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November 13, 2003

Thank you for your comments detailed in your letter of November 8 concerning the firing range proposal at the Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment facility near Woodridge.

As was explained by Chief Janaes and Colonel Blazek from my Office, the proposal of a firing range at this location is in the conceptual phase. As a matter of fact, it was I who pushed to put it on the public agenda to solicit community input. This location was offered by the DuPage County Public Works Department, which falls under the control of County Board Chairman Robert Schillerstrom, as a potential option pending a feasibility study. The Sheriff's Office will certainly consider any community resistance and environmental impact that this location may elicit in considering any option.

Nevertheless, the law enforcement community in DuPage County is in need of a suitable facility to continue their training after the loss of the current range at the DuPage Airport due to expanding development; whether at this location or at another more compatible one in DuPage County. I'm sure that you will agree that firearms training is a necessary component of law enforcement instruction in order to maintain the high levels of proficiency and competence of your local police officers. Appropriate law enforcement training also reduces the potential liabilities to communities and taxpayers that may arise from negligent police actions.

Be assured that I am very sensitive to your concerns, and those of your fellow residents, and therefore we will continue to search for an alternative to the Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment facility location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Zaruba".

John E. Zaruba  
Sheriff of DuPage County

From: Zaruba, John

Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 7:40 AM

Subject: RE: Shooting Range at Greene Valley

The idea to put the shooting range at that location was not mine. It was suggested by Chairman Schillerstroms's Public Works Director Greg Wilcox. I am fully aware of the community impact and am currently seeking alternative locations as our facility at the DuPage Airport is scheduled to be eliminated. Your concerns are certainly the same ones I have. In fact, It was I who pushed to have this considered site made public, before the plans became something other than conceptual. Thank you for your time to write this e-mail to me.