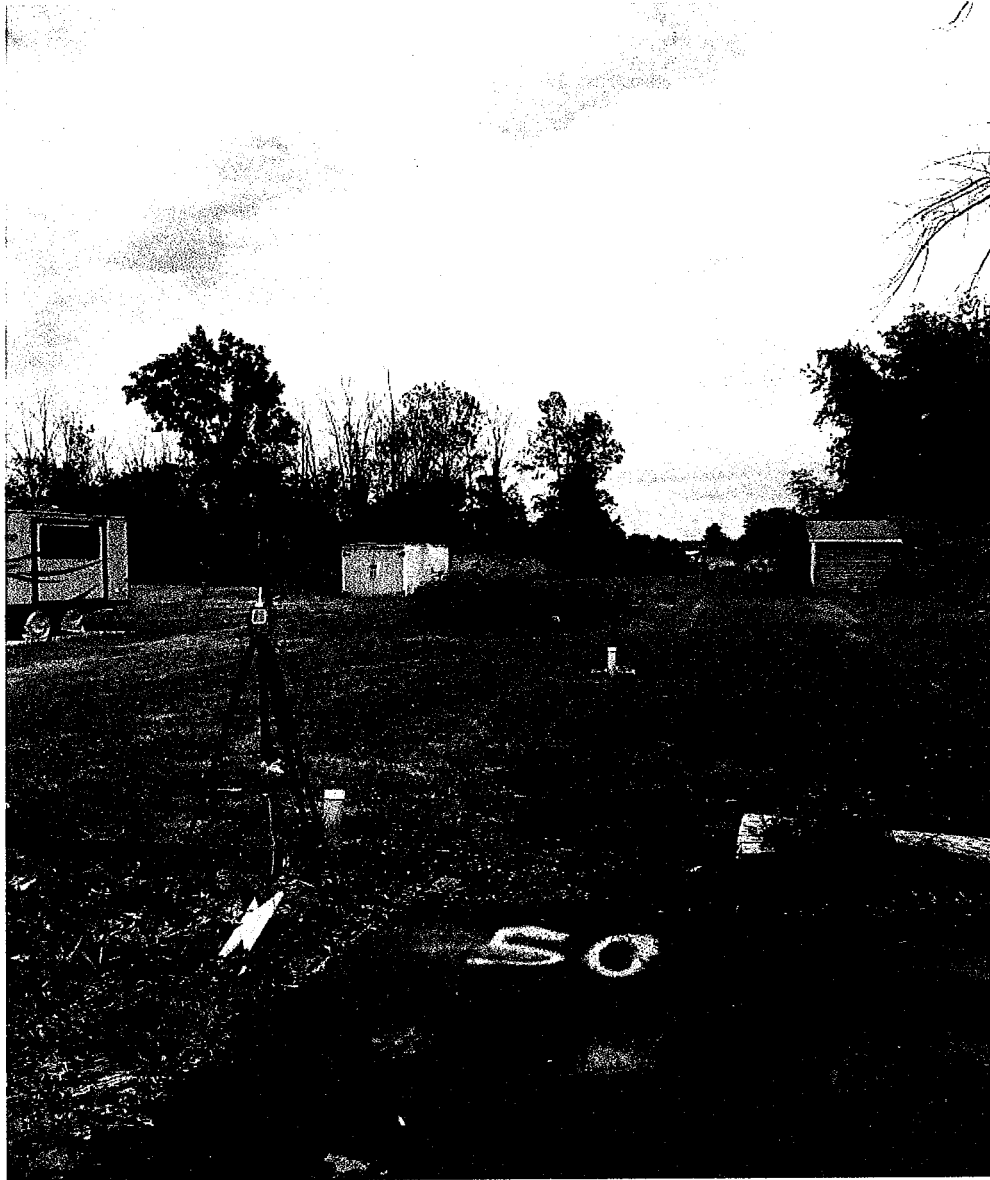


Photo 1 - Typical CEL-633X Setup

**Amazon Warehouse PDD Application
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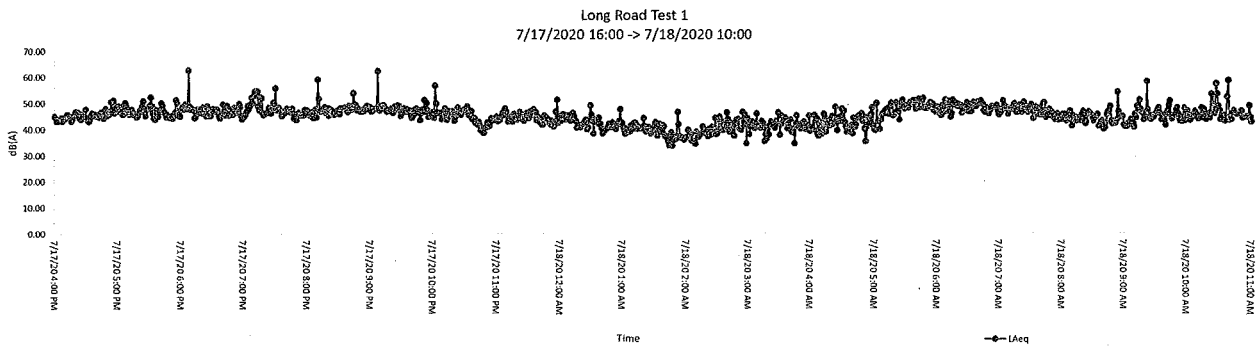
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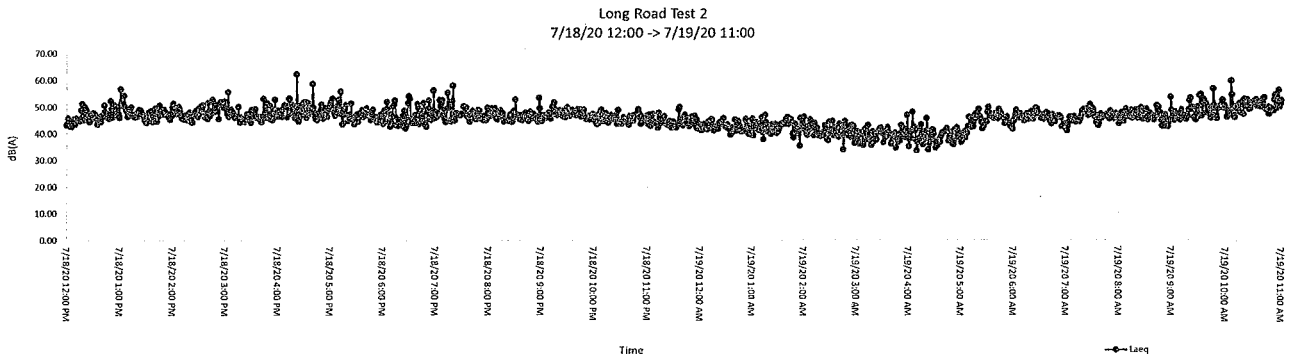
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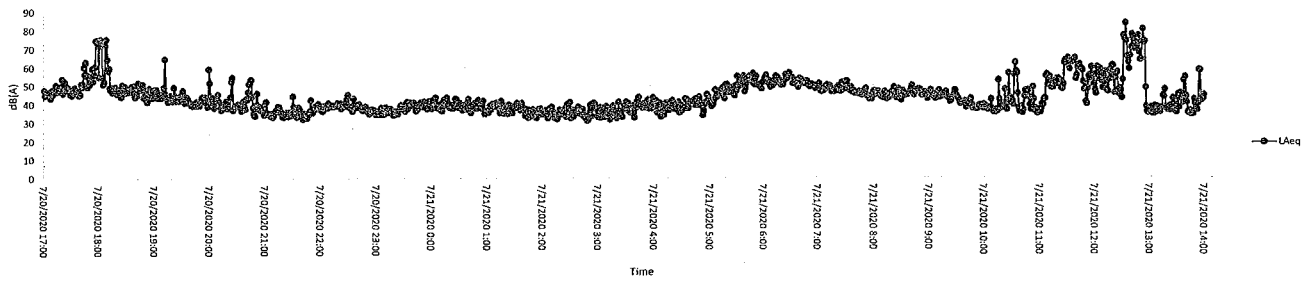
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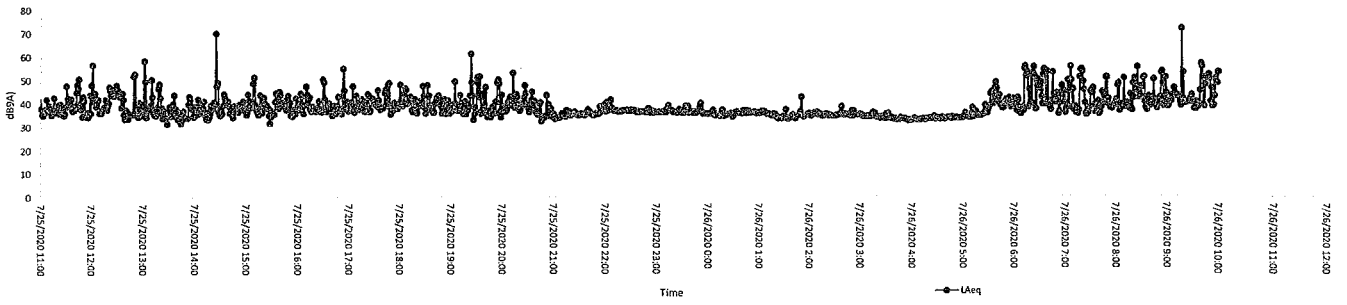




