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Lockport Township

My husband and I built our house in 1976 on [REDACTED]. We were attracted by the wooded area behind us that was land that could not be developed and the farm land across the street. Our area is called Sunset View because we could always see a beautiful sunset. We liked the fact that we were outside the city limits.

Then, a developer decided to take the farm land and make a subdivision. We were promised nice homes and walking trails. That person left town leaving just a row of nice homes that block our view of any sunsets.

Then, the wetlands behind us became a wild life preserve. It has provided a place for people to party, litter, enter our back yards and cook meth. When my 10 year old grandson found an entire bag of cooked meth hidden not far from, there was little interest by the county sheriff. They came and picked it up but nothing much happened after that. We reported the strange burned spots but again, no interest. It is not policed. My grandchildren could not play alone in the woods anymore.

Now we have a group of businessmen who think that directly across from my house is the best place for an athletic facility. They asked for input from those it would affect and I gave mine. They give very vague details of the actual layout of the facility. They took the property into the City to be able to have their way. There is no information on how it will be maintained or policed.

I am not against a facility. All of my grandchildren have played sports and I support them whole heartedly. I have been to many of these facilities to watch them play. I cannot understand why they would choose to place one in an area that affects so many private homes, not to mention the senior citizens residences.

The dust alone that it will generate will mean that I cannot have my windows open on a summer day. Even if the roads are paved, sports fields create a lot of dust. The noise, lights and strangers having close access to the homes that surround the 80 acres are other reasons that make it a hardship to live by it.

There are times of the day now, when I cannot get out of my driveway due to the traffic. I cannot imagine what 800 cars will do to the traffic flow. I know, from experience, that these event go on all day and into the night.

I am very disappointed in the county government, city government and the people who are making a profit pretending to be doing something for the children of the community. I commend our Lockport board for trying to do something about this mess.

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