

**Pattie Frentzel**

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**To:** John Whitney  
**Subject:** RE: Project Olive - NO!!

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** John Whitney <jwhitney@grand-island.ny.us>  
**Subject:** Project Olive - NO!!

As a long time resident of Grand Island, I am appalled at the thought of what Project Olive will do forever to Grand Island. (Why can't they even admit that it is Amazon?...If it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck...it's a duck!)

An ad on the television today by Amazon, said they want to be carbon free in 20 years. 20 years!! That will be just in time for your grandchildren or great grandchildren to breathe in healthier air. Think of them if not your town citizens.

Amazon will be like many other big companies (think of the solar panel plant in Buffalo) that will reap the benefits in our gold rush mind for money, then leave a rusting hulk behind when the next trend in delivery of goods occurs down the road.

You would be better off directing your money toward something more worthwhile for your grandchildren like revitalizing Fantasy Island.

I say NO to Project Olive.

Dennis Upton  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**To:** John Whitney; Public Comments  
**Subject:** RE: Amazon Warehouse (Olive Project)

**From:** John Busch [mailto:john@grand-island.ny.us]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:38 AM  
**To:** John Whitney <jwhitney@grand-island.ny.us>; Peter Marston <pmarston@grand-island.ny.us>; Mike Madigan <mmadigan@grand-island.ny.us>; Thomas Digati <tdigati@grand-island.ny.us>; Jennifer Baney <jbaney@grand-island.ny.us>  
**Subject:** Amazon Warehouse (Olive Project)

Dear Town Supervisor and Town Counsel,

I am asking you to stand WITH the residents of our community and vote AGAINST TC Buffalo and the Amazon agenda. Many of us have fought hard against the previous town regime (supervisor and his deputy) and their aspirations for fame and political gain. Please remember that you were voted in because of the past political disaster and failure to support the town citizenry.

We are a family community with small businesses that are being destroyed by Amazon and it's undercutting price structure. We do not need added traffic on the 2 bridges (our only way on and off this island), added pollution, added noise for the sake of a multi-billion dollar company. There is plenty of abandoned property in Niagara Falls near industrial and waste disposal areas. Please DO NOT give them the zoning variances! I voted for you and for positive change, NOT for industrialization and destruction of this beautiful island community!!!

Please view this FrontLine video :

## Amazon Empire: The Rise and Reign of Jeff Bezos (full film) | FRONTLINE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVVfJVj5z8s>

Respectfully,  
Hollis Ann Busch  
Grand Island Resident and Taxpayer since 1993

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**From:** Simon Husted [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** John Whitney; Mike Madigan; Peter Marston; Jennifer Baney; Thomas Digati; Public Comments  
**Cc:** kevin.hardwick@erie.gov  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Amazon can afford to find better location—such as a vacant mall or shopping center

Dear Grand Island Supervisor and Council Members,

For the health of our region and our economy's most vulnerable workers, I urge you to vote against moving forward with the 3.8 million SQFT warehouse project—commonly believed to be Amazon's third and largest center in Erie County. The trade-off for this short-sighted opportunity of economic growth is exacerbating our region's transportation network, stressing our natural habitats, and—most importantly--pushing folks who need jobs the most further away from accessing them.

I am not a Grand Island constituent as I proudly live in South Buffalo, but I am a former employee of Amazon's first Erie County warehouse, and I am well aware of how Amazon's presence affects the working class. There are multiple angles to oppose this project, but I will focus on only one: Location and access to the warehouse. Both of Amazon's existing warehouses, on River Road in Tonawanda and Walden Avenue in Lancaster, are miles away from the nearest bus stop and this latest project proves to be even more remote for those of us living in the city and inner-ring suburbs. I worked at the Walden Avenue warehouse for approximately 7 weeks in the holiday season of 2017—a short tenure, but not a rare length amongst coworkers. Everyone I know who works at Amazon no longer works at Amazon. The reasons vary, but the illogical commute is shared amongst all. Planning a work-life balance, or the logistics of a commute is impossible because you often do not know if your shift will run as short as 3 hours or as long as 5 hours until you arrive to the warehouse. Depends on the volumes of orders that day. It is often advised to double up shifts on your daily workload to save costs of commuting—but that may yield an unpaid break period of as long as 2 ½ hours inside the warehouse's break room.

An Amazon job recruiter advised a dozen prospects and I before our drug test that you should not take this job if you do not own a car. I own a car—and although it is not a vehicle I can always rely to work when I need it to work, car ownership is not a luxury shared by a third of the households living in the city of Buffalo. One couple who worked at the same warehouse and rented an apartment my family owns had their car repossessed in two occasions over the last few years because they could not afford to keep up with the expenses of owning an automobile from a used-car dealership. At the same time, they could not afford to support themselves and their three kids without owning a car. This is a conundrum people do not enjoy talking about, but it is widespread. We made it this way when we incentivized developers and home builders to take on greenfield projects—like the one we see proposed—at the expense of allowing vacant buildings and parcels in our city and inner-ring suburbs to sit idle. I have another acquaintance and former Amazon employee who commuted almost daily between the Walden Avenue warehouse and his home on the east side despite having a suspended driver's license. Last I talked to him 8 months ago, he was buried in citations with no hope of coming out, but believed he had no way of supporting himself and his obligations of child support without driving a car—whether or not the title on the vehicle belonged to him or a friend.

Amazon and this project's developer, TC Buffalo, cannot rewrite our community's wrongs, but they can certainly afford not to fuel its destructive pattern. In Cleveland, a place I lived for nine years, I am relieved to see Amazon chose to build warehouses/fulfillment centers at three vacant malls: The Euclid Mall, the Randall Park Mall and The Rolling Acres Mall.

These legacy shopping centers are near homes, apartments and bus lines, which makes it feasible for working class folks to manage the hardships of juggling a warehousing job and its irregular hours and schedules.

Amazon owes it to Western New Yorkers to do the same here. The company did not get rich on its own. It became the goliath it is today at the expense of local retailers employing local people. And for years, this goliath ate wider chunks of our community's spending power without paying sales tax on the transactions.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic is laying the groundwork for more abandoned and vacant retail centers. That means more local jobs near one or more bus stops will vanish. Amazon owes its consumers to fill that gap of accessible employment. The town of Grand Island has the responsibility to qualify economic growth opportunities with smart regional planning. I am well aware construction on this mega-warehouse will happen as long as Amazon's e-Commerce business is booming. As public servants, let's make certain its location affords the best return on investment as possible. Its current proposed location falls way short of that, I am afraid.

All the best,

Simon Husted

[REDACTED]

Board Member, Buffalo Transit Riders United

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**To:** John Whitney  
**Subject:** RE: Project Olive

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tarrie Mercer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:43 PM  
**To:** John Whitney <jwhitney@grand-island.ny.us>  
**Subject:** Project Olive

Dear Mr. Whitney,

I am very strongly opposed to Project Olive, the Amazon warehouse being considered for Grand Island. We already have enough traffic here. There are too frequently traffic jams on the bridges. I do not want the added noise and pollution of semi trucks passing through. It would destroy the peace and quiet and beauty of our island.

I urge you to vote no to this awful idea.

Sincerely,  
Tarrie Mercer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

## **Pattie Frentzel**

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**From:** Sandy Nelson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** Pattie Frentzel  
**Cc:** John Whitney; Mike Madigan  
**Subject:** Project Olive

Dear Supervisor Whitney and Town Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Project Olive here in known and referred to as Amazon. I feel that this project will negatively impact the fabric of our beautiful Island and would forever change its footprint in a purely negative way. This is hands down the most important decision that we as a community have faced thus far. I am extremely disappointed that this issue was not tabled so all residences could appear in person to voice their questions and concerns. I have various concerns that include the Environmental impact of the footprint of the site, Traffic concerns, questions regarding the quality of jobs and if in the future they will be eliminated due to automation and robotics, the questionable ethics of Amazon including tax evasion and granted tax breaks. Considering the current economic situation what would happen to the building if the facility were built and was to close? What if there was a fire? We all know that our Fire Department could not possibly respond based on sheer size? Property value is also a huge concern for me, if I were looking to purchase a beautiful home on the water I would not be happy with a giant monstrosity of a building behind me and all of the noise and aggravation that comes with it. This project makes zero sense to me, the tax revenue generated from the project with not be worth giving up everything else. I would like to know the actual numbers of the revenue that the town would receive.

The environmental factors are a huge concern for me, I know for a fact that most of that property was zoned wetlands by the DEC years ago. For example, I cannot build on my back lot as it was deemed so a few years ago, so how is it that it's ok for Amazon to do so? My family have lived on this Island for over 80 years now. We have seen many changes that I feel have had a negative impact. The West River Bike Path is a good example, in the spring this year I was seeing Bald Eagles, Osprey, and other beautiful birds return to the riverbank. Since opening and now that it is busy with people walking dogs and bicycling the birds have gone. What is going to happen to all the animals that call that 145 acres home? They will be pushed out spilling into people's backyards and onto the 190. Various species of wildlife, some that are even endangered, will not have a home. We will no longer hear the songs of the frogs in the spring but will hear trucks running non-stop. So much wildlife has been observed in the area, and any development will destroy their habitat. Any planned development of the property should consider the continuing impact to local wildlife habitat. Because of the several endangered species I feel that this area should be protected and preserved. I have contacted the DEC and EPA regarding this issue.

Traffic concerns are another issue to consider. Since the closure of the Parkway the speeding on West River Road has been out of control. This is a know issue to all of you and something that is not under control. Just yesterday I called to report a car that was traveling over 80 miles an hour at least on the 30 mile per hour road. The traffic is extremely dangerous, and it will just be a matter of time before something tragic occurs. The traffic is terribly busy on the road with the current companies on Staley Road such as Thermo Fisher and Fresenius Kabi. Traffic from Amazon will only contribute to the problem. Traffic and safety of pedestrians are major areas of concern. Traffic jams regularly occur if there is bad bridge accident. Living here we know that its not uncommon for the traffic from

the North Grand Island Bridge to be backed up across the whole Island to Long Rd. With the proposed number of 1000 trucks a day I can't possibly fathom that our traffic infrastructure can support this number? What will happen if there is truck accident on the bridge and fire trucks or ambulances can not cross? You know we do not have a hospital so what will happen if there is a serious emergency or major disaster? The local neighborhood traffic will disproportionately surge during morning and evening rush hours, causing traffic issues during critical times for the existing four Grand Island neighborhoods. The traffic surge during morning rush hours will also negatively impact safety for children who are waiting for the bus in the mornings. Some of these children still walk to bus stops and not all of them are picked up at their house or escorted by their parents. In general, the area traffic is continuing to increase, and heavy traffic is already common at times from Long Road to Bedell Road, which may not have been anticipated during this proposal. I remember them saying that they would have varied shifts that would not affect resident travel, and the times were right when everyone is trying to leave and come home. We all know that getting off the island in the morning is busy from 7 to at least 830 and coming home that now ranges anywhere from 330 to 630 at night. There is no way that Amazon employees and trucks will not add to the already congested 190 and bridges.

That brings up my next concern of the noise. We can hear the thruway now so there is no way that the residents will not hear the non-stop trucks. I also cannot even imagine the noise from the construction of this evil project. Residents along Long Road, West River and Bedell with all have to deal with this. This Island will no longer be a beautiful and peaceful place to call home. If we wanted to live in a city, we would but we don't. This is one of the many reasons people love the Island.

Air pollution and quality is yet another concern. How much pollution does 1000 trucks a day cause? With the recent battles with Tonawanda Coke I imagine this would be of similar concern. How do we know that Amazon will abide by current laws and regulations?

Let's discuss property value, I can only imagine that this will negatively impact us. Like I said previously, who would like to live in a beautiful neighborhood with a beautiful river and in your back yard you have this monster building producing traffic and noise nonstop. The footprint of the project concerns me, I frankly would have a much better feeling about if I didn't have to see it. I feel that the other project that consisted of multiple companies and building would be a much better use of the land and provide better and higher paying jobs and provide more revenue for the Island.

Considering the current state of the Economy how can we know if this is not a huge risk. Many of the items off Amazon come from China and we know that our relations are dangling from a thread. What will happen if we build this facility and a few years later its empty? All that destruction for nothing, and who would ever consider leasing or buying that building. Then we the taxpayers are left the burden. We were lucky that Thermo Fisher moved into Cannon that was empty for how long? We have business along the Boulevard that are empty, empty stores in the plazas. Times are tough so what will happen if this goes under? This has happened it's a real concern. I urge you all to read a recent article that I came across in the *New York Times*. [Amazon's Big Breakdown](#)





### Amazon's Big Breakdown

The pandemic briefly brought the Everything Store to its knees — by prematurely bringing about a future it has l...

Quality over quantity, this project has said to bring over 1000 jobs, we all know that a vast majority will be likely be warehouse jobs that top out at \$15.00 an hour according to Indeed. I would rather see the other project go forward that would provide quality jobs and thousands of more jobs. People who live in the surrounding communities already have jobs, and not jobs but careers I do not foresee people making a career change to come work at Amazon for \$15.00 an hour.

Amazon also has a strong history of tax avoidance, and unethical practices when it comes to its employees. According to recent investigative reports published by *The Atlantic* "Every day, ships, trucks, trains and airplanes bring an estimated 21,500 diesel truckloads of merchandise to 21 Amazon warehouses in the four-county region," they wrote. Amazon trucks last year created \$642 million in "uncompensated public costs" for noise, road wear, accidents and harmful emissions, the report said." Amazon is not a good company to work for! They have recently been criticized about the safety of warehouse employees during the pandemic. Several employees have sadly died due to being infected with Covid 19 at Amazon's warehouses, and now Amazon will have to address the wrongful death suits due to their greed and negligence. Also, who is to say that these so-called jobs will not eventually be eliminated with technology such as automation with robotics and drones? Part of my last job was in fact eliminated due to automation, so this is a real threat.

Amazon will be detrimental to the area, nearly all residents in our Grand Island neighborhoods are completely opposed to Amazon as this will cause traffic and safety problems, cause noise and air pollution, destroy local wildlife habitat, and potentially lower the property values of the existing community.

I urge you to disapprove the proposed Amazon facility, and from recent meetings and discussions with my neighbors, I know my opinions are shared by many who have not managed to attend meetings or write letters and emails.

Thank you for your continued service and support of our community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bagley and Sandra Nelson



**Pattie Frentzel**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:23 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Project Olive

I am writing to express my opinions on the Amazon Facility. My short answer is Oh Hell No. Let me explain.

Any tax savings will be offset by many factors - mostly our property values. The only people who will benefit are those who live far away from it, those who work on the Island, and those who never plan on selling their homes.

When I purchased my house 20 years ago my friends and family thought I was crazy for moving here. The Bridge, The Bridge, The Bridge was their rallying cry. They were mostly wrong but I assure you with Amazon being here that perception will be that to the 100th power. They can skew traffic data all they want. It will increase traffic on the bridges. How can it not? One accident, a snowstorm, bridge repairs can cause major tie-ups. Add tourist season to the stew and you have a real potential for a problem. Never mind the wear and tear on the bridges. Even if I am wrong I guarantee you the perception will be there.

My next point is who shall we sell our houses to? Sure riverfront properties will always sell. For the rest of us our pool of buyers will be mostly Grand Island Residents and Amazon employees. Onto the Amazon employees. Their pay will be OK and if they are paired up they should qualify for a mortgage. However - they may not because it is a job with a high turnover. Banks want some employment longevity. This is not the kind of work someone can do for 30 years. It is physically demanding. So will they purchase property? Some will and most will rent. Heron Point will make a killing. That is my prediction.

Onto the business benefit. I don't think there will be any. I predict they will work their exhausting jobs and go home. Tim Hortons will benefit, pizza parlors will benefit, and the rest will be status quo. I don't believe they have a long enough lunch hour to go out.

Onto the neighbors of the facility - I have seen all sorts of comments like they should have known this was possible when they brought the property. I'm sure they didn't expect this. Amazon didn't exist when some of them bought their houses. It literally could not get worse. Would you want to live next door to a facility of this magnitude? Let's show some empathy for these people. A tree barrier is not going to cut it. I assure you they will never sell their houses for a fair price.

If I'm right, and our property values do decrease, I will be first in line to fight my assessment when you are able. If everyone follows, and people start leaving the Island, then you have a lower tax base. I realize you would have Amazon to make up the difference, I'm just thinking big picture.

I say take our chances with an industrial park that may or may not come. It could take years and nothing would come close to what Amazon will build. Even if there is one road to maintain - that is not so bad.

Please stop this any legal way you can. Once it's here it will be to stay. There will be no going back. This is just too risky. People have their life savings tied up in their properties.

Jeanne D  
Property Owner

**Pattie Frentzel**

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**From:** leleehedge@ [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:17 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Amazon Project

I cannot express how much I DO NOT WANT THIS ON MY ROAD. This is a disaster waiting to happen. Besides being right in my area. The whe Island will be negatively impacted. I just do not understand who thought this was a good idea? The town board had better listen to the complaints of ir's citizens. This is going to be a fight and I for one plan on winning it. Thank you. Lisa Kaufman [REDACTED] a Island resident for 35 yrs.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

**Pattie Frentzel**

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**From:** bbridget5249 [mailto:bbridget5249@...]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:43 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Amazon proposed building site

I adamantly oppose the building of this facility. I am a Grand Island resident. I feel strongly that the traffic induced by this project will be a nightmare....not to mention the health hazards from the diesel fumes. PLEASE, STOP THIS DEVELOPMENT!!!!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

July 11, 2020

If I was an elected official representing the taxpayers of Grand Island and a developer came to me with a proposal to build a 5 (actually 9) story, 3.8 million square foot distribution facility on Grand Island, after I stopped laughing (or crying), my response would probably be: “are you crazy? That is preposterous; I can’t imagine a more seriously detrimental project for Grand Island. Obviously, it would totally destroy the quality of life in our tranquil, rural/suburban community. I can’t possibly approve that for the people who trusted me to make honest decisions to benefit our community.”

As a 50-year resident of Grand Island, I am absolutely opposed to Project Olive. I see many obviously negative consequences and zero benefits to the residents of Grand Island.

Please keep your constituent’s interests in mind when you vote on Project Olive.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Garlapow

(Mrs. Richard Garlapow)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
JULY 11, 2020

**Pattie Frentzel**

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**From:** Two [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Project olive

My husband and I have been residents of the island since 1976. We raised our kids here. We have seen many changes. Many have improved our life here by bringing services and new businesses to make it easier to stay on the island instead of trekking off to Niagara Falls or Buffalo for needs. This proposed Project Olive seems to be an enormous undertaking that does not fit with the way of life on grand island. Small businesses run by our neighbors are plentiful. It is a quiet friendly place to live. What positive benefits would an amazon warehouse and shipping center bring to us? How would it improve our island.? I have not heard of any other than creating revenue. But...does tax money and a few jobs balance the scales of the negative impacts created by this project for our neighbors? Mr. McMurray left us a mess to sort out. Funny how the supervisor before Nate was criticized by some for hiding projects from islanders but then Nate did the exact same thing before he got out of dodge to pursue higher aspirations. Wow politics. I am thankful we have a new supervisor who hopefully will stop Project Olive in its tracks for the sake of all islanders.

The Masters Family

Sent from my iPad

June 28, 2020

Dear Grand Island Neighbors,

I have been a resident of Grand Island living on [REDACTED] for over 49 year. I have raised my family in this quiet tranquil neighborhood and have enjoyed the restful country-like atmosphere that the northwest area of Grand Island has offered all these years. I feel compelled to reach out to all my residential neighbors who live in the Northwest section of Grand Island and who will be most affected by Project Olive (AMAZON).

Because of Covid 19, social distancing, and the inability of many residents living in the Northwest section of Grand Island to voice their opinions publicly on the Zoom town board meeting about this project, I am reaching out to all Northwest neighbors to express your opinions for or against Project Olive and the ability to express your opinion in written form.

I will be taking in person, ALL returned surveys whether for or against the Amazon facility to our town supervisor John Whitney.

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Town of Tonawanda has a much smaller Amazon facility that is ready to start business. It was built in an industrial park setting that does not affect any residential properties.

Check one:

For Project Olive (AMAZON facility)

Against Project Olive (AMAZON facility)

Reasons for your Choice for or against Project Olive: (Use back of page for more comments)

*Resident 47 years*  
Signature: Christine M. Mills Address: [REDACTED]

Please return survey to me either by mail or email, I will be taking returned surveys to town hall on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You,

*Betty Lou Tranter*

Betty Lou Tranter  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

not a good venue, due to traffic congestion  
and landlock of an Island.