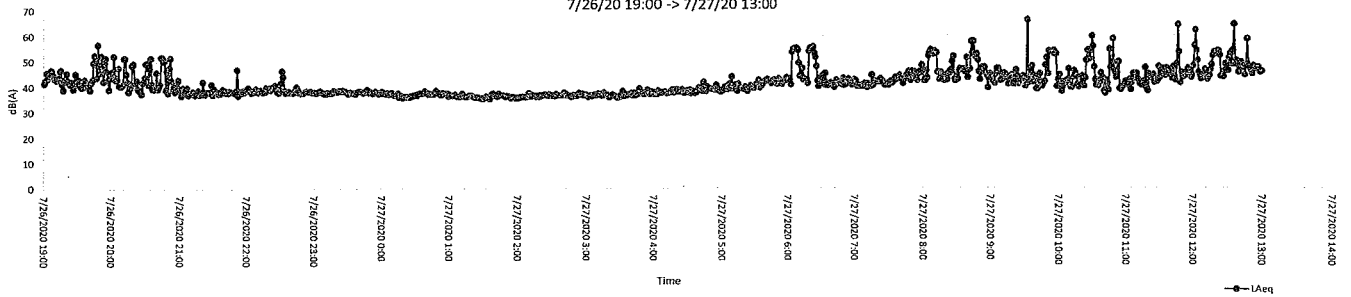
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Sunset Drive Test 2
7/26/20 19:00 -> 7/27/20 13:00



Pattie Frentzel

From: kbaez [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive

Good morning,

I just wanted to voice my and my family's opposition to this proposed project. We are seriously concerned about the impact to our Island community. It will not be in the best interests of the community. The size and scope of this warehouse is completely too large scale for this small town.

Why Grand Island? Why in a residential community? Most other Amazon warehouses (ie: Syracuse, NY) are in massive Industrial areas, not residential communities. Why not Niagara County? Or rural Erie county? Taxes will not benefit this town.

People live here for the natural environment, beauty, small town feel, close-knit sense of community. We moved here to raise our family and plan to retire here. Please do not destroy the this Island and take us to the point of no return.

Grand Island is the wrong spot for this development!

Sincere Regards,
Kimberly Baez & Family
[REDACTED]

Kimberly Baez | Customer Service Rep
[REDACTED]

NISSHA | HEALTHCARE
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES | SOLUTIONS

Pattie Frentzel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Support of Amazon Warehouse

I am writing to express my support of the Amazon Warehouse coming to Grand Island. While there are some downsides to such a large development, the pros appear to outweigh the cons. Don't let a vocal minority of residents like those at "CRED4GI" bully the town into making a bad decision.

