

Village of Manhattan
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Village of Manhattan Joins Lawsuit Against NorthPoint, LLC and Other Named Defendants.

Manhattan, IL, November 4, 2024 – Village of Manhattan Mayor Adrieansen and the Village Board of Trustees unanimously decided to join the Stop NorthPoint lawsuit which is pending against NorthPoint Development, LLC and other named defendants, reinforcing Manhattan’s commitment to protecting local interests and preserving the integrity within the boundaries of the Village.

The lawsuit, spearheaded by Stop NorthPoint LLC, aims to halt the development of a massive trucking and warehousing complex proposed by NorthPoint Development based on claims of public and private nuisance. It is believed that the project, which would span nearly five hundred times the size of Chicago’s Soldier Field, poses significant threats to the environment as well as the health, safety and quality of life for residents in Manhattan.

Manhattan Mayor Mike Adrieansen stated, “Our decision to join this lawsuit reflects our dedication to safeguarding our community’s future. The proposed development by NorthPoint threatens not only our environment but also the safety and well-being of our residents. I along with our Village Trustees want to ensure that our voices are heard, and our community is protected.”

The lawsuit highlights several critical concerns, including:

- **Environmental Impact:** The development’s proximity to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie raises serious environmental and ecological concerns.
- **Infrastructure Strain:** The project would place an undue burden on local roads and infrastructure, potentially leading to increased traffic congestion and safety hazards.
- **Community Well-being:** The scale of the development threatens the quality of life for residents, with potential negative impacts on property values and local businesses.

Stop NorthPoint LLC, an all-volunteer grassroots organization, has been at the forefront of this legal battle, advocating for a permanent halt to the project. Earlier this year, the Illinois Appellate Court remanded the case back to the Will County Circuit Court, a trial date has not yet been set.

For more information, please contact: Attorney for Stop Northpoint, Richard Linden at 312-590-0211 or lindenlaw@gmail.com.

About the Village of Manhattan: The Village of Manhattan is a home-rule community located in Will County, Illinois with a population of roughly 10,000 residents. Known for its rich history and close-knit community, Manhattan is dedicated to preserving its unique character and ensuring a high quality of life for all residents. For more information visit www.villageofmanhattan.org and follow the Village of Manhattan on Facebook.