Whatever happened to businesses being located  
within the Industrial Park. Island has no major  
development Plan.  
Environmental impact and destruction of  
natural beauty of Grand Island.

Impact on traffic flow West River, already  
increased and traffic speed since  
"Bike Trail" expansion along the River.

Absolutely no zoning to accommodate  
high rise building over and above current  
level.

Christine Mills  
~~1111 P.~~

Sunset Drive



June 28, 2020

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Attached Document  
John Tranter

Signature: Betty Lou Tranter Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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Thank You,

Betty Lou Tranter

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July 5, 2020

Dear Grand Island Town Supervisor John Whitney,

I was unable to access the past June town board meeting via Zoom or via phone and since no public meeting has been proposed I must use this format to express my opinion about Project Olive (AMAZON).

I am totally against Project Olive (Amazon Facility) being built in northwest rural residential area of Grand Island.

I am a 49 year resident of ~~Grand Island~~ choosing this community for the quiet country-like setting it has offered my husband and I to raise our family and to retire in this tranquil area overlooking the Niagara River and the Canadian shore.

**Reasons I am against Project Olive are:**

1. Deterioration of quality of life for **all** the residents living in the Long Rd., West River Rd, Sunset Drive and Bedell Rd area that will be the most impacted 24 hours a day 7 days a week by the noise and environmental pollution this massive facility will produce has not even been considered. It appears that the surrounding residents do not exist. Well we do exist and must be counted!
2. The massive scope of this 3.8 million sq. foot, over 90-foot-tall project related to changing town building regulations to accommodate the Amazon giant is not acceptable. These building codes were initiated for the main purpose to protect and control what can be built on M1 zoned land. These standards must be maintained to protect Grand Island residents NOT CHANGED to suit big business.
3. Environmental destruction of existing wetlands and the wildlife that inhabit the area. This destruction will also have negative environmental effect to the surrounding properties in the northwest section of the Island.
4. **TRAFFIC** - Roads and Bridges and Overpasses that are in poor condition now, will not support the huge amount of traffic this facility will produce 24/7. It is negligent of the town of Grand Island to accept a traffic study

completed during a Pandemic in February and think this is a true example of normal traffic patterns. May-September in a normal summer vacation season when travelers and Canadian traffic are utilizing the bridges and roads would be a more realistic time to study. Secondly, September through June when school busses, workers and normal delivery traffic are utilizing our roads is a time that needs to be studied to collect the real numbers of vehicles using the roads, overpasses and the Grand Island bridges .

5. Amazons reputation in other areas of the country is questionable and the facts need to be presented to the residents of Grand Island, NY. Research it.

Sincerely,

*Betty Lou Tranter*

Betty Lou Tranter

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## Government

# Residents Complain Amazon Facility Causing Noise Pollution

By SIMRAN BELANI  
December 6, 2018 at 1:09 PM



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EDISON, NJ – The 900,000 sq. ft. Amazon Fulfillment Center located on Rt. 27 is the subject of continuing backlash from Edison residents who claim their quality of life continues to be impacted by the truck traffic generated by the facility. At the November 28, 2018 council meeting, residents claimed that the wall put in place to reduce the noise has not worked.

Lisa Bukachevsky, who spoke at the council meeting, stated that while the wall has helped block the sight of the warehouse from her backyard, it has not helped with noise levels, stating, "it's the same level of noise as before," referring to sound coming from trucks banging and driving by. She stated that there was a vibration issue as well as noise emanating from the facility. Ms. Bukachevsky also stated that she was advised by a representative from Amazon that there would not be an increase in noise due to the holidays but she she stated "that's not true. It's pretty bad."

Others stated that the noise from the facility and the truck traffic has a greater impact at night, stating they could not even sleep at night, because the noise level was so excessive. The Amazon Fulfillment Center is open for 24 hours, pointed out one resident, meaning that the noise pollution "is 24/7."

Marilyn O'Connor, another Edison resident stated, "The noise has level has continued. We are not getting our sleep." Ms. O'Connor further requested that the Council "please think about the residents when you're approving any type of a plan for a new business."

June 28, 2020

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Signature: Susan Apies

Address: [REDACTED]

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Grand Island, NY 14072

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Signature: Bernadette G. DiMartile

Address: [redacted]

Arthur G. Martile

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LIGHTS, DIESEL  
EMISSIONS SO WE  
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WINDOWS & ENJOY  
SITTING OUTDOORS ??! WHAT  
ABOUT EPA STANDARDS NOT TO  
MENTION ZONING IN AROUND  
RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS?

WAKE UP G.I. !!

OVER →

WHAT ABOUT WEAR & TEAR ON ROADS?  
WHAT ABOUT BRIDGE TRAFFIC?  
LONG ROAD FROM W. RIVER RD. IS  
DEPLORABLE ALREADY.

IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT AS RESIDENTS  
OF G.I., WE HAVE TO PAY A TOLL FOR THE  
PRIVILEGE OF GOING HOME TO HOUSES  
THAT WE PAY TAXES ON! TELL NYS  
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Signature: RAY CRITELLI Address: [REDACTED]

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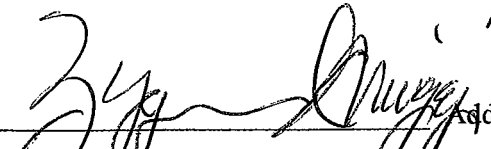

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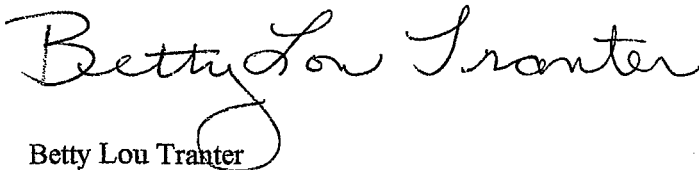
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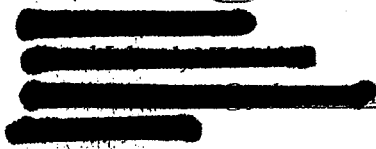
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Noise pollution  
Light pollution  
DESTRUCTION OF WETLANDS

Signature: 

Address: ~~79 [redacted]~~

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Thank You,



Betty Lou Tranter

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Kelly McGarvey

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

7-4-2020  
Kelly McGarvey

## Against Project Olive

Thank you so much for doing this survey... We have to keep pushing against this "Olive Project" to protect our community from this oversized project!!

### Reasons against project:

- Size over code - for our smile island - way to large - needs to be in industrial park off the island.
- Effects the wetlands + wildlife
- Wear + tear on bridge + roads
- Congestion on bridges
- with 24/7 operations - pollution, noise, lights over load, especially for homes on Laong, West River section + Bedell Rds.
- Amazon record not to pay taxes to help our community.
- Our fire dept can't handle a building over 3/4 floors - who will buy new equipment - Amazon?
- I don't believe having this company on island will bring new residence - employees will be coming from current homes off the island.
- Home values will decrease with Amazon being in our back yards - sticking way up in the sky above homes!

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PROPERTY VALUES WILL BE REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY  
NOISE POLLUTION (24/7 TRUCKS) AFTER CONSTRUCTION LET  
ALONG DURING  
ADDED BRIDGE ISSUES, TRAFFIC, MAINTENANCE ETC.

Signature:

*J. M. Lawey*

Address:

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QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES  
ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC  
NOISE POLLUTION  
DETERIORATED ROADS  
BRIDGE CONGESTION

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FIRE  
AND EMERGENCY PROTECTION

Signature: Susan L. Schaefer Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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*I live in this area because I love country living. I do not like hearing Trucks and other Traffic @ all hours.*

Signature: *Phyllis J. Wesolek* Address: [redacted]

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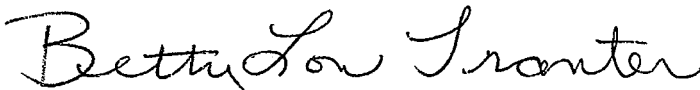
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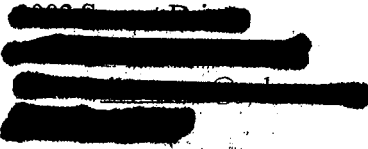
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William

Katherine Burbas

Signature:

*Katherine Burbas*

Address:

[redacted]

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Thank You,

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destroy our quiet community. I was born and raised  
here and love the Grand Island community. We could not  
ask for a more peaceful place to live. Having such a  
large-scale industrial facility operating in our backyard  
will destroy the community and what we love.  
The serenity of living on a dead-end street will  
soon be filled with the sounds of semi-trucks  
and industrial operations. I do not care the  
potential it could have for our property values,  
frankly I think they should find a more suitable,  
less-residential location. Such a large facility will  
not only bring noise, but traffic, air pollution, and  
inevitable destruction of the habitats of local wildlife.  
It is the Town of Grand Island, not the city of  
Let's move to keep it that way.

- William

Katherine Burbas

Bedell Road

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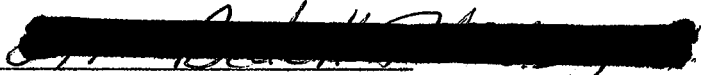
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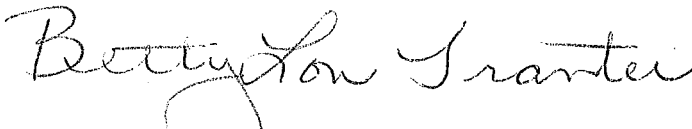
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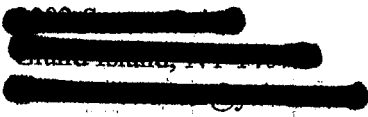
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## Reasons against Amazon (Project Olive)

- Excessive truck traffic spewing harmful emissions: Diesel fumes contain benzene, formaldehyde, arsenic, cyanide, lead and a stew of hundreds of other chemicals. Exposure to these chemicals has been known to cause different types of cancer. The largest amount of cancerous emissions occurs when a truck is starting and stopping, exactly what will be happening at the warehouse. These particulates of cancer-causing chemicals can travel thousands of feet in whatever direction that the wind is blowing affecting the health of our families.
- Extreme addition of vehicle traffic on Bedell Road and Grand Island Blvd: Amazon says there is going to be up to 1800 employees during holiday season and 484 trucks every day. Well, you can double that number. For every truck or car that goes to the warehouse, it also leaves at the end of the day. Wednesday is Amazon's overlap day. It's the day where all 4 shifts that work at the warehouse overlap. The shifts that the warehouse workers work are either Sun – Wed or Wed – Sat. Imagine what traffic will be like on Wednesday! That would mean on a Wednesday, about 3600 vehicle trips on Bedell Road (which is the employee entrance), 1800 in and 1800 out. Amazon's plan lays out parking spots for over 1800 cars. During a 16 hour day, 484 trucks at the warehouse equals more than one truck either entering or leaving on Long road every minute.
- Pedestrian Safety: Since the bike path has been constructed along West River Parkway, numerous families walk and bike along Bedell Road. Many of them walking / biking from the apartments on the east side of Grand Island Blvd. Bedell is a narrow street (especially when crossing the bridge over the thruway) and with an entry /exit road onto Bedell, it is a serious safety issue to allow the extreme amount of traffic increase that the warehouse entryway will cause.
- Decreased housing values: Houses located near industrial or warehouse facilities typically lose approximately 15% of their retail value within the first year of the facility being built due to blight and traffic concerns.
- Many people in the area surrounding the warehouse work night and shift work, as I do. While I am trying to sleep in the morning, I don't want to be kept up by the reverse warning beepers on the trucks as they back into their loading docks, or their slamming rear doors as they open and shut their cargo doors.
- Why do we have a height restriction on the Island of 45 feet when a company with big bucks can push us around and break our building codes and build a warehouse twice the height (90ft) of our building code? Why do we need to have building codes?
- Grand Island's traffic and road infrastructure is not meant to handle the type and amount of traffic that the warehouse would put forward. Our tax dollars would be needed to pay for the road and infrastructure improvements and repairs. It is believed that Amazon would be getting a 15 year tax break for moving to the Island due to citizens of NYC not allowing Amazon to build their offices there.
- The Island would need to increase its Police force. With the increase in traffic, accidents and crime that will occur, we will need to increase the manpower and vehicles used by the Police.
- Amazon currently says this will be a two-shift operation, days and afternoons. Maybe from the start. Once the Canadian and Holiday shopping increases, it may be an around the clock operation.
- I live on Bedell Road and when the Army Corps of Engineers surveyed the area behind my house (where the Amazon warehouse would be built), they told me that if I needed to cut down any tree in the newly determined "Wet Lands" that I would have to notify them. Amazon can just plow through and build on these lands destroying the wetlands just by putting in a couple of ponds and by buying some "Wetland Mitigation Credits" elsewhere in exchange?

Something as important as this to the future and character of the Island, should be brought up to a vote by the taxpayers of the Island, not just a few who hopefully represent the people of the Island. Let's do what's right for the Islanders, not just the few that will benefit. Fact: Amazon's employee turnover rate is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest among the Fortune 500 companies. Did you ever wonder why? Did Amazon ever reach out to anyone on the Island to tell you what benefits that they would bring to us instead of hiding behind a bunch of lawyers and trustees?

If by some chance, Trammell Crow does get approval to build the Amazon Warehouse on the Island, all parking and warehouse shipping need to be located on the east side of the building to keep the noise and air pollution on the Thruway side of the building, not the residential side. This would help ease any disturbance that all the trucks and cars would cause to West River and Bedell Road residents.

There cannot be any entrance or Exit onto Bedell Road. There is no way in hell that Bedell Road can safely handle the amount of automobile traffic that the Amazon warehouse would create.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns.

Bob Roman

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Reasons for your Choice for or against Project Olive: (Use back of page for more comments)

- Increased traffic & pollution (NOISE)
- Decreased safety / peace & quiet
- ONLY BENEFITS Town Board not Residents!!

Signature: Rosend Serra Address: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
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- The spirit & true essence & value to living on our beautiful island will be destroyed thanks to the greed of politicians & big business.
- MR. WHITNEY - you do not represent the best interest of the residents of Grand Island - You should RESIGN!!! Stop thinking about \$\$ - Maybe you should move next to the facility!
- If Amazon's project continues → Town Board especially Mr. Whitney should be voted OUT!! Not in best interest of Residents!!! <sup>only for</sup> \$\$\$
- Benefit of living on Grand Island will be destroyed (more traffic / more crime / more people)
- Would rather pay more \$ in property tax than have Amazon ruin the residential tranquility of Grand Island.
- Will probably decrease home values (especially those close to facility)
- We will 100% move off Grand Island if our current quality of life is disturbed. WE ARE DISGUSTED WITH THE TOWN BOARD FOR APPROVING THIS!!!!

June 28, 2020

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*See attached*

*Thomas Isiel*

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Address: [REDACTED]

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Project Olive.

In short an end to the rural aspect of Grand Island.

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Traffic is certainly not the worse effect of this project. Environment impact is the real sin. 450 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,

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 Transparency into the process and Opportunities for residents to attend presentations and expose the real impacts of this project.

Thomas & Jane Igiel



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*Life long residents of [redacted] We will lose our 'Grand' place to live. The peacefulness of neighborhood will be gone! This development will impact our environment - moving wetlands - no way! Property values will be affected*

Signature: *Claudia McKel* Address: [redacted]

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*7/18/2020*

Thank You,

*Betty Lou Tranter*

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*We already have water line & flooding issues. Wildlife will be displaced. The traffic will take a great toll on roads & bridges. Safety will be an issue - what happens when we need medical vehicles and no one can get on or off the Island? There are always backups on normal days. →*

During this pandemic is NOT a time to  
take any traffic stats.

We need a public referendum!

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Traffic on Bedell Road will increase. Even though we use Long Rd to describe this development, that is simply not true. An entrance on Bedell Road will be created as well. Walking down to the River to enjoy the walking path will be unsafe for our family.

Signature: Anna Frost Neil Frost Address: [REDACTED]

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Signature: *Kim M. Miller* Address: [redacted] 7/8/2020

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Thank You,

*Betty Lou Tranter*  
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*Developers will say anything to get what they want. If it is not on a formal document they will never deliver. They will destroy GI and tie us up in court until we run out of money. If amazon comes, I am leaving.*

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*This would destroy Grand Island as we know it. All changes aren't good changes!*

Signature: *Betty Lou Tranter*

Address: [redacted]

7/7/2020

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- POTENTIALLY LOWER PROPERTY VALUES

Signature: Betty Lou Tranter Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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Signature: Am M. Enfas Address: [REDACTED]

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THE SECOND LARGEST FREE STANDING IN THE WORLD DOES NOT BELONG ON THIS ISLAND - PERIOD - |

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*We are against the size of the facility and we feel the 'Island' will be compromised. The Tonawanda's have a =>*

Signature: *Jerome Luey Hoyle* Address: *[redacted]*

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Park area. The G.I. Bridges will not stand up  
to the amount of increased truck & car traffic  
due to the size of this building. This will be on  
going 24/7 (365) days a year plus an increase  
of activity during the holiday season. This should  
be a concern for all G.I. residents - not just  
the ones on or near the Northwest area. Once  
there is an accident on or near the bridges you  
will be stuck in stand still traffic for hours -  
not minutes - your studies on this problem are  
a joke. We live on ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and will be  
between the service road & the employees access  
entrance. There will be two shifts a day which  
will make it difficult to exit & enter our  
driveaway - not to mention the lights, noise and  
pollution. Yet this town sees no problem  
with increasing our home assessment by  
\$ 70,000.00

Thanks alot - its surely great to be retired  
and on a fixed income

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Traffic, pollution, loss of property value etc. NO AMAZON!

Julie & Kevin Harlach

Signature: [Signature] Address: [redacted]

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*TO MANY REASONS TO EVEN COMMENT. THIS IS A FAMILY COMMUNITY NOT AN A INDUSTRIAL PARK. KIDS FAMILYS WILD LIFE ARE ALL ATJEOPARDY IF THIS GOES UP!*

Signature: *Marc Parisi* Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
*MARC PARISI*

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Signature: Kory Charey Address: [redacted]

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- INCREASED TRAFFIC - ESP. BRIDGES
- INCREASED NOISE, BUSINESS TRAFFIC
- INCREASED NEED FOR ROAD REPAIR/STRAIN ON INFRASTRUCTURE

Signature: M E Bell Address: [REDACTED] GE

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We would be one of the most affected properties. This site would run along the side and the back of our property. We would have a road added just 50 feet away from our property line. We wouldn't feel comfortable with our kids running around outside. This would be absolutely devastating to our family.

Signature: *Betty Lou Tranter*

Address: [redacted]

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We are very concerned about property values lowering as well as an increase in traffic. We have three young boys and moved to [redacted] the place  
Signature: Rebecca Meyer Address: [redacted]

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Thank You,

Betty Lou Tranter

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for peace and low traffic. My husband grew up here and the prospect of this facility is heartbreaking.



NO SOCIO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DONE / BEDROOM Community NOT consistent with land use: illegal  
NO ECONOMIC GROWTH FACTORS USED NOT permitted  
IN TRAFFIC STUDY

(Per. Ms Gina Wilkowski, P.E. Traffic Eng  
ERIE COUNTY DPW)

- 3) Ms Maria Wyle (Deputy County Exec.) Amazon trying to persuade EC DPW FROM ENFORCING complete STREET. CONCEPT. (ie, no sidewalks)  
Pedestrians walk on shoulders
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- 5) Current ~~LOS~~ Level of Service (LOS) for Long Rd and Bedell Rd @ G.I. BLVD During Peak Hours a LOSA. AFTER Build out LOS "F" (complete failure)  
Again NO GROWTH forecasting performed.
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- COST TO Fix West River, Bedell, Bridge over I-190 & RE INTERSECT. \$20.01

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Signature: Carole Roman

Address: [REDACTED]

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Reduced property values, Noise, traffic

Signature: Michael D. Smith Address: [redacted]

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*I have lived at the corner of sunset dr & west River for approx 32 years. What drew us to this location (besides the awesome view) was the quiet and undeveloped nature of this corner of Grand Island. We opted for a*

Signature: Claine O'Neill Address: [redacted]

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Thank You,

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neighborhood without sidewalks, street curbs and street lights in trade for the more rural feel of our peaceful corner lot bordering parkland and waterfront on one side and backwoods on the other. We live on a deadend street because we appreciate the limited through traffic.

With the closure of the West River Parkway, vehicular traffic is slowly declining and foot traffic of runners, hikers and bike riders is increasing. The sound of cars is ~~being~~ replaced by the sound of people (families, children) laughing and chatting as they pass by. On the most quiet of nights especially during winter, depending on the direction of the wind, you can hear coyotes howling in our backwoods. You can here guess making their way either South or North. You can hear owls hooting, peep frogs, crickets and even roosters a mile away. If you are most ~~lucky~~, you can hear the rumble from Niagara Falls! Imagine that!! We consider ourselves very blessed to have all these wonderful sights and sounds to surround us.

It is for these reasons I mostly oppose the Amazon development. The sound and air pollution will do irreparable harm to the incredible ecosystem of this corner of Grand Island. The development itself will tear up an important corridor for wildlife being pushed from their habitat on Bedull & Whitehaven to Buckhorn State Park. The wetlands are essential for healthy bird migration. We have noticed a wider variety of <sup>bird</sup> species since the parkway closed and we're really enjoying tracking them! Did I mention the fox we see nightly?

Another reason I strongly oppose the Amazon development is the increase in traffic we will have. As an avid runner and bicyclist I can tell you how terrible the condition of Long Rd @ Bedull Rds is. I cannot image what the increased weight and frequency of truck traffic will do to either roadway and overpass. I am also concerned for the safety of pedestrians who use those roads & overpasses. With no sidewalks, it is very precarious as it is! I am equally concerned with the traffic that will be passing in front of my home. As we are just now seeing a decrease in vehicular traffic as (new travel patterns adjust) to the parkway closure, it is disturbing to us to imagine semi's routinely passing by on their way to Amazon! With hardly 60 ft between our home and the road this is a noisy and scary possibility/reality. Is there any way to guarantee that trucks won't make their way along West River?

What will stop employee traffic from using West River? Another 500+ cars? Yikes?

I realize that the parcel is properly zoned for the business use that Amazon is proposing. I also realize that the owner of the parcel is well within their rights to sell this parcel to Amazon for their development. There is nothing the Town of Grand Island can do in that case. What I do ask is that every step of this process is checked and double checked to make sure it will not negatively impact us as a community. The positives must outweigh the negatives where at all manageable. Traffic studies and environmental studies must be given full consideration. Zoning as it pertains to building height needs to be taken seriously. For most Grand Islanders, the project means nothing more than another big box building to drive past on the thruway. For us, the project means so much more! I don't want to be someone to fight against progress or economic gain for Grand Island but I am a resident who enjoys the quiet nature of my neighborhood and I surely do not see how Amazon will be a good neighbor to me. Please tread carefully as you make the decisions we have entrusted you to make on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Claine O'Neill

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

P.S. We invite any one of you to come and sit awhile on our front porch - soak it in - feel the serenity - carry that back with you to your planning meetings!

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*I have used the back, but the soundbite of it is a lesser quality of life, unmanageable traffic, existing town regulations, and Amazon's duplicitous nature*

Signature: *Arthur J. Meaney* Address: [REDACTED]

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Thank You,

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*→ Arthur J. Meaney  
Questions?  
[REDACTED]*

Dear John -

Perhaps we can go last to first. Amazon's duplicitous nature begins by not using their name, choosing Project Olive because of the deserved baggage that comes with Amazon in your backyard. Further, traffic studies in November (???) - how about rush hour in July and August (without coronavirus, so we can count the Canadian cars too!). And, most importantly, 5 stories?! - if I went to my contractor and asked for 18' ceilings, he would call it an atrium. Stories range 10-12" - this is an 8 or 9 story building ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the height of the Radisson)

We have town regs for a reason - they make sense. Arbitrarily "adjusting" them for a suitor that does NOT care about you is a recipe for disaster. This board was not elected to make "Executive Orders".

Traffic on West River Road/Nate McMurray Memorial Highway is already a burden to residents who watch workers from the Staley Road complexes zip by in the 40s (I know, I have the portable speed-tracker by my house). Without the highway, we just moved the traffic closer to my door. It sucks. More workers coming over the North Bridge and (logically) driving by my house on the way to <sup>the</sup> Redell entrance to Amazon will make it far worse. Let alone quality of roads + bridges to handle this traffic. And finally, quality of life. I did not choose this location to be in an industrial park. Noise, fumes, etc will ruin bucolic Grand Island - do the right thing, please.

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*Even entertaining this project is irresponsible.  
Grand Island does not need a project of this scale.  
I've also attached a document shared with the board back in March.*

Signature: *Alex Gutt*

Address: [redacted]

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Thank You,

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Mr. Whitney,

I hope you are well and not under too much stress in navigating the issues that have come up due to the Covid-19 virus.

I don't want to take up too much of your time with this message as I know you have a lot on your plate. I am an Islander, born and raised; living my dream of not only living on the island but living on the water. My wife and 3 kids (8, 5, and 3) moved into 4045 West River Rd in 2017 and couldn't be happier. The bike path which was added the year after we moved in brought another reason why we love our home. We think the path has perfectly captured the essence of the Island; quite, serene and a beautiful green space.

The reason for me reaching out is because of the massive concrete, environment destroying commerce center that will possibly be built on Long Road and behind my home. I was shocked that this project was even being considered for this space or the Island for that matter. In the fall when this was first announced, Mr. Madigan came around asking how we felt about it, my answer was I don't think it is worth fighting as it could be good for the area for new jobs, this was also when I was under the assumption that the warehouse would be similar to what is already on the island; 1-story (16-20ft) with a minimal footprint operating at normal business hours. Now with more details it is very clear that this project does not come close to fitting in with the ecosystem of the Island. This project would forever alter the environment of the Island and would quickly become the sore thumb area of the Island. Add in the amount of traffic that this will create, not only the environment will suffer but the local businesses will suffer. People in the Western New York area already avoid Grand Island because of the bridge traffic in the summer.

This is a business that will be running 24/7, which is also not in line with a rural area. That is 24/7 activity and noise. Diesel trucks are not quiet, from idle to reverse warning beeping. There is not enough screens or berms that could be implemented that would stop that noise from traveling nor the diesel truck exhaust smell from filling the area. Islanders were so quick to stop the Loves truck stop from coming to the Island but now the Board is looking at something 10 times worse than a Loves truck stop. The Loves truck stop didn't fit because it would decimate the ecosystem, this new project would decimate the ecosystem and the Island forever.

This is not a feeling of no business can move in there but a feeling that whatever moves in there must fit with the Islands mission and what we strive to be. A building that is 90-100 feet tall with a compound that is more than 150 acres with lighting that will make the night appear to be day running trucks 24/7, does not fit with the rural green space Grand Island touts itself to be and what attracts people to visit and live here.

I hope that you and the board thinks this business plan through not just for this generation but for the future generations of Islanders who have the same dream I (and most Islanders) have; to live and raise our children on the Island that we love so much.

Regards,



Alex Gutt

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We could be seeing a WALL of TRUCKS lined up along WEST RIVER ROAD awaiting entry to the Amazon Long Road entrance. A 9 STORY building in our residential neighborhood is against the LAW! The congestion of vehicles, commercial and employee generated will be OVERWHELMING to the North and South bridges and entry and exits of the I-190, AFFECTING LOCAL TRAFFIC, EMERGENCY RESPONSES, and AIR QUALITY

Signature: John A. Vogel Address: [redacted] OVER →

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for Grand Island Residents.

Grand Island doesn't need any more low wage apartment dwellers that could be generated at the Amazon facility.

It is obvious that if Amazon needs more shipping/receiving and storage space that they enlarge their Town of Tonawanda facility which is located in an Industrial Park on a NY State 4 Lane Highway with access to the NY State Thruway with NO AFFECT on RESIDENTIAL HOMES.

We have lived on Grand Island at [REDACTED] since 1973 (47 YEARS), and we VOTE every opportunity. There may be a need for a DRAMATIC CHANGE in the occupancy of the Grand Island Town Board if current members don't VOTE the DEMANDS of our RESIDENTS. THE END.

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*There are many reasons - these are a few (a letter will follow these) Eyesore rising into the sky lights, noise, traffic, pollution, destruction of habitat floral & fauna, demand on infrastructure*

Signature: *James & Helen J. Hill* Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ →

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stress on emergency services, ~~destroy~~  
destroy peaceful neighborhoods, value of  
our homes affected.

This belongs in a commercial park or  
industrial area NOT in our back yards!  
Would you want this in yours? I think not!  
Say no to zoning needs, would you allow  
a sub division or homes with these requests?  
This is an intrusion on all our lives. All of  
Grand Island will suffer. Say No let  
Amazon find a more practical site with access  
to NY 3 thruway & Canada. Grand Island  
can't go back if this is built here!

- 45 years as a resident - we moved here for  
the beauty and peaceful living - Now Threatened

Say No!

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I am very concerned about the environmental impact of having this mega facility in our bak yards →

Amira Elbari  
Signature: Amira Elbari

Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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The air quality will be adversely affected. It was a great move toward cleaner air on the island when we closed the pathway and took out the toll booths. Amazon on the Island is will reverse that. I am also very concerned about the noise pollution as well as the wildlife in that area and how we will be affected by it. Having a massive warehouse facility in a neighborhood cause many problems with rodents and pests too.

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- 1) 10,000 RESIDENTS A MONTH, LEAVING N.Y.S. ARE NOT WRONG.
- 2) OBVIOUSLY GRAND ISLAND TOWN BOARD & SUPERVISOR ARE NOT INTERESTED IN RESIDENTS DESIRES. THEY DO PUT ON A GOOD SHOW.

Signature: Harold Korman Address: [REDACTED]

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CONTA. ON REV.

3. WE HAVE NO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT NOW, 50-60 MPH IS NOT  
EVEN UNUSUAL ON W. RIO. RD. ANY MODE. PRIME TRAFFIC WILL WORSE  
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Signature: Daniel Chopra Address: [redacted]

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Thank You,

Betty Lou Tranter

Paul + Danielle  
Chopra

Betty Lou Tranter

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]



We are just finishing the outside details on our new home we built on the River.

We love the peaceful, quiet location we selected for our Retirement home.

At night... the lovely sounds of crickets + frogs...

We are very upset that this project will turn our peaceful place into Smells + Sounds of 18 wheel trucks! How disturbing -

This will decrease all of our home values.

This will change the home "Grand Island"

that my husband & I have lived our entire life --- forever

Why would any Grand Islanders want this?

[REDACTED]  
Subject: Amazon Survey

Date: Jul 5, 2020 at 7:49:59 PM  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you Betsy for helping to defeat this terrible Amazon Facility. We certainly appreciate your efforts.

Jim and Marilyn Mazza

Sent from Mail for Windows 10



Virus-free. [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)

June 28, 2020

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Check one:

CHECK ONE

For Project Olive (AMAZON facility)

Against Project Olive (AMAZON facility)

Reasons for your Choice for or against Project Olive: (Use back of

Project will "Crush" ever be

James Mazza

Signature: Marilyn Mazza

Address: [REDACTED]

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Thank You,

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[REDACTED]  
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Reasons for your Choice for or against Project Olive: (Use back of page for more comments)

Traffic on West River Rd increased when the Parkway closed by 1500 vehicles per day. If Project Olive takes place, our traffic will be horrendous. Too many trucks!

Signature: J. Hardy Address: [redacted]

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Carolann Hardy →

Thank You,

Betty Lou Tranter

Betty Lou Tranter

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

So besides our traffic already being horrendous,  
then we have to have trucks, also barreling up and  
down our road, at between 41 - 65 miles an hour.  
Which we have proof of now that we have the  
speed monitor at the end of Sunset!

Thank you, Caolan Hardy

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Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Address: [REDACTED]

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Reasons for your Choice for or against Project Olive: (Use back of page for more comments)

It will ruin all that we hold dear on this island.  
The project is a monstrosity + has no place on Grand Island.

Signature: Naum Fitzgerald

Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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Thank You,

Betty Lou Tranter

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June 28, 2020

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For Project Olive (AMAZON facility) *SEC CONDITIONS FOR SUPPORT ON BACK*  
 Against Project Olive (AMAZON facility) *Rhonda M. Galie*

Reasons for your Choice for or against Project Olive: (Use back of page for more comments)

Signature: *Rhonda M. Galie* Address: ~~777 West River~~

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Thank You,  
*Betty Lou Tranter*  
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MY SUPPORT IS CONTINGENT ON

AMAZON AGREEING TO TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENTAL

CONDITION THAT WOULD PROTECT US

FROM THE DETERIORIOUS IMPACT THE

PROJECT COULD HAVE

Ruby J. Kabe

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*For all the obvious reasons!!  
Quality of Life, traffic, noise, destruction of  
wildlife, destruction of our roads, etc!!*

Signature: *Sandra V Nelson* Address: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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Thank You,

*Betty Lou Tranter*

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thursday, July 2, 2020 7:48 AM  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Survey

Dear Ms. Tranter:

I live at [REDACTED] and am opposed to the Amazon facility.

I appreciate your efforts. I will say, however, that I have had enough experience with local governments to know that local politicians never ask the citizens' opinions of such a matter until they have already made their decision, which they make based upon their personal interests, without considering the damage they do to those they pretend to represent. The comment solicitation is, of course, for show.

The only thing that works is aggressive civil disobedience - always within the bounds of the law, but that still leaves us wide latitude - against the politicians personally, and against the access to the land intended for the project, before, during, and after it is built, if necessary.

Thanks for your efforts.

Clifford Falk

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Reasons for your Choice for or against Project Olive: (Use back of page for more comments)

Air pollution  
Noise pollution  
Light pollution  
traffic congestion  
loss of wet lands

Signature: Christopher Cizek Address: [redacted]

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