Let's use Amazon to improve our community.

-Forrest Crawford

Pattie Frentzel

From: shirley johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 9:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive on Grand Island

I am so looking forward to the Amazon Warehouse to be built on Grand Island. I was so happy to read more about it in last weeks Buffalo News Sunday paper. My husband and I visited the site on Long Road; it's in the middle of vacant land with just a few houses down the road.

There is a small minority with signs saying No Amazon; most likely the same group that didn't want the bicycle path to be built on west river. The bicycle path was built and it's beautiful!

On the other hand is a huge silent majority saying Yes Amazon! Islanders are looking forward to working on the island and earning a decent wage with benefits, homeowners are looking forward to having our taxes reduced. All the surveys and studies have been completed in regards to bridges, traffic, sewer etc. To top it off if I understand correctly our town will be getting \$71 million dollars. It's an opportunity of a life time, let move Grand Island forward.

Sincerely,

Island Resident

Pattie Frentzel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: additional concerns about Project Olive

Hello:

On July 14th, I submitted a comment about my concerns for the massive disruption that the Amazon warehouse will have on Grand Island. I do want to add that some of the concerns I expressed are in alignment with a petition that is circulating around Grand Island (see further below.)

But that petition contains language that includes concerns around the who may move to Grand Island, should they be hired by Amazon at \$15.00/hour. I want to be clear that I do not support that view. In fact, I believe that Grand Island is a welcoming community benefits from having a residential base with a variety of income, racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Having said that, below are modified concerns that I, as a Grand Island resident want to reiterate.

- 1.) Massive traffic delays due to the increased number of delivery trucks and employees coming and going, with bridges that already experience significant delays when a car breaks down.)
- 2.) LOTS of added noise and air pollution around the bridge residential neighborhoods
- 3.) Costly wear and tear to the 90 and the bridges, where more frequent repair would exacerbate the traffic problems.
- 4.) And we know they're going to ask for tax breaks, and not pay their share to the tax base.
- 5.) Reduced housing values, given the above
- 6.)

Really, what benefit is there to the Grand Island community to them coming?

Finally, I believe this should be put to a vote from the whole community, who after all, have elected you to serve the interests of the broader community, not just a few and certainly, not a major corporation.

Sincerely,

● Sheila Figliotti.

Pattie Frentzel

From: Elaine [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive

As residents of Grand Island, NY, Richard and Elaine Chrzanowski say "No" to the proposed warehouse planned for our Island. The bridge traffic during the Island's rush hours greatly impact our lives. My husband works in health care and during summer especially he has to leave home an hour or greater ahead of schedule to make sure he can get over the bridge to hospital in time. We can not have appointments earlier than 9am due to congestion on the bridges during business days for fear we will not make the appointment on time. Coming back to the Island from work especially during the summer is the same. We have curtailed our lifestyle around bridge traffic. Adding more congestion-bringing commuters to the Island and off the Island would make congestion on bridges worse. The bridges are 2 lanes in both directions and if an accident or a disabled car impedes traffic there are backups that cause great delays. "Employers do not care that we are held up in traffic on the bridges." This could force us to move off the Island.

I have observed a car accident with the bridge so congested that the ambulance parked underneath the south bridge and paramedics carried the gurneys up and victims on gurneys down to the ambulance. Do you even have an evacuation plan for us should we need to get off the Island?

As residents we were attracted to Grand Island because of it's beauty-including wildlife and waterways. Why do we always have to fight to preserve this?

There are better places for this warehouse in WNY. How about the land where the old-empty and dangerous Bethlehem Steel Mill still stands.

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: William Stahlka [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon

As a 37 year resident of Grand Island I am strongly opposed to Amazon's building on our Island. I'm not opposed to progress but this will effect the quality of life that has kept me on this Island for all these years. PLEASE vote this project down. Sincerely - William Stahlka [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: Michael Fifolt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: In favor of the Amazon Project

Town board

I am in favor of the Amazon Project. It will provide much needed tax support and jobs. I do not believe that there will be a large traffic impact. Please approve this project.

