

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 25, 2018

Subject: Resolution Regarding Potential Stormwater Impact of Planned Foxconn Development in Southeastern Wisconsin

Action Requested: Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Execution of and Compliance with Environmental Regulations and Laws for the Foxconn Development in the Des Plaines River Watershed (Village of Lincolnshire)

Originated By/Contact: Brad Burke, Village Manager
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Referred To: Village Board

Summary / Background:

Earlier this year, the State of Wisconsin passed legislation waiving environmental regulations for and providing various incentives to Foxconn, a liquid crystal display (LCD) manufacturer, for the construction of manufacturing facilities in the headwaters of the Des Plaines River. The development includes filling 26 acres of wetlands without an Environmental Impact Study in an area which will detrimentally impact people and properties within the Village of Lincolnshire and throughout Lake County. These areas have already suffered significant property damage due to flooding.

Based on concerns regarding the environmental impact of this development, various agencies within the State of Illinois - including the Attorney General - are reviewing potential actions to protect the interests of Illinois with separate resolutions expressing concerns about the development and support for actions to address the concerns. This resolution expresses the Village of Lincolnshire's concerns and asks the State of Wisconsin to ensure that all existing regulations and laws are uniformly applied in this and future cases.

Budget Impact:

None.

Service Delivery Impact:

Potentially less flood response from Village staff.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Village Board consideration of the proposed resolution and direct placement on the July 9, 2018 Regular Village Board meeting Consent Agenda for approval.

Reports and Documents Attached:

- Proposed Resolution Supporting Execution of and Compliance with Environmental Regulations and Laws for the Foxconn Development in the Des Plaines River Watershed



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**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE
RESOLUTION NO. XXX**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXECUTION OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND LAWS FOR THE FOXCONN
DEVELOPMENT IN THE DES PLAINES RIVER WATERSHED**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin recently passed legislation waiving environmental regulations for the Foxconn development (Foxconn) to construct manufacturing facilities within Racine County along the Wisconsin-Illinois border in the headwaters the Des Plaines River; and

WHEREAS, the project calls for 26 acres of Des Plaines River watershed wetlands to be filled with dredged materials without an Environmental Impact Study, or input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, these wetlands may not all be replaced within the same watershed, thus foregoing multi-jurisdictional cooperation to reduce river flooding; and

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, businesses and residents of the Village of Lincolnshire have suffered hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage and loss of business revenue due to flooding of the Des Plaines River in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of record flood events in Lincolnshire has accelerated in the last decade, as evidenced by the top 10 historic crests all occurring since 2009; and

WHEREAS, on June 12 and June 18, 2018, the Lake County Board and Village Board of Gurnee, respectively, adopted resolutions denouncing the actions of certain governmental entities in Wisconsin for expediting Foxconn and incentivizing this company to pollute and damage natural resources, thereby negatively impacting communities outside the political and geographical boundaries of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Village of Lincolnshire as follows:

SECTION 1. We urge our neighbors and counterparts in the State of Wisconsin to immediately reconsider any actions relative to Foxconn, as well as subsequent development and infrastructure construction, that waive enforcement of or compliance with all applicable regulations and laws which compromises the environmental integrity and resiliency of natural resources to the detriment of the people and property within the Village of Lincolnshire and throughout Lake County.

SECTION 2. We support the Illinois Attorney General, Illinois General Assembly, and Illinois agencies in taking whatever actions possible to protect the Village of Lincolnshire within Lake County and the State of Illinois against the loss of water resources, potential flooding, and other ecological impacts from this development.

SECTION 3. The Village of Lincolnshire supports 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 _____ day of _____, 2018.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Mayor Elizabeth J. Brandt

ATTEST:

Village Clerk Barbara Mastandrea