

RESOLUTION 2018 – 044

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 US 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 the Village of Vernon Hills and areas which have already suffered millions of dollars in damage from flooding;

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 PRESEIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE 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 the Village of Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois;
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 communities including the Village of Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois;
3. We support the Illinois Attorney General, Illinois General Assembly, Illinois agencies and Lake County agencies in taking actions to protect residents of the Village of Vernon Hills, Lake County and the State of Illinois against the loss of water resources, potential flooding and other ecological impacts from this development.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6 – Schultz, Marquardt, Takaoka, Koch, Oppenheim, Byrne

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 None

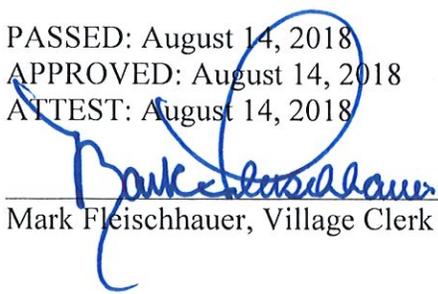


Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: August 14, 2018

APPROVED: August 14, 2018

ATTEST: August 14, 2018



Mark Fleischhauer, Village Clerk