Michael Fifolt

Pattie Frentzel

From: Carol Buchholz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon project

Vote yes, progress equals Amazon!

Sent from my iPad

Pattie Frentzel

From: Jordan May [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon warehouse

All,

In regards to the Amazon warehouse, I fully support this project. As a Grand Island resident, I am happy to see a national company want to build a facility in our locale. I am concerned with the potential of the developer to utilize PILOT to avoid paying full taxes, but overall I support this project. I urge you to consider rezoning 2780 Long Road to accommodate the Amazon warehouse project.

Thank you,

Jordan May

Pattie Frentzel

From: Steven Supparits [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: I support an Amazon warehouse and jobs!

I am a homeowner and taxpayer that lives on East River Road. I just received the group CRED4GI's post card in the mail.

I think that the assault by the group CRED4GI on a potential warehouse bringing good paying JOBS to WNY is **politically motivated**, and filled with **grossly false and misleading information**. This is not the building of a prison, or storage of nuclear or hazardous waste. A warehouse on Long road poses **no** danger to our eco-life or waterways whatsoever, and for them to state misinformation like this in the current post card, and promote on their website and social media pages is just **fraudulent** and takes away any credibility that they might have had.

I am greatly in favor of a warehouse bringing jobs to WNY, as well as paying millions of tax dollars into our tax base and school system. It also means fast free shipping on Amazon orders for local area residents. That is a WIN, WIN, WIN for WNY. There is a Thruway access ramp at Long Road, and their over-inflated claims about traffic impact is just as irresponsible. For residents gaining employment there, they will not have to drive over the bridge to go to work. And with the toll booths removed, traffic flows across the island without issue, unless there is an accident.

I outright reject CRED4GI's fraudulent misinformation campaign and I will fully support an Amazon warehouse, especially in a time when we need good paying jobs in WNY. This is a wonderful opportunity for Grand Island to develop empty commercial land. I don't see this group protesting the thousands of condos/townhouses and apartments there are springing up all over Grand Island. We don't even have a hospital here. With all these new residents, having good paying jobs available is a wonderful thing for Grand Island.

Feel free to contact me for anything further.

Thank you sincerely,
Steven Supparits

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Pattie Frentzel

From: Renee Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive

Dear elected Grand Island board members,

My husband and I have lived on GI our entire lives. I work on GI for the medical community. We raised our family here and have been tax payers for the last 38 years. We love GI and have stayed here because of the beauty of the island, water and wildlife. We have voted in most elections including school budgets.

Because of these elections, you have been seated where you are today. You live on Grand Island and have raised your families here. We elected you to be our voice and be heard. We did not elect Nathan McMurray because of his dishonest ways, was not raised here and only cared about furthering his career for his own personal gains. He did not care about our community.

We are against project Olive coming to our community in a very strong way. Do not be persuaded by a high powered business like Amazon or by Mr. Huntress. They are both manipulative and are not looking out for GI, only for their own financial gain. Also, we are against Mr. Polencarz's view that it must come to GI. This non islander and elected official, not elected by us, is not inline with our interests. Like McMurray, he has his own interests, political career in mind. He is look for county tax money at our expense.

There are other options for much better locations for one of the world's largest Amazon plants off Grand Island, but still in Erie or Niagara County.

Please consider the huge increase in traffic, as well as, tremendous wear and tear on local roads and both bridges. Also, the noise pollution and air pollution. I hope this site is not where you are raising your families. As it is now, the bridges get backed up in the morning and late afternoon from heavy traffic. As you know, accidents are frequent and do back up traffic as far as the second bridge. A second nursing job I work is downtown at night. I see traffic backed up from downtown all the way over the GI bridge and onto GI when I'm coming home in the morning. With a normal summer, tourist traffic adds to congestion during the day and weekends. Please keep in mind this is huge and there is no turning back. This will open the door to push residents out and entice other large businesses to come and ruin our green space if zoning is changed!

We do welcome other small businesses that are a better fit and would be in compliance with the current zoning laws. They would be a better fit and support our community in the long term, not replacing people with robots or low wages. It just makes sense. Less wear and tear, quiet, clean air!!! Isn't that the environment you want for your family and community?

Please stand strong with and for our beautiful island!!

Thank you!

Mark and Renee Morgan
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: Elaine Stedman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Opposed to Amazon Warehouse on Grand Island

I am opposed to allowing Amazon to build a warehouse on Grand Island due to the increase in the amount of traffic on the roads and bridges, also on the affect it will have on our environment. Please say no to Amazon. Thank you, Elaine Stedman

Pattie Frentzel

From: Psholway [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Warehouse on Long Road

We are residents of Grand Island and have enjoyed living here for over 50 years. We oppose the proposed warehouse on Long Road. As residents of Grand Island, we do not wish to see the increase in traffic that would result. Traffic slow-downs at the bridge occur often enough now. Increased truck and commuter traffic would only make this situation worse.

Tax benefits are always touted when a new industry or project is debated. Then tax breaks are given, and the community experiences tax burdens that outweigh any taxes actually paid by the new business.

We oppose this project and feel that we residents should carry more weight than politicians or businesspeople who do not live here.

Paul and Sue Holway

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: Shawna Joslyn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Support for the Amazon Distribution Warehouse

Dear Grand Island Town Board -

I whole heartily SUPPORT the decision to add the Amazon Distribution center to Grand Island. I think it is time we move forward with change on our island. We could use the tax revenue and improvements that may come with the center. The so called coalition is ill-informed in some of their facts and you should not be misled by their doings. There is a wide support system on the island that is welcoming to the idea of Amazon coming.

We may be an island but the world is watching what our move is and it is an important one. This could be a make or break decision for Grand Island and what may or may not be our future growth in economy, people, and beautification.

Please keep an open mind when making your decision, don't make your decision based on a minority coalition group.

Thank you.

Shawna Joslyn

[REDACTED]

Grand Island, NY 14072

[REDACTED]

Pattie Frentzel

From: Brian Farmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon

My letter: Dear Town Board,

I fully support the building of the Amazon Warehouse, or Project Olive, on the Huntress property as proposed.

The parcel is zoned properly for the project and the variances requested do little to affect the Town. The major complaint I've heard so far has been the truck traffic coming to the town but that property could add that traffic with many other projects that could fit the zoning.

The height of the project, in my opinion, is not objectionable because of the lack of direct sight lines from anywhere other than the Thruway. I see tall buildings as I travel the interstate system all the time.

The tax benefits to Grand Island are enormous. We can either build things with that money to improve life on GI, we can reduce taxes now or we can simply set up a reserve to mitigate future tax increases. Or we can do some of all 3. Without this influx of new taxes I fear that my own taxes will continue to rise every year just from inflation without any improvements to GI.

The town has been zoned as it has in a planned way to keep well planned areas separated so that we can have economic and residential growth. If we succumb to the NIMBY group we will undoubtedly be turning down projects that fit out zoning and we will lose battles in court and probably face significant damage settlements.

Please negotiate with the developer for the best package for GI but, in the end, please approve the project.

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: Bob Zielinski [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon warehouse

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The height of the project, in my opinion, is not objectionable because of the lack of direct sight lines from anywhere other than the Thruway. I see tall buildings as I travel the interstate system all the time.

The tax benefits to Grand Island are enormous. We can either build things with that money to improve life on GI, we can reduce taxes now or we can simply set up a reserve to mitigate future tax increases. Or we can do some of all 3. Without this influx of new taxes I fear that my own taxes will continue to rise every year just from inflation without any improvements to GI.

The town has been zoned as it has in a planned way to keep well planned areas separated so that we can have economic and residential growth. If we succumb to the NIMBY group we will undoubtedly be turning down projects that fit out zoning and we will lose battles in court and probably face significant damage settlements.

Please negotiate with the developer for the best package for GI but, in the end, please approve the project.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Zielinski
[REDACTED]

Pattie Frentzel

From: Joanne Kud [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon project

Dear Advisory Board:

This is our vote for the building of the Amazon project. We feel this is a good investment for our community and the entire county.

