

STOP THE SALE



SAVE OPEN SPACE

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ARRIVE EARLY Township Board Meeting, **Monday, October 17th at 7pm**
at **Homer Glen's Village Board Room at 14240 W. 151st St., Homer Glen**

Dear Homer Township Residents,

We believe the Township has a buyer that is willing to purchase one or more of the Open Space properties that are up for sale. The agenda for the Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 board meeting shows they have motions prepared to approve opening bids and accepting contracts for both the Purdy Farm and the Paul Farm. We are prepared to act if the Township moves forward with either sale. We appreciate the community's continued support through the GoFundMe to make legal action possible to protect what the community so clearly wants to preserve.

We are opposed to the sale of our Open Space Lands. If the Township succeeds in selling the land it will be difficult to prevent them or a future board from selling any or all of the Open Space properties. Their actions also raise great concern about how this will impact the thousands of acres other Townships have placed into their Open Space Programs throughout the state. Township officials keep saying they can sell Open Space but they never asked the residents of Homer Township if they should sell it and they did not let residents know until the last possible moment that they were going to sell it.

Township officials want to distract you with pretty pictures of a possible Event Center and we want you to know that is not the primary issue concerning residents. The referendum that was approved by voters to seek grants to build a Pole Barn did not say anything about selling other Open Space land. A pole barn can be funded in many possible ways and current elected officials have not allowed you to choose those possible funding options. Instead of including the public in the decision, they have decided by themselves, in private and without public input to sell 140 acres of Open Space. The sale of those properties would generate funds for a project that goes beyond the scope of the Pole Barn voters approved. What are they planning to do with all that money from the sale and why don't residents know about it? There is no guarantee that they will use those funds once acquired to build a Pole Barn or Event Center.

Once the land is no longer Open Space, it will eventually be developed. Township officials cannot control what happens on the property after they sell it. All authority regarding zoning and allowed uses of the land will reside with Will County or Lockport, if the properties are annexed into Lockport. The Township can only object to Will County about a possible development if the land remains unincorporated. Will County has disregarded Township objections in the past and allowed uses that the Township had objected to.

We urge you to come to the meeting and tell Township officials not to sell our Open Space properties. Before the meeting begins you can sign in to speak during public comment, which is 3 minutes per person. It is possible for the Township to move the order of the items in the agenda once their meeting begins. It is best to arrive early, before 7pm, sign in to speak and stay through the public comment and through the items regarding the Open Space that are on their agenda.

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Sincerely -The Save Open Space Team

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