A call for a balance to avoid negative impact on our community

Actions Planned by National Park Service:

- 3 year plan to remove/replace contaminated soil
- 50 truck trips per day (i.e. one every 10 minutes)
- More than 75,000 cubic yards of material removed
- Truck weight in excess of 80,000 lbs.
- Constant travel Hines Hill Road to Route 8

Neighborhood Concerns:

- Remediation plan is 4 years old
- No neighborhood input into the process
- Facts have changed
 - New homes/residents
 - More traffic
 - Deterioration of Hines Hill Road
 - Stricter environmental standards
- Contractor's performance record

Neighborhood Concerns:

- Health issues *
- Impact on property values and home sales (minimum 3 years)
- Road degradation (already an issue)
- Ingress/egress issues
- Air quality concerns along the route

Neighborhood Concerns:

- Travel safety
- Winter travel safety
- Impact on Hotel, Gas Station, Golf Course, Ski Areas and Bike/Walk Trail
- Inconvenience hours of operation, congestion, noise, etc

Neighborhood Concerns:

- New Facts re Contractor EQIS
 - Recently fined in excess of \$70,000 for violating EPA regulations

(Source - State of Michigan EPA Website)

Publicly reported to have a total of 68 citations including an explosion and fire on August 9th 2005 at its site in Romulus Michigan

(Source August 12th 2005, Detroit News)



Friday, August 12, 2005 Detroit News

Firm cited 68 times in past two decades
State officials find three violations this year; EQ spokesman says record is comparatively good.

By Tony Manolatos and Amy Lee / The Detroit News

State regulators cited three safety violations this year at the hazardous waste handler in Romulus that **exploded and caught fire Tuesday**, for a total of 68 citations during the past 21 years.

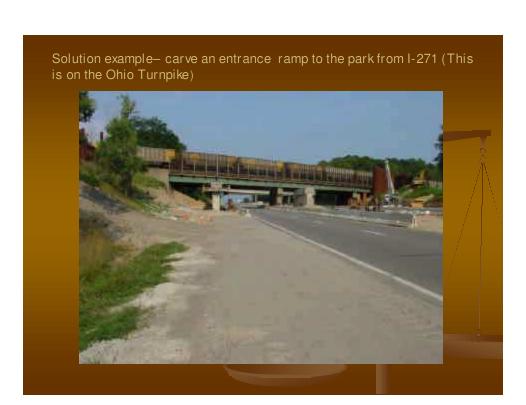
Action Steps:

- Identify alternatives to resolve the issues
- Gain support
 - Letters to all affected neighbors
 - Solicit political support
 - · Boston Heights Mayor/Council
 - · Local US Congressman
 - Sierra Club
 - · Ohio EPA
 - Freedom of Information Act request



Recommendations:

- Deny/rescind permits to use Hines Hill Road until issues are addressed
- Conduct a meeting with residents to address legitimate issues
- Build/carve an access road directly to 271 (avoid use of Hines Hill.)
- Perform Air Quality Testing off site.
- Revisit the Contractor selected.



Solution example— carve an entrance $\,$ ramp to the park from I-271 (This is on the Ohio Turnpike)







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