Tim and Joanne Kud

Sent from my iPad

Pattie Frentzel

From: Christine Cassert [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Opposition to Amazon Warehouse

As a 35 year resident of Grand Island I highly oppose the building of the Amazon Warehouse project. The building of such a wide scale project would retract from the community and its' environmental beauty and town atmosphere. Traffic, pollution and impingement on neighborhoods will disrupt the ecological environment as well as the community atmosphere the Island affords.

Please vote NO to the Amazon project. This industrial project does not belong on Grand Island!

Thank you

Christine Cassert
[REDACTED]

Grand Island, NY. 14072

Sent from my iPad

Pattie Frentzel

From: Stefanie Szczykutowicz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 5:23 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Amazon Warehouse

Town Board Members,

I am writing to voice my opinion that Amazon should NOT be allowed to build their 823,400 sqft warehouse on Grand Island. The destruction of the wetlands and the increased traffic on the bridges are the main reasons for my disapproval. I have read many articles citing how bad traffic volume worsened in their towns after Amazon's arrival. They should build elsewhere, a place with more than 2 ways on and 2 ways off. I also feel for all the residents that would have that monstrosity in their actual backyards. I don't believe a word Amazon says or trust in any of the "promises" they make. And who wants an increase in minimum wage jobs???!!! With the increase in jobs comes even more people moving to this island, which would then overwhelm the school system even more. Also, what happens when the "tax breaks" disappear. My bet is another vacant building. I fear if this plan goes through, I will be looking elsewhere to live and raise my family. A disappointment for sure as I am a life long resident and was hoping my children would also be GI alumni. Please don't let this company do this to our beautiful island.

Sincerely,
Stefanie Lombardo

Sent from my iPhone

Pattie Frentzel

From: Susan Seay [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive

Driving around the Island - it is interesting to see all the AMAZON NO signage that is posted on homeowner's properties. There are obviously many Grand Islanders that DO NOT want AMAZON here. This is not the place for a huge warehouse. I have lived here all my life and stay here because it has not been commercialized too much yet but we are getting there. The bridge traffic is already a problem - I drove from downtown daily for 20+ years and got held up at the bridge nightly. Adding truck traffic to this bridge is not acceptable! We should not have to put up with this large warehouse on our Island. They already have a warehouse 2 minutes away on River Road in Tonawanda!! Let them go to Niagara Falls where it is more industrialized just for them. That is a much more acceptable place for them to build their mammoth warehouse that is not suitable to Grand Island. Poloncarz does not live on Grand Island - he needs to shut his trap. It's not going in his backyard.

AMAZON Warehouse NO!!!

Sincerely
Susan B. Seay

Pattie Frentzel

From: Sherry Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Project Olive

I am a concerned citizen, homeowner, taxpayer of Grand Island. While I am not against development appropriate to our Island, I have big concerns about the proposed Warehouse and Distribution development proposed for the Northwest corner of the Island.

I request that the Town Board respond and commit to the Economic Development Advisory Board's motion to perform an independent cost/benefit analysis BEFORE this rezoning goes to a vote. I also request that the Town Board vote in line with the Planning Board's recommendation to VOTE NO on the zoning change from M1 to PDD. The conversion to PDD would allow the developer to increase the height of the building out of proportion to other buildings under the Grand Island Height Code.

Additionally, as Grand Island is listed under the Ramsar Convention the Town Board needs to ensure that Wetlands be treated appropriately under this Convention. This treaty was signed in 1971 and is used to designate areas of land as wetlands that are crucial to different ecological processes, ie. migratory routes or areas used for spawning. Our community is supporting development of eco tourism, small farms and outdoor recreation on the Island. A Mega Warehouse and trucking operation which will increase traffic along one of our main routes for bike and running circuit is likely to lead to tragedy. We have a unique ecosystem that this warehouse trucking operation of the magnitude proposed seems out of proportion. It will have decades of impact on the image of our Island community and I potentially very negative way.

Regards,
Sherry Miller