



# LINCROFT VILLAGE GREEN ASSOCIATION Inc.

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"A COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF OUR COMMUNITY"

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Board of Chosen Freeholders  
County of Monmouth

The Directors and membership of the Lincroft Village Green Association have opposed the application of Republic to expand the operations at the Marpal facility on Wayside Road because it intensifies a use which brings truck traffic through established residential neighborhoods, and the increase in capacity of this solid waste transfer facility is poor planning for the county as a whole. Rather than permitting the expansion of business at this site, the Board should plan new sites at other areas of the county, in order to minimize travel distances and prevent detrimental impact of this traffic on the Wayside Road neighborhood.

The Marpal facility has attracted truck traffic from not only Monmouth County, but also from Middlesex and Ocean Counties. It is undeniable that the location of Marpal near the conjunction of the Garden State Parkway, State Highways 18, 34 and 35 and CR 50 and 520 has attracted traffic away from the solid waste facilities in neighboring counties. In the year 2002, when the Marpal facility was opened to take type 13 waste, it attracted over 52,000 tons. That year, 2002, the county's three facilities saw an 85% increase in type 13 waste. In 2004 the tonnage at Marpal alone rose to 127,163 tons. Now they propose to nearly double the present capacity.

The three solid waste facilities operated by Republic in Middlesex County, combined, in 2004 accepted less type 13 waste than the one facility it operates in Tinton Falls. The three Republic facilities in Middlesex took in 110,664 tons and the Marpal site took in 127,163 tons. Middlesex will soon have a fourth Republic facility to further distribute the traffic load. Monmouth County is ignoring the need to plan for additional facilities at sites proximate to developing communities.

Ocean County has no transfer stations and only accepts type 13 waste at its landfill. It reports a total of 130,760 tons of type 13 waste in 2004, compared with a total of 314,602 tons in Monmouth County's three facilities. In spite of the development occurring in Ocean County it has only seen an increase of 15 % over the past four years, while Monmouth County has experienced an increase of 189.5% in that same period. We believe the numbers reveal that the truck traffic finds the route to the Marpal facility more convenient and economical from many northern and shore Ocean County communities.

The Board should take no action to approve this application unless and until there is a study of the origination for this waste, and there is a competent study of the planning alternatives to this site expansion.

The applicant has argued that the traffic will not increase in the area, but will instead be redistributed among the three sites in Tinton Falls. There is no basis in fact for this assertion. Common sense tells us that an increase in the total capacity of the three sites will attract more solid waste and traffic. If the applicant contends that it must expand the capacity of the site to accommodate the trucks which arrive after Marpal has received the maximum tonnage, it is advocating for its financial best interest but not for the good of the county. The only true solution to the problem Marpal faces is to open facilities in other locales around our county, shorten routes of traffic, and distribute the overall burden of the solid waste among several facilities.

Very truly yours,

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