



## Village of Woodridge

**DATE:** January 7, 2004  
**TO:** John Perry  
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**CC:** Peggy Halik  
**SUBJECT:** DuPage County Public Works Committee Meeting

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This memo provides an update regarding the County Sheriff's Land Use Request, as discussed at the DuPage County Public Works Committee meeting, held Tuesday, January 6, 2004.

Although the Village received word on December 11<sup>th</sup> that the firing range site proposal is no longer being considered for the site adjacent to the Greene Valley Forest Preserve, we have yet to receive a written commitment from the County. The Village has received a letter from Chairman Schillerstrom (attached), concurring with Mayor Murphy's concerns regarding the suitability of the land for the location of a shooting range or an impound lot. Despite Chairman Schillerstrom's concerns, the Greene Valley Forest Preserve remains a possible site for the impound lot.

Recently, the proposed site for the impound lot appeared on the DuPage County Public Works Committee Meeting Agenda under the heading "County Sheriff's Land Use Request" (attached). At the Public Comment portion of the meeting, I expressed the Village's position regarding the impound lot located adjacent to the Greene Valley Forest Preserve, and the Village's disappointment in the lack of communication and information provided by the County on this extremely important matter. More specifically, the placement of the item on the agenda was very vague, making Village and public commentary less likely.

Various members of the Board explained that not only is the shooting range location in Woodridge a dead issue, but site plans for the impound lot are preliminary. Currently, the Sheriff's Land Use Request is simply a request to County staff for various County owned locations "suitable" for the site. The Committee explained that they have no knowledge of what sites are being considered but have heard that the site must now be able to accommodate 300 rather than 200 vehicles. The Committee did acknowledge that the site adjacent to the preserve and near the water treatment plant is ideal because it is already zoned as a commercial use property. Finally, the Committee stated that if the County does propose the impound lot at that site, plans would ultimately have to be approved by the Village of Woodridge.

At this time, Sheriff Zaruba has not submitted a formal proposal for the impound lot at the Greene Valley Site. If and when a formal proposal is made, the County will inform the Village of Woodridge.