

WHY THIS DEVELOPMENT ISN'T THE RIGHT DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY

MORE TRAFFIC

Ready to share the road with 15,000 employees and an unknown number of additional trucks?

- Northpoint will have twice as many warehouses as Centerpoint.
- 15k employees won't be required to use the loop or bridge.
- Northpoint anticipates employees will come from I-55.

PUBLIC SAFETY

More traffic means more accidents and more pollution.

- Trucks involved in 45% of crashes in Elwood
- Will County #2 for traffic fatalities in 2015
- Truck driving ranked #1 of most dangerous occupations
- Air pollution negatively impacts residents' health

QUALITY OF LIFE

This development would devastate our community.

- Displacement of farmers who have farmed for generations
- Funerals disrupted at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
- 2,200 acres of quiet, rural land would be gone
- Homeowners forced to sell to make way for warehouses

TAX BREAK FOR DEVELOPER, NOT YOU

Northpoint has a history of building developments with generous tax breaks or abatements.

- Elwood drafted a potential TIF agreement with Northpoint, to expire in 2042.
- The bridge would require taxpayer participation.
- Residents pay for surrounding infrastructure repairs.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- Air and light pollution
- Impact on endangered species at Midewin
 - 1 species on the Federal endangered species list
 - 19 species on the State threatened, endangered, or watchlists; including the loggerhead shrike.

THE CLOSED-LOOP WON'T WORK

- Barriers didn't work before to reroute Walter Strawn Drive.
- Barriers could prevent farmers from accessing their crops.
- Restricted roads with signage don't work. "No semi trucks" signs posted at the entrance of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery are ignored. Cemetery Director Sean Baumgartner said he still gets 2-3 trucks every week- some that tear up the turf and disrupt funerals in a 2016 Chicago Tribune article.
- Emergency access routes will allow access to local roads.
- Centerpoint's expert witness in the lawsuit over Walter Strawn Drive stated: "it is poor practice to concentrate traffic on a single route..."

THE BRIDGE WON'T WORK

- The Village of Elwood's contracted engineering firm, Baxter & Woodman, already reviewed IDOT's February 2016 Walter Strawn Drive Engineering and Environmental Feasibility Study.
- They concluded that bridge options would either "conflict with funeral processions" from Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery or create a "hazardous" situation. The bridge is not a safe option.



This will impact your community!

For a list of sources and more information, visit
<http://no2northpoint.com>

HOW DO PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT?



92.5% of Area Residents Oppose Compass Business Park*



*Village of Elwood
Mayor Todd Matichak*

“I WOULD SAY NO. I just don’t think that this is the time. We have too many existing traffic and problems in the area. It’s infrastructure, it’s the truck traffic, it’s the existing employee traffic that we already have. Not only in Elwood, in Joliet, and in the area in general.” —WJOL interview July 10, 2017



SIGNED PETITION AGAINST THE PARK.
Will County Executive
Larry Walsh, Sr.

“We have no plans. No one has approached us. And we have enough trucks to deal with already.” —
Farmers Weekly Review June 29, 2017



*City of Joliet Mayor
Bob O'Dekirk*

“Our freight study shows, the industry itself is saying their biggest problem is the capacity on the interstates. Projects like this need additional scrutiny.”
—WJOL interview July 7, 2017



*John Grueling, Will County
Center for Economic Development*

*According to an online, anonymous Survey Monkey survey with 442 respondents; 409 opposed. Data as of 8/7/2017.

CAN IT BE STOPPED? YES!

Small towns have fought developers and won. Residents in Roanoke, Indiana prevented the Crown Enterprises truck hub. The Village of Elwood and residents of Jackson Township do not have to accept Northpoint Development.



HOW CAN IT BE STOPPED?

- Not all the land has been purchased. Many farmers and landowners do not want to sell.
- The land is not annexed. Speak out NOW and at public annexation hearings should they arise.
- Current annexation disputes over the land in the path of proposed development must be resolved.
- The land is not zoned for industrial use. The zoning would have to be changed.
- A 2015 moratorium on warehousing and rezoning land for industrial use would have to be resolved by the Elwood Board of Trustees.
- Urge Elwood trustees to uphold the moratorium.
- Inform your board members of facts, news, and information that can help them make the best decision — a decision against Northpoint.
- Trustees would have to vote on the proposal. Remind trustees that you elected them to represent the constituents, and we don’t want this.

It is NOT a done deal!

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- **SPEAK OUT!** Inform people of the facts. Tell your friends and neighbors.
- **TAKE ACTION!** Volunteer, write letters, attend meetings. Be proactive!
- **REFRAIN** from gossip. Spread factual information. Be purposeful!



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The Village of Elwood would have the first vote on Northpoint. Stop it before it’s too late!

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