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Mr. Schillerstrom: For several weeks I have been receiving emails regarding the situation that is pending before the County Board & Forest Preserve District. I have been sent numerous articles, emails and personal letters regarding the chaos that is occurring.

First the protected acreage is proposed to be used as a police training firing range as well as a junkyard for abandoned and confiscated vehicles. Then there was a long drawn out embarrassing diatribe about WHO had approved/requested use of this land, yourself as County Board Chairman or Sheriff Zaruba. There was a lot of publicly embarrassing finger pointing and to this day I do not know where the finger pointing ended.

Then, I am informed that the request to have a training range has been withdrawn but the consideration for use as a junkyard is still on the table. Once again I am inundated with emails and phone calls regarding the possible impending use of this land.

Last week informed that Mr. Perotti, who we as citizens entrusted the responsibility to ensure that our protected land would remain protected, signed over to the County 11.6 acres shortly after his election as President of the Forest Preserve District and therefore relieved himself of any responsibility in the outcome of a decision regarding the use of this land.

Now, I have heard through the grapevine, that a DEAL may be struck and that the junkyard may be tabled as well, which, you would think would be a victory of sorts to the citizens of DuPage County. But no. Now I am told that because of special interests a new deal may be struck for use of the land. I am told that a PRIVATE shooting range may be put in for the convenience of PRIVATE GUN OWNERS.

When is this tom foolery going to stop? I am now writing to ask that before a final decision is made regarding the use of this property that you have an open meeting allowing the citizens of DuPage County and the people in the surrounding area to have a voice in the decision process. As an ELECTED official, elected by the citizens of DuPage County, I would think that a topic that has generated so much response, not to mention embarrassment, would WANT to put this out for public discussion and come to a decision that would benefit EVERYONE.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

Gayl Ferraro, Chair  
Democratic Party of DuPage County AND  
RESIDENT of DuPage County