

Good Afternoon Everyone,
Please read this. It is very important.

This group, the **Franklin Community Advocates** have been fighting for us and their community to stop the development of the Straus "Slaughter House". We owe a great deal to them. **But the fight is not over and now they need our help.** Let's all rally and support them so they can push this over the finish line. We are so close.

If you think that the Straus Slaughter House is no longer a threat to be built, you are wrong. The City of Franklin is still trying to get another heavy industrial company or another slaughterhouse to move in and build in that location. A Federal Lawsuit filed by FCA was just submitted to stop anything like this from going in that location. It is time for all of us to be involved and stop the City of Franklin from destroying our quality of life and our property values.

Note: FCA paid for a property value impact study to determine what would happen if something like Straus would be built there...Conservatively an 11% reduction in everyone's property value. This has been filed with the Federal Suit.

Please read this and donate anything you can. We all can make of difference now.

<https://www.franklincommunityadvocates.org/real-estate-property-value-impact-report>

What happened:

- Bear Development buys 140 acres of land along Loomis Rd near the Franklin/Muskego border, for residential development
- The City of Franklin has earmarked much of the area for business development by 2025, and provides a plan which has small businesses located as a buffer along busy Loomis Rd, and subdivisions with ponds and lakes behind the businesses
- this idea is sold to local residents who have little concern
- the Mayor then goes on a rezoning binge, institutes a campaign of misinformation, and turns the area into a giant industrial park, with a new subdivision still stuck in the mix
- the new "business" park, has zero acreage zoned for business- aside from the one residential subdivision, all surrounding acreage is now zoned industrial
- the first major tenant is to be a giant slaughterhouse, with the building itself eventually being 3 acres in size
- 500 head of live cattle will come in between the hours of midnight and 6am to be slaughtered the following afternoon
- no studies are provided around potential issues or mitigation with regard to air pollution, water pollution, sound pollution, traffic issues, or the effect on future developments or property values

The response:

- hundreds of people turn out at the meetings adamantly opposed to this foolish development, and the Common Council initially votes it down, only to reconvene two weeks later and approve it, with no new information provided
- Franklin Community Advocates (FCA) is formed as a 501c3 organization by four of the numerous groups opposed to this ludicrous development
- Within 2 weeks, FCA files their fist lawsuit to invalidate the special use permit, and stop the slaughterhouse
- The initial civil lawsuit is still ongoing (almost 17 months), but we have made great strides

- The judge has suggested that citizens due process rights may have been violated, and she ordered the approval meetings to be held again
- FCA is the entity that finally commissioned a 3rd party property value impact study, as both Strauss and the City refused to conduct one for over a year
- The current civil suit appears that it may have a resolution by the end of August

What's required next:

- During the ongoing fight, Straus has backed out of wanting to build this slaughterhouse
- However, the current Franklin administration, in all its' brilliance, decided to push forward and award the special use permit (SUP) to the land, as there is no longer an applicant
- That means something even worse, or more problematic, could still be built, and end up being one of your closest neighbors
- As the current property valuation study shows a significant hit to property values of near-by Muskego residents, you have been added as a class to our current Federal lawsuit
- The civil suit, should we win, only negates this specific special use permit, it does not stop the city from their nefarious and detrimental plans
- The federal lawsuit seeks to overturn the entire TIF/TID 6, as this area in no ways qualifies for tax financing, and undo the heavy industrial zoning in an area of wetlands, farms, and high end residential

Please join us in helping to save your neighborhood and keeping you from suffering a hit of tens of thousands of dollars to the equity in your homes.

Thank you for getting involved and helping us,
Dave Sorenson
Franklin Community Advocates