



**Office of the Village Administrator**  
**Resolution**

To: Board of Trustees  
From: Steve Lentz  
For: Village Board Meeting of: July 23, 2018  
Subject: Foxconn/Upstream Development

Financial Impact:

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**Motion**

Motion to adopt a Resolution to Support Enforcement of Environmental Regulations related to the Foxconn/Upstream Development to be located within the Headwaters of the Des Plaines River.

**Comments**

**RESOLUTION NO. (ID # 3174)**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS  
RELATED TO THE FOXCONN/UPSTREAM DEVELOPMENT TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE  
HEADWATERS OF THE DES PLAINES RIVER**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin recently passed legislation waiving environmental regulations for and providing various incentives to Foxconn/Upstream Development (Foxconn/Upstream) for the construction of manufacturing facilities within Racine County along the Wisconsin-Illinois border in the headwaters of the Des Plaines River;

**WHEREAS**, the action allows Foxconn/Upstream to fill 26 acres of wetlands with dredged materials without an Environmental Impact Study, or input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at a site that is in the headwaters of the Des Plaines River, resulting in detrimental impacts upon the people of and properties within downstream areas including areas within a downstream Lake County area that has already suffered billions of dollars in damage from flooding;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified 51 areas in 22 states that do not meet air quality requirements for ozone and exempted Racine County which is known to have heavily polluted air. If Racine County had been designated a non-attainment area by the EPA, it would have required Foxconn/Upstream to install stringent pollution control equipment;

**WHEREAS**, the commercial Foxconn/Upstream development will divert approximately seven million gallons of water per day from Lake Michigan – a primary source of drinking water for residents of Lake County;

**WHEREAS**, the Foxconn/Upstream development is expected to treat and return over four million gallons of water to Lake Michigan through the Racine Wastewater Treatment Plant;

**WHEREAS**, additional development and infrastructure improvements required to support Foxconn are likely to result in additional impervious pavement and filling of more wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, the actions to fast track the Foxconn/Upstream development will unilaterally impose negative impacts outside the political and geographical boundaries of Wisconsin.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MUNDELEIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, we urge and support the following:

1. We urge our neighbors and counterparts in the State of Wisconsin to immediately reconsider any actions relative to the Foxconn/Upstream Development that waive enforcement of, or compliance with all applicable regulations and laws which could compromise the environmental integrity and resiliency of natural resources to the detriment of the people and property in Lake County;
2. With regard to the Foxconn/Upstream project and any and all future development projects upstream of Lake County, we urge our local and state counterparts in Wisconsin and federal agency counterparts to uniformly apply and enforce all applicable regulations and laws as

written without any exemptions, waivers or variances to ensure negative impacts are not imposed on the residents of downstream Lake County;

- 3. We support the Illinois Attorney General, Illinois General Assembly and Illinois agencies in taking whatever actions possible to protect Lake County and the State of Illinois against the loss of water resources, potential flooding, and other ecological impacts from this development;
- 4. We fully support business development and recognizes that many Lake County residents will be positively impacted by the employment potential presented by Foxconn. Our objection is not to the evolvment of Foxconn, but rather to the negative effect it may have on our communities; and
- 5. We support coordination and cooperation between the appropriate political and professional leaders in both Illinois and Wisconsin with the jurisdiction over and/or interest in the Foxconn development in Racine and Kenosha Counties, Wisconsin.

PASSED this 23rd day of July 2018 by a roll call vote.

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President

PASSED: July 23, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: July 